

# The need-to-know

## **INCREASE Events:**

- **Dec. 20**  
**INCREASE  
Christmas Party**
- **Jan. 7**  
**INCREASE  
After Hours  
Resumes**
- **Jan. 13-15**  
**INCREASE  
Winter Retreat**

Check out our online  
calendar at:  
<http://www.localendar.com/public/Increase330>.

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## **Less Can Be More**

Growing up, one thing my dad and I spent a ton of time together doing was playing video games. I remember staying up late playing Mario Bros. on a "regular" Nintendo before I was even old enough to go to school and moving on to Donkey Kong and other games on the Super Nintendo. The hours we spent together playing those games seems like a lifetime in itself. I really cherish those moments now as an adult. As I grew into my teenage years, my taste in games changed. Now don't get me wrong, I still had games that I played with my dad, Crash Bandicoot was a favorite, but I began to branch out into other games that my dad really didn't have much interest in playing. Even though I spent my time playing different games, a lot of them one player type games, my dad would still come and sit in my room for nights on end just to be with me. To be honest, there were lots of times that we really didn't even talk. He was just there. A lot of times, we, as parents and pastor, feel like we need to be saying, doing, or teaching something to our kids every second we are with them. I agree, that is our job, but sometimes just being around makes a difference. Looking back at those days now at 30 years old, the thing I realize now that I didn't really think about back then is the fact that my dad being there in the midst of me doing what I was interested in built a complete confidence in me that he would always be there for me. At 30 years old, I have full confidence of my dad's support of me based on not simply his active presence in my life teaching and doing but in his inactive presence watching, letting me grow and develop but being present always. As parents and pastor, let's make sure we are present in our students lives. Let's make sure we are present in our times to be ourselves and lead and teach them while also being present while they grow, mature, and do things that make them who they are.

## INCREASE Christmas Party

Where?: Tyler & Kristin's House

70 Meridian Dr.

When?: Dec. 20th

Time?: 6pm-8pm

*\*Bring a \$10 gift for Dirty Santa\**



## INCREASE After Hours Resumes



Where?: MBC Fellowship Hall

When?: Jan. 7, Sunday Evenings

Time?: 7pm-8:45pm

## INCREASE Winter Retreat

Where?: Liberty Retreat & Conference Center

200 Clay Pit Road, Gleason, TN 38229

When?: Sat. Jan. 13th – Mon. 15th, 2018

Cost?: \$90 per person

Time?: Bus will leave 10am on Sat.

Bus will return 2:30pm on Mon.

