For years I have encouraged people in ministry to populate their websites with content that will draw attention and traffic, as well as to put good content out there. I decided I should listen to my own advice.

The downside of doing these sessions under our ministry page is that Facebook doesn’t notify TechMin followers when we go live, like they do when a user goes live and Facebook sends out notification to all friends and followers. We do, however, post throughout the week, telling what topic we will discuss and that we will be live at 1 pm on Fridays. This helps inform our followers. I have also posted the videos from the live sessions on our website for easy access when others want to learn about one of the topics. You can view the videos at www.techmin.org/fridaylive.
IN LATE FALL 2016, THE TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY NETWORK BOARD MET. I AM THANKFUL THAT ALL FIVE BOARD MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON IN CLEVELAND. WE REVIEWED THE FIRST YEAR OF MINISTRY AND PLANNED FOR THE YEAR TO COME. TECHMIN ENDED THE YEAR WITH MANY BLESSINGS, AS WE HAVE SEEN GOD DO AMAZING THINGS TO SUPPLY OUR NEEDS AND GIVE US OPPORTUNITIES. THE NUMBER OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF HIS FAITHFULNESS TO HIS CHURCH AND HIS SERVANTS. WE ARE JUST SERVANTS, GIVING OUR ALL FOR HIS GLORY. I WANT TO THANK OUR BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE AS DOUG AND I LEAD THIS MINISTRY.

Digital Dangers
Workshop at CSU Global Missions Conference

I was invited to speak at the 2017 Global Missions Conference at Clarks Summit University in Clarks Summit PA. Technology is an amazing tool that is at our finger tips in this age we live in. Utilizing technology for ministry is one of my favorite topics to discuss, but often overlooked are the dangers that come with this powerful tool. I chose to discuss this topic with the college students as they face these struggles everyday. Here are some digital dangers.

1. **Consumption of time.** Technology consumes so much of our time and redirects it away from what is more important. The average person spends 2.5 hours a day on social media. Imagine what you could do with the extra time each day. Maybe have coffee with someone, read a book, or memorize a passage of Scripture.

2. **Lack of knowledge.** We tend to borrow knowledge, ideas, and personal study from others who have done the hard work. We need to do some of our own research, earning the knowledge ourselves. It is also important to recognize the technology resources that can help with ministry efficiency. Not knowing the right tools can waste time and money.

3. **Lack of accountability.** We need accountability and guidelines to stay on track with our technology. This includes tools and people who can help. Having both accountability and guidelines brings freedom to live and serve more effectively.

4. **Compromised quality.** We tend to not put out quality material. We settle with what we can create, which can be offensive to many, and not getting quality resources or help to make our work look good. Along this lines we will use imagery that will distract rather than engage our audience for the point we are trying to drive home.

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**INVITE US TO YOUR CHURCH**
Schedule a Meeting:
We would love to come share about the ministry of TechMin. This mission work is a vital part in global missions, and we would like you to be a partner. Have Chris Brown lead a workshop to help your church family or as an outreach to the community.

Please Help:
We constantly need your help to keep this ministry going. If you can help with a one time gift or become a partner with us and pray and donate monthly, then please visit [www.techmin.org/donate](http://www.techmin.org/donate) and help us help others for the great commission.
Our Internet Safety course is designed to help families and churches have an understanding of the importance of guarding your heart and protecting your mind with the technology culture around us. I walk through the overwhelming technology saturated world we live in and the effects on us. We then discuss where the real problem comes from and how we need to wage war in our hearts for the battle and how to do this. We then help them have some boundaries and tools to battle this struggle and explain resources to help. Watch at: http://techmin.org/internet-safety-seminar/

I can not begin to list the amount of people and churches across this country that have sacrificed to help us follow God’s leading in our lives to serve him with TechMin. As we lead Technology Ministry Network, there are many things that we know we need. We need prayer, and many of you have promised to pray for us. We need financial donations, and so many of you have donated to support us as well as many ministry opportunities and equipment. We need partners to join us as we continue in ministry. We have plenty of opportunities to serve and we need skilled techies to give of their time to serve. Below is a list of several highlights that I am super thankful for:

- New ultra-wide monitor from a supporting church
- Customized TechMin mugs donated by a man in my area
- Faithful supporters that continue to send in funds to keep us serving others
- Friends who push me to continually live out my faith in Christ
- Opportunities to serve those in ministry with the skills God has given me
- Excited about the possibility of a reconnected friend to join the ranks of TechMin. They are praying about how He will lead this process.
- Upcoming workshops and seminars to help those in church ministry.
- Reading a book by Paul Tripp - Awe (its a must read)
MURRAY UPDATE

What a great start to 2017 God has given us! We got some much needed rest and recovery done over the Christmas break and now we’re primed for what is shaping up to be an exciting year.

Our oldest is in her last semester of high school before going off to Cedarville University. We’ve also got a new permitted driver in the house so things are interesting around our house! Most of all we’re focused on growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and putting into practice Romans 12:2 where we’re called to be transformed, not conformed to the world around us. We pray your year is monumental in your growth in Jesus!