

Meet Wessel Cronje, head of April Sound Church's new Men's Ministry



I was born, raised, and educated in South Africa. After finishing high school, I joined the military, and then went on to study electrical engineering while working for a large electricity generating/distributing company.

I gave my life to the Lord in 8th grade but somewhat strayed during my military and college days. Fortunately, I found the right road again and became actively involved in my local church. I first served as youth deacon and then as lead deacon.

It was during this time that I also met and married Riana. After we were married, I became leader of a small group and joined the men's ministry, mostly as a participant. Here I saw and experienced the benefits of a well-organized group focused on the needs of the men in the church. After relocating to another city, I was soon elected to the church board as an elder. In 2008 we immigrated to the USA and I led a small group for quite some time again.

Currently I am involved with “Kairos” prison ministries at High Tower Prison in Dayton TX. I look forward to leading the Men’s ministry at April Sound Church and seeing God’s guidance for me.

My vision for the Men’s Ministry

I believe that a father involved in his church will lead his children and spouse to either become part of the church as well or getting more involved.

I want to create a place where men/fathers can feel safe to talk about their faith and or the lack there of. A place where he can get away from the daily grind and do some fun things with his sons and other same minded men.

Some of the things I have in mind is

- A weekly/ bi-weekly bible study with men centered themes
- Fishing competitions
- Father/son camp outs
- Get togethers’ on a Saturday and spend some time talking about
 - Cars
 - Boats
 - Motorcycles
 - Hunting
 - Rifles etc.
- Discuss and share current issues from faith point-of-view
- Or just hang out around a fire pit.