



# A GOOD REID

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## The Perfect Size Room for Adult SS

Is there a perfect size room for an Adult Sunday School class? If your church is committed to carrying out The Great Commission by systematically creating new units to reach new people, then YES!

I think a room that has around 384 square feet is perfect! Therefore, the room size would be the equivalent of 24'x16'.

As we think about space,

don't forget these principles. Each adult needs 12 square feet of space and a room becomes full at 80%. An enrollment ceiling of 50 usually produces an attendance of 25 plus.

384 sq. ft. divided by 12 sq. ft. equals 32 adults. 32 adults are equal to 100% full. Take 80% of 32 and that brings us to 25 people present.

When a space is 80% full,

our plan for creating a new unit kicks into gear. First, we **expect** to start a new unit and secondly, we have a **plan** everyone understands that will produce this new unit.

When a class averages 25 plus, the new unit process begins. The associate teacher and 4 strong couples chosen by the teacher make up the core for the new unit. The teacher understands the process and **leads** the way.

## The Battle For Our Children Continues...

The latest craze sweeping America is a renewed interest in playing Poker.<sup>1</sup> Many children and teens in our communities are big time players. Turn on your TV and catch major Poker tournaments on ESPN, NBC or FOX. Our kids are watching and now they are playing! Texas Hold'em is the most popular.<sup>2</sup>

TV, more than anything, is responsible for this craze. ESPN promotes and produces these shows as much as a major sporting event.

Check out all the different camera angles! Watching one of these tournaments is like being there in person.

Many of the gamblers are now becoming household names among our kids.

Ask your child this question, who is Phil Hellmuth? By the way, he is the nine-time World Series of Poker champion! Do we want our children to grow up to be like these "cool" gambling people?

Online Poker has become

the fastest segment of the Internet gaming industry. Pokerpulse estimates more than \$100 million is bet in online Poker games on more than 200 Web sites daily.<sup>3</sup>

Bicycle-brand playing card sales are up 33% and the demand for \$100 Poker sets has doubled!<sup>4</sup> Studies show that among kids that gamble, 50% are likely to binge-drink and 75% are likely to smoke marijuana.<sup>4</sup> The question is, what are we doing about this? It's time **we** got in the **game!**

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## The Latest Stats from the Barna Group

For the latest statistical information from the Barna Group, go to [barna.com](http://barna.com).

- One third of U.S. adults (34%) remain unchurched.
- One million unchurched adults donate at least 10% of their annual income to non-profit entities.
- Six out of ten unchurched adults worship God, but not in a church.
- Three out of ten unchurched adults study their Bible.
- 56% of the unchurched consider themselves Christians.
- 61% of the unchurched believe that if people are good enough, they can earn their way to heaven.
- 25% of the unchurched believe that the Bible is accurate in all that it teaches.

*“The population of unchurched adults continues to grow by nearly a million people annually.”*  
3/28/05 Barna Update

## Let Us Not Forget...

Recently, I attended a meeting at Midwestern Seminary where Dr. Jimmy Draper addressed the students and faculty at Chapel. Dr. Draper reminded us that, as ministers, we are called by God to take care of our flocks and to give our lives for them. He went on to say that the picture of a shepherd does not look like the CEO picture of a minister that we hear so

much about in our culture today.

Dr. Draper’s message rang home to me as I looked back at 1 Peter 5:1-3. In this passage, ministers are reminded that we must “shepherd God’s flock” and be a role model of the life style of a true servant leader. The sheep should see the shepherd’s love for them demonstrated in the life

we model for them on a daily basis. Taking care of the sheep is what ministry is all about.

As busy and as involved as we become in our daily routines of leading our churches, **let us not forget** to love and to be sensitive to the needs of our sheep.



## Great Quotes...

**“Feedback is the breakfast of champions.”** – Ken Blanchard

**“Nothing endures but change.”** – Heraclitus - Greek philosopher

**“Well done is better than**

**well said.”** - Ben Franklin

**“People do not follow programs, but leaders that inspire them.”** - John White

**“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility**

**consider others better than yourselves.”** – Philippians 2:3

**“Anyone wanting to be the leader must first be the servant. If you want to lead you must serve.”** – Jesus Christ

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## For More Information...Read On...

For more information regarding the articles in this issue of A Good Reid, check out the following:

1. [beststuff.com/articles/6631/published July 27, 2004: Poker on the Net a Hot New Trend](http://beststuff.com/articles/6631/published%20July%2027,%202004:Poker%20on%20the%20Net%20a%20Hot%20New%20Trend)
2. [gamblinggates.com](http://gamblinggates.com)

U.S. teens hit by poker craze epidemic by Ken Wough

3. [espn.com](http://espn.com): page 2 archives: Poker's taking over the world by Darren Rovell
4. [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com) posted

12/20/04 Poker at an Early Age by Marco Cava

5. [Completerss.com](http://Completerss.com): World Poker Tour Hits \$100 Million Milestone 3/29/2005
- ✓ Google: poker
  - ✓ Google: USA Today poker

## Texas Hold'em Has a Grip on Our Children....continued

On March 29, 2005 the World Poker Tour announced it became one of the most lucrative ventures in sports for its players. In just three years, WPT crossed the \$100 million mark in prize money. It took the PGA

golf tour more than 30 years to reach \$100 million in prize money! <sup>5</sup>

The Poker craze is here at the speed of light. We must begin immediate plans to educate our children, youth and

college kids regarding the short and long-term pit falls of playing Poker and gambling. We must start the process to reclaim our children now. The frog is in the kettle and the water is warming up!!!!

### *About MG&A..*

Headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, MG&A specializes in the Development, Design and Construction of church and church related facilities. As the Director

of Church Development for MG&A, Topper Reid works closely with the churches we serve to strengthen their ministries.

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monthly newsletter to ministers in the "network". It contains bits of helpful information that will be useful to you as you creatively work to build the Kingdom.