



Men of the Outdoors

Fishers of Men ~ Biblical Message

The Narrow Path

My son described a recent mid January ice fishing adventure. He and his friend loaded up a canoe and set out down a spider web maze of seldom traveled side roads to a narrow stream with still open water. From there they canoed a narrow path of waterways to a frozen pond. They proceeded to drag the canoe across the pond 100 yards and hand drilled several holes in a specific location. One hour later they had 50 huge gills flopping in the bucket. Now they could have followed the highway and driven out to "Ice Shack Village" on a nearby lake. Word was this would have led to an empty bucket. They took the narrow route where they knew they could find fish.

It's kind of like Matthew 7:13-14, where Jesus says that the road to "life" is a narrow road and only a few find it. Lets be honest. This road is sometimes not the easy road to follow. It is tempting sometimes to go down the wide road and follow the ways of everyone else. Christians are called to take the road which leads to Christ and this leads to eternal life. The road is incomparable to anything else and that is why we take the narrow road.

Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

- 13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it.**
- 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.**

Field Notes

From the Northwoods:

The week of January 15th, we spent three days fishing several lakes in the Northwoods. All the lakes had ice measuring right around the 24 inch mark. We were fishing primarily for crappies. Jigging wax worms and using tip downs with minnows were the two methods we used. The first two days were really slow and we didn't have much to show for the efforts we put in. The last day was a different story. We found some active crappies in 20 feet of water and ended up taking 14 that averaged 10 inches. We also added several nice bluegills.

Some days are better than others and that is what fishing is all about. At this time of year you aren't going to catch any fish if you are not on the ice.

Don Platz with his 15" prize



Outdoor Tips and Equipment Review ~



→ three-blade high carbon steel chipper
 → Weight ~ 5 lbs plus 3 lbs for drill = 8 lbs vs the 35# for my Mako gas auger
 → Foam float that insures your ice auger doesn't sink if it falls out of the drill chuck
 → Auger shaft has thermal wrap to help keep your hands warm
 → Made in the USA

Over the holiday's my son was telling my nephew about a new ice auger. One all his fishing buddies were talking about. So of course my nephew in the market for a new auger, purchased the K-Drill Ice Auger. Haven't heard of it? Well, the K-Drill Ice Auger System is designed specifically for modern high powered, brush-less. hand-held cordless electric drills. It drills ice holes very fast and makes for a very lightweight and convenient ice auger system. The super-efficient chipper blade design ensures you'll be able to drill easier and with more confidence than ever. K-Drill comes in both 6" and 8" hole sizes. Luckily for my nephew, he future brother-in-law got him a sweet deal on a Milwaukee drill for his K-Drill Auger. As for drill requirements, you can use any cordless drill brand you choose, (on-line reviews state any cordless drill

works, you just risk the chance of burning up the drill) as long as it meets the following minimum requirements:
Side Stabilizer Arm (for a secure two-handed grip)
1/2" Drill Chuck
18 Volt/4 Amp Lithium Ion Battery (or higher)
Brushless Motor Design
500-750 RPM with a minimum of minimum 725 in/lbs or 820 UWO of torque
Many on-line reports of 60-70 holes drilled with one battery charge on the Milwaukee and DeWalt drill models. Of course, it all comes at a price. The base model (shaft/ blade) runs \$200 with the combo (shaft/blade and drill) runs \$450.00. Bonus: free lifetime blade sharpening when you return the blades to the company.

Sportsman Tip :

This little guy was the hot lure on a recent ice fishing trip. Try it tipped with a wax worm. Good luck finding one! All sold out at local bait shops.



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Gary's Venison Burger Casserole

- 1 1/2 pounds ground venison meat
- 1-15 oz can of mixed vegetables, drained
- 1-8 oz can of mushroom pieces, drained
- 1-7 1/2 oz. jar of marinated artichoke hearts, diced (make sure to pour in the juice also)
- 1-15 oz. can of diced tomatoes
- 1-10 oz. can of tomato soup
- Salt and ground pepper to taste
- Touch of garlic powder, 1/2 tsp. of basil leaves, sprinkle of Montreal Steak Seasoning and Lawry's seasoning salt to taste
- Jar of Alfredo Sauce

Instructions:

Brown meat in olive oil - drain liquids, stir in salt and pepper, garlic powder, basil leaves, Lawry's seasoning salt and Montreal Steak seasoning for flavor enhancement.

Add mixed vegetables, mushroom pieces, marinated artichokes with juice, and Alfredo Sauce

Stir together and simmer for 20-30 minutes with occasional stirring.

Serve and enjoy!

Reminders and Upcoming Events

MEN
Families Welcome

Tickets still available

OF THE OUTDOORS BREAKFAST

GUEST SPEAKER, DARYL CHRISTENSEN

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30

BREAKFAST AT 8:30

DARYL CHRISTENSEN SPEAKS AT 9:30

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING AT 10:30

11:00-NOON VISIT WITH VENDORS



PUBLIC INVITED

FISHERMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 24

At Emanuel School Commons, New London



7:30 a.m. - Doors open,
view vendors displays

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Daryl Christensen,
Pro Walleye Fisherman,
Guide & Author

10:30 a.m. - Drawing for
Door Prizes

11:00 till Noon - Mix with
Vendors

Cost: \$5 for Adults and \$3 for youth 12 and under
Purchase tickets at Festival Foods, Figgly Wiggly,
and Johnny's Little Shop of Bait

**Limited to first 250 people
who purchase tickets.**

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Take your family and/or friends out for breakfast! We are working very hard at making this an inspirational and fun family event. Tickets are available at the sites listed above, at the church office and before/after all church services until we have sold 250 tickets. If you can't come, buy a ticket and give it to a friend. If you are willing to help out, give us a call. We welcome ALL. Your support is greatly appreciated.