

I recently read this devotional by H.B. London, Jr. of Focus on the Family:

Charles G. Finney once offered a list to help determine when a church needs a revival. The list from his revival lectures is timeless. He believed revivals are needed when these conditions prevail:

- *Lack of love:* "When there is a lack of brotherly love and Christian confidence among professors of religion, then revival is needed."
- *Disunity and division:* "When there are dissensions and jealousies and evil speakings among professors of religion, then revival is needed."
- *Worldliness:* "When there is a worldly spirit in the church, then revival is needed."
- *Sin in the church:* "When the church finds its members falling into gross and scandalous sins, then revival is needed."
- *Controversy and disagreement:* "When there is a spirit of controversy in the church, then revival is needed."
- *Wickedness controls society:* "When the wicked triumph over the churches and revile them, then revival is needed."
- *Sinners are careless:* "When sinners are careless and stupid, then revival is needed."

Do you see any of these conditions in our churches and society? I sure do.

"People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power."
2 Timothy 3:2-5

"Having a form of godliness but denying its power"...could this be the condition of many Christ followers in the 21st century? Could this be the reason why 20% of all adults have nothing to do with the church in America?

It is the Glory of God manifested among us that changes us and changes others. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that lives are transformed and the Gospel message spread.

Is Holy Spirit power evident in your life? What about your church? Or are the moves of Christ followers like you and me planned and calculated? Do we have a tendency to take more comfort in religious routines or in the relationship we have through Jesus Christ? These are tough, yet important questions for us to ask moving into the new year.

I am praying for "unexplainable things" for us in 2013. I am praying for God's Glory to be manifest in us and through us this next year. I don't want any of us to be able to take the credit for what only God can do.

Don't we long for this? For God to show up in our lives and in our homes and in our churches? Isn't there something inside of each one of us that wants to experience with heart, mind, and soul a power that cannot be explained?

For this to happen we must be open; not quenching his Holy Spirit. We must be open in our worship and obedience to God. We must be "all in" for the Kingdom of God. We must be willing to have a relationship centered faith and not a religious centered faith.

Have a Happy New Year! Put God at the center of your life story in 2013.

Praying for the unexplainable through the power of the Holy Spirit this New Year,

Pastor Rob



Wednesday Night Services

Menu

Cooks

Dessert

01.02.13	NO	SERVICES	TONIGHT
01.09.13	Ham and Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert	JoAnn Pierce and Mary Gordon	JoAnn Pierce, Traci Redcay and Frances Buckley
01.16.13	Sloppy Joes, Salad, Chips and Dessert	Nancy Kaplan and Pat Brown	Nancy Kaplan, Pat Brown and Jeannie Ruth
01.23.13	Ziti, Salad, Bread and Dessert	Verna Gilliland and JoAnn Pierce	JoAnn Pierce, Verna Gilliland and Amy Schwartz
01.30.13	Chili Dogs, Salad, Chips and Dessert	Mary Gordon and Traci Redcay	Traci Redcay, Christina Bolton and Mary Gordon

WORSHIP
TEAM
PRACTICE
Thursday
@ 6:00 pm



Men's Connection Breakfast

01.26.13
8am @ HyVee

MEETING

01.05.13 SPECIAL DAYS

@ 6:00 PM

Annual Church Budget

Monthly Budget 2012-2013		\$16,665.00
Monthly Debt Reduction (Bldg)		\$3,020.00
Actual Giving	Budget	Building
July	\$15,504.69	\$2,338.00
August	\$14,545.46	\$1,755.00
September	\$18,411.24	\$2,610.00
October	\$15,461.61	\$2,715.00
November	\$12,685.90	\$2,040.00
December	\$21,638.75	\$2,460.00

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

01.13.13

ALL FUNDS TO GO TO THE MISSION TRIP
TO SANTO DOMINGO IN MARCH

SERVING: CHICKEN QUARTERS, GREEN BEANS, MASHED
POTATOES & GRAVY, DRINKS AND DESSERT

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$6.00

HOT DOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR KIDS!

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$3.00

ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!



Join a LIFT Group near you. This will provide you and your family a place to connect, grow and serve within a small group. LIFT Groups will meet ...

Nash Group	01.13.13
	01.27.13
Gilliland Group	01.11.13
	01.25.13
Larimore Group	01.20.13
Redcay Group	01.06.13
	01.20.13
Ruth Group	01.27.13

Contact Pastor Rob for
additional information.

January 2013

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES	3	4	5 SPECIAL DAYS MEETING @ 6:00 PM
6 L.I.F.T. Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am	7	8	9 Wednesday Night Services Dinner 5:30 Track Meet 6:15 Rock the House 6:15 Bible Study 6:30	10 Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm	11 L.I.F.T.	12
13 L.I.F.T. MISSIONS FUNDRAISER DINNER Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am	14	15 Food Pantry 1-2 pm	16 Dinner 5:30 Track Meet 6:15 R the H 6:15 Bible Study 6:30	17 Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm	18	19
20 L.I.F.T. L.I.F.T. Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am	21	22	23 Dinner 5:30 Track Meet 6:15 R the H 6:15 Bible Study 6:30	24 Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm	25 L.I.F.T.	26 Men's Connection Breakfast 8am @ HyVee
27 L.I.F.T. L.I.F.T. Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am	28	29	30 Dinner 5:30 Track Meet 6:15 R the H 6:15 Bible Study 6:30	31 Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm		

FAITH IN ACTION

JANUARY 2013


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SCHEDULES

01.06.13

Nursery: Chelsea Kilmer, Desiree Redcay and Courtney Kilmer
Early Elementary Church: Charlie & Jeannie Ruth
Children's Church: Amy Schwartze
Worship Team: Kevin Highfill, Fred Proebsting, Jeannie Ruth, Mariah Gilliland, John Kriete and Mary Crader
Audio: Kent Denny
Visual: Keith Denny
Head Usher: Mike Nash
Greeters: Mike & Betty Nash
Ushers: David Larimore, Elmer Redcay, Nathan Redcay and Dan Gessman

01.20.13

Nursery: Debbie Whitener, Erin Larimore, Shelby Hoener and Pat Brown
Early Elementary Church: Brenda Proebsting and Penny Sneller
Children's Church: Tresha McBaine and Karen Roberts
Worship Team: David Highfill, Randy Gilliland, Norma Gilliland, Kayla Kespelher, Mariah Gilliland, John Kriete and Mary Crader
Audio: Robert Schwartze
Visual: Chris Bolton
Head Usher: Mike Nash
Greeters: Mike & Betty Nash
Ushers: Kevin Griep, Chris Bolton, Zach Bolton and Adam Sneller

01.13.13

Nursery: Travis & Lisa Glenn, Carmen Bentsch and Autumn Bush
Early Elementary Church: Kara Kilmer and Nancy Kaplan
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Worship Team: Florine Tripp, Betty Nash, Mariah Gilliland, John Kriete and Mary Crader
Audio: Kent Denny
Visual: Keith Denny
Head Usher: Mike Nash
Greeters: Mike & Betty Nash
Ushers: Charlie Ruth, Robert Schwartze, Adam Sneller and Brandon Redcay

01.27.13

Nursery: David Larimore, Laura Smith and Thom and Amanda Bolden
Early Elementary Church: Florine Tripp and Chris Bolton
NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Worship Team: Randy Gilliland, Carmen Morris, Chelsea Kilmer, Mariah Gilliland, John Kriete and Mary Crader
Audio: Robert Schwartze
Visual: Chris Bolton
Head Usher: Mike Nash
Greeters: Mike & Betty Nash
Ushers: Harold Brown, Mike Morris, Junior Shikles and Kevin Griep