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CHRISTIAN MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY HOSTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT MARCH 22ND

March 17, 2014 Naperville, IL– Master's Martial Arts Academy, a self-defense school that holds classes at Chicago-area churches, youth centers, and home school cooperatives, is hosting its 25th anniversary all-classes tournament on March 22, 2014, at Wheaton Academy Warrior Dome gymnasium (900 Prince Crossing Road, West Chicago, IL) from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Students of Master's Martial Arts Academy will compete in kata, (light-touch) sparring, weapons, and breaking.

Master's Martial Arts Academy trains students in martial arts and the Bible to develop a physical and spiritual guard. Founder and lead instructor, Rev. Dave Pearson is a fifth-degree black belt and an ordained minister. With this unique emphasis, the spring championship will include a mini-concert by pianist Huntley Brown and a Bible challenge from Pastor Bill Schroeder. Pastor Schroeder, who celebrated 60 years of ministry in 2013, is a former student and an honorary black belt of Master's Martial Arts Academy. Huntley Brown also has a black belt from the school; he has collaborated with Rev. Dave Pearson on self-defense TV programs. In addition to the competition awards, two students will receive "Christian Testimony" awards and Rev. Dave Pearson himself will receive a distinguished, rarely given award from Lee's Academy of Martial Arts.

Master's Martial Arts Academy is open to new students at its current locations and to new classes in the greater Chicago area. The school style of martial arts is a blend of tang soo do karate, judo, jiu jitsu sport karate, and street survival techniques. Each class includes warm-ups, stretching, kata (forms), drills, light-touch sparring, a short teaching on Biblical principles and a time of prayer. Classes are family-friendly and suitable for parents and grandparents to take classes with their children and grandchildren. The program offers an opportunity to advance from white (beginner) to black (expert) belt.

The public is welcome to attend the tournament. The entry fee is \$3; children under 10 are free. For more information about Master's Martial Arts Academy, visit the school's website at www.karatedave.org and contact Pastor Dave at (630) 567-9188 or pastordavepearson@gmail.com .

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Master's Martial Arts Academy is part of Pearson Family Ministries. Other parts of the ministry include inspirational speaking and a weekly radio program. As an inspirational speaker, Dave Pearson has two personas: Pastor Dave and Karate Dave. As Pastor Dave, he speaks regularly at the Pacific Garden Mission and at the Midway Chapel where he is a chaplain for Skyword Ministries; he also fills the pulpit on request. Also as Pastor Dave, he and his wife, Evelyn, host a radio show titled *Saturdays with Dave and Evelyn* at 8 a.m. Saturdays on AM 1160 WYLL Chicago's Christian Talk. The couple recently celebrated the taping of their 400th show. The program streams live at www.wyll.com, and recent copies of the radio program are available through www.saturdayswithdaveandevelyn.org or the Dave Pearson YouTube® channel.

As Karate Dave, he does karate demonstrations with Biblical principles or anti-substance abuse talks; he has spoken to thousands at churches, schools, youth centers, detention centers, senior centers, family camps, and neighborhood festivals. Each presentation includes Dave's moving personal story which was featured on *Unshackled!*, a radio program taped at Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission. Dave closes his demonstration by breaking stacks of bricks or wood to demonstrate that God can give you the strength to break through the hard things in life!

Rev. Dave Pearson is available for interviews. He can be reached at (630) 567 - 9188 or at pastordavepearson@gmail.com .

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