



Ridgeview

Where the Love of Christ is Proclaimed, Shared & Felt

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A Message from Pastor Mark...

**Then the earth quaked and trembled.
The foundations of the mountains
shook; they quaked because of his
anger. Ps. 18:7**

I think we all have been moved by the video of the recent earthquake in Haiti. It is a stunning reminder that there is power in the world that is greater than we can control. As I watched the firm foundation of the earth roll like a wave of water, I was awestruck. One realizes in a fresh, new way that while we like to think we are in control of our lives, that there is power beyond our control, and we can, in an instant, find ourselves in great need.

The Bible often speaks of earthquakes in connection with the power of God. I would never want to suggest that any given earthquake is God's direct action, intended to bring calamity to any particular group of people. We in the Midwest know that we live along the New Madrid fault and are at risk of an earthquake ourselves. But any earthquake reminds us of our limitations, and the fact that God can make the earth itself quake and tremble, and shake the very foundations of the earth. It is easy for us to mistakenly imagine that God can only intervene through the actions of people. The truth is that if God chooses, He can shake the foundation of the earth itself, and we find that we are helpless before such awesome power.

In some places, the Bible clearly ties earthquakes to God's presence, and sometimes to His anger. We are familiar with Jesus' association of earthquakes with the end of the age. How then should Christians react to a severe earthquake? Should we interpret it as God's punishment or the direct consequences of sin? Of course not. We dare not.

Such teaching in the Bible are no way intended to say that all earthquakes are expressions of God's wrath. Instead, they remind us of God's awesome power, and that when He does choose to bring judgment, we will not be able to stand against it without the protection of the Son of God. If these are simply natural catastrophes, think of what God's judgment will be like when it comes. What should our response be. That seems to be clear and direct. In Luke 10:27, Jesus said, "

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Chocolate Jazz: By David Wells

Ridgeview is excited to announce a unique opportunity we have as a church to be a blessing to our community. On Saturday, Feb. 20th at DHS Auditorium at 7PM, Ridgeview will host a "chocolate jazz" concert by David Wells, who has done several concerts here at Ridgeview over the past decade. David is one of the top jazz trumpet players in the nation. He and his band will also be playing in our morning worship services on Feb. 21st.

Tickets for the concert are now available in the church office, or at County Market. DHS music students will also be selling tickets. This is not a free concert because 100% of the ticket sales will go to support the DHS band program. By sponsoring the concert, Ridgeview is enabling the school of music to potentially raise several thousand dollars with no out-of-pocket expense. It is our hope to let our community know that Ridgeview cares about Danville and our young people, and that we are seeking creative ways to help make a difference.

We hope you will pray for this event: for God to be glorified and for Ridgeview to present a good witness to the community. We also hope you will show your personal support and come enjoy the music, which will include both David Wells, as well as the high school jazz musicians. You can also help spread the word to your friends! Tickets: \$10 general admission; \$7 parents; \$5 students

We will need a number of volunteers to help with this event as well. Please see Pastor Tony or a member of the Board of Music if you would like to know how you can help.

As we enter into a new series focusing on knowing and doing God's Will, the situation that seems to have come to the forefront is Haiti. We are being bombarded with news of the needs, and there are so many different ways we could act. The words of Jesus in Luke 12:48 remind me that we not only should act, but we MUST act: "When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required." This tragedy in Haiti is our open door to be used by God and to discover His direction in how He wants to use us specifically.

For some, the burden is greater because they have a direct connection with Haiti. Some in our church have had family members in Haiti. Ridgeview's high school guy's small group is sponsoring and communicating with a child in Haiti and our KWAM children are agonizing as they await news about Madeline, the Haitian girl they have sponsored for the past several years. Others have family members in the military who have been called to go and help distribute supplies, as well as combat the violence that desperation has created. The pictures and stories on the TV grip our hearts and stir compassion in us. When that happens, it's God's cue that we need to respond.

As Pastor Mark taught us in last Sunday's message, one of the ways we discern how we should respond is by seeking advice from godly men and women. Proverbs 15:22 reminded us that, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." At our annual meeting Sunday night, several people offered insight into how we as a church and as individuals can and should respond wisely to the needs in Haiti. In summary, here is some of the wisdom shared.

The needs are going to be there for years to come. At the same time, the greatest needs are now because at present, it is life and death. Rebuilding isn't even an issue right now – it's survival. Giving to large organizations, while being the easy and expedient thing to do, may not be the best option considering the level of corruption and disarray within the government in Haiti. We as a church have direct connections with missionaries, churches and ministries who are already there and making a difference. We have ways of getting funds directly to them.

Based on this, we approved an initial gift of \$5000 to provide immediate resources. These funds have already been sent to provide for the ministry of Steve and Nancy James, our American Baptist medical missionaries in Haiti. They are right there in the midst of the action, seeking every possible way to minister and meet needs. This gift will be available to them this week to provide the supplies. You can follow exactly what they are doing day by day at:

www.InternationalMinistries.org/missionaries/104

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Deacon for the month of January:

Les Hughes—765-793-7191

Deaconess for the month of January:

Patsy Martin—446-2037

Haiti Earthquake Relief and Recovery Offering.

Through the month of February, Ridgeview will be taking an offering for survivors of the earthquake. There will be envelopes available in the pew marked for Haiti. If you have any questions regarding the offering, please feel free to speak with Pastor Tony or the mission board chairperson, Heather Jackson.

SPECIAL GREETERS MEETING

Pastor Mark requests all greeters to attend this special meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7pm.

Please make every effort to attend. This ministry is vital to Ridgeview's vision of proclaiming, and sharing Christ's love with all those who come to worship.

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'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

It is not our place to explain why catastrophe comes on someone. Our responsibility is to commit ourselves to serving and loving the Lord our God in the midst of it and to extend the love of Christ to those who are most affected. Whether disaster comes as the result of sin or natural misfortune, it presents the opportunity for the Love of Christ to be clearly expressed.

Will you ask God how you might best express His love and compassion to the people of Haiti at this time? Pray for the Haitian Christians who are affected and who will be the first to show Christ's love. Ask God how you and I might best enable His will to be done and His love to be felt in this terrible situation. The Board of Missions is developing a multifaceted strategy to help you do just that. You will find some of that explained in Pastor Tony's article. I also want to thank the many people who have called with suggestions and recommendations concerning what we might do to be good stewards of God's grace and mercy during this time.

May we once again bow down in humility before the great and awesome God we serve. Let's keep in mind that we are equally vulnerable to natural catastrophe and equally deserving of God's judgment with all other people of earth. And may we embrace the gracious love of our Savior and Master, Jesus, and serve the Lord our God by sharing that love with our neighbors who are suffering. May God bless you as you love your neighbor as yourself.

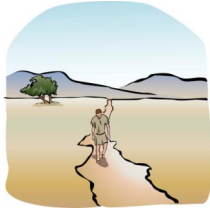
Pastor Mark

Nursing Home Outreach Schedule for January

Monday—January 25—Colonial Manor—2pm

Praying Prodigals Home

Monday, **February 8th, 6:30-7:30pm** in the Roger Williams Classroom. For any who might be waiting the return of a loved prodigal; it may be a daughter, son, a family member, or friend, and wants to be supported by others. Come if you need a group to pray, share and trust God for their return. If you have any questions, please call Elaine Carlson at 446-1091



Revive & Rejoice Topic for Tackling Teens Issues on

Wednesday—January 27 - 7pm

“Preventing Substance Abuse in Youth” What parents, teachers, and communities can do to help. Class will be led by Brad Uebinger, a licensed clinical social worker.

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We also started this past Sunday receiving special gifts toward the needs in Haiti. Over the next several weeks you will find special envelopes in the pew to easily designate your gifts to this need. Our Missions Board is investigating a number of different ministries, missionaries and organizations that have been suggested as recipients of those gifts. It is our desire to know exactly to whom and where your gifts are going, and ensure we are using the Lord’s resources wisely in a way that will accomplish the most good. Thank you to those who have offered suggestions.

The Missions Board is also working on how we can provide more than prayers and money, but how to create kits of needed supplies to send. For those who enjoy having more of a practical involvement in making a difference, this is a great option. Kits will include things for hygiene, baby care, and school supplies. These will be much like the care packages we recently sent to our military personnel, in that you will put together and ship the kit yourself. Kits are shipped to a distribution center in the US where they are then taken in bulk to Haiti, so you don’t have to worry about international shipping. We will have detailed information about the kits as soon as possible, including a specific list of items, and estimated cost of the supplies and shipping. To access the kit brochure online, just email me a request and I’ll send you the link! tonymarygoss@aol.com

May God find us eager to respond as He leads us to give out of our bounty.

Pastor Tony

Ridgeview Prayer Concerns

Shut-Ins

Florence Broderick
Mildred Burrows
Wilma Miller
Norm & Juanita Modglin
Janet Moore
Thelma Pouilliard
Paul Weese
Wade Winstead

Military Service

Justin Chase
William Cosgrove
Captain Justin W Dyal
Merric Huffstutler
Derek Moederndorfer
M. Sgt Beth Schofill
Eric Shepherd
Chad Turner
Meagan (Walsh) Tabler
Captain Jason Young

Missionaries

Kim Brown
John and Deb Coats
Scott and Tan Coats
Jeff and Annie Dieselberg
Chuck and Ruth Fox
Scott and Cindy Nelsen
Ruth Simpson
Local Prison Ministry:
Juan Hernandez

Health Concerns

Sarah Boulware
Jeff Brooks
Gloria Brown
Ray & Jeanette Carter
Jim Chezem
David Conner
Valerie Crownover
Gail Doggett
Daniel Fairchild
Inez Glosser
Laural & Mary Gransee
Rob Greene
Stephanie (Wagner) Grimm
Ginger Gustafson
Lucille Hathaway
Evelyn Howell
Mary Hull
LaVada Irvin
John & Karen Jagers
Faith Keyser
Bill Kinney
Bobby Lewis
Alexis Lewsader
Betty Lookingbill
Claire Manning
Brenda Maring
John and Carole Marshall
Harvey & Shirley Miller
Bill & Wilma Powell
Steve Redenbaugh
Nancy Smith
Carol Tabor
Jody Walker

H.S. Outlet Superbowl Party

February 7, 2010 - 5pm

Where:

Ben & Jen Wetherington’s Home

1606 Chandler Street

217-918-4228

Bring Something to Share or Just Come!!



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SKWIM News

This year we took 13 people to Green Lake, WI for the annual American Baptist youth/college age winter retreat, known as SKWIM. It was an all around a great retreat. This year our worship time was led by the Christian Band, "The Spark", and our session speaker was Brandon Grant. The speaker was great. He spoke with the students about dealing with spiritual apathy. He talked about what obedience to Christ looked like in our lives, and he also opened the scripture to share with the kids about the importance of having faith that God will do what He says He'll do.

As always, we had a great time skiing, snowboarding and tubing, and we had NO INJURIES. God is Good!!! This event is great, because it gives our students a chance to get away from the busyness of their lives and have a weekend focused on building relationships with each other, and going deeper with God. Thank-you to our church family for all of your prayers and support.

~ Pastor Ben

EQUIP '10

Christian Workers' Conference

Friday & Saturday—February 26 & 27, 2010
Peoria Christian School—Peoria, IL

Are you a Power Hour teacher, Board Member, Small Group Leader, Youth Leader, or serve in one of our many ministries we have to offer here at Ridgeview? You might want to check out this conference and see if there is something that will enhance your area of service for the Lord.

They have an exhibit hall where you can purchase materials for your particular ministry, as well as gifts and books.

If you are interested in attending we are able to have a cost of \$30 person (paid by the church) until Feb 1. After that date, it will be \$45 per person.

Workshops will run Friday 9:15am—4:30pm
Saturday 8:15—4pm

Activities

Saturday—23

Board of Christian Education Retreat—9am

Sunday—24

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Monday—25

Nursing Home Outreach, Colonial Manor—2pm

Monday—Feb. 1

Set Up for Election in Fellowship Hall

Primetimers Meeting—1pm

Tuesday—2

ELECTION DAY—POLLS OPEN - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Wednesday—3

Tear Down of Election Equipment

Saturday—6

Women's Retreat—Registration-8:30am, Begins—9am

Sunday—7

Superbowl Party for High School Youth

Monday—8

Board of Deaconess—10am

Board of Trustees—7pm

Saturday—13

Primetimers & Youth Event—1pm

Monday—15

Board of Christian Education (CE) - 7pm

Saturday—20

David Wells Concert at DHS

++Recurring Activities++

Sunday Worship Services: 8:40, 11:00am & 6pm

Power Hour—10am

"Outlet" Sr. High—6pm

EVERY MONDAY

Martha Emmert Quilting Circle—9am

Men's Fellowship and Bible Study—6pm

College Age Small Group—7pm

High School Girls Small Group—7pm

High School Guys Small Group—7pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

"Net-Works" Men's Breakfast—6:30am

BurdenBearers—6:15pm

Impact, Jr. High—6:30pm

Revive & Rejoice/KWAM/Choir—7:00pm