



A Message from Pastor Mark...

And you said, "The LORD our God has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live even if God speaks with him. But now, why should we die? This great fire will consume us, and we will die if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer. For what mortal man has ever heard the voice of the living God speaking out of fire, as we have, and survived? Go near and listen to all that the LORD our God says. Then tell us whatever the LORD our God tells you. We will listen and obey."

The LORD heard you when you spoke to me and the LORD said to me, "I have heard what this people said to you. Everything they said was good. Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!

Deuteronomy 5:24-29

Sunday, we considered the Ten Commandments, given by God to the children of Israel. Rather than an arbitrary list of rules intended to cramp our style, these commands actually form the boundaries of a covenant relationship, making them comparable to wedding vows. While we enter into this relationship through Christ, our devotion, fidelity and respect for Him is demonstrated as we walk in agreement with God and follow these commands. As Jesus said, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, ..." (John 15:10)

In Duet. 5:24-29 we find the people's response to Moses and to the Lord. The people recognize God's awesome, sovereign power. They also affirm their privilege in being the objects of God's love and attention, and having heard His voice as He spoke to them "face to face." And then we find another key to walking in this covenant relationship. They make a promise to Moses and the Lord.

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We will listen and obey. (Deuteronomy. 5:27)

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Chocolate Jazz Concert with David Wells Saturday February 20—7pm Danville High School



Tickets available in the church office. Tickets \$10 General Admission; \$7 parents; \$5 students
100% of proceeds go to the DHS band program.

Volunteers Needed

Please see Pastor Tony or a member of the Board of Music:
Pam Albin, Steve Birky, Elaine Carlson, Tricia Downey, or Susana Hernandez

Chocolate Goodies Needed For Jazz Concert:

Sign up sheets located by the kitchen door and the nursery door entrance, to donate chocolate dessert (cakes, cookies, brownies... etc.) for the David Wells Concert at the Danville High School. We are going to serve dessert before the concert and during the intermission. We are hoping to have at least 400 attendees so we need lots of goodies.

Relief for Victims of the



Earthquake in Haiti

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.

As Paul starts to wrap up his letter to the saints in Rome, he tells them about how he plans to visit them after many years of desiring to. They have not been on the missionary journeys with him. They have not seen the sufferings and struggles Paul has faced as he has faithfully preached the Gospel to the Gentiles. Yet he invites them to "join me in my struggle." Not by *being* physically present with him, but becoming present spiritually. In Romans 15:30, Paul writes, "I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."

This is a powerful invitation and truth for us today as we see hurting people all around us. People in our congregation, in Haiti, in our community, our own families... Everywhere we turn there are people in need. In some cases, we are able (and called by God) to show up physically – to offer "tangible help" that people can see and touch. But in most cases we may feel helpless because we cannot "show up" physically. But what Paul is "urging" the Romans to do, we are able to do too.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of the Holy Spirit, we are able to JOIN people in their struggles. Not just feel bad for them. We are able to intercede for them. Jesus has made it possible for us to come directly to the Throne to ask God to act not only on our behalf, but for anyone and everyone. Many times God acts on His own, completely independent of us, according to His PROVIDENTIAL WILL. But often God works through us, through His Spirit that He has placed within us, to JOIN HIM via the mysterious avenue of prayer.

Often I think our prayers are hindered by a feeling of "I don't know how to pray for them." Maybe the need is so overwhelming we don't know where to start. Or we feel we don't know enough of the details to pray for specific answers. But earlier in the same letter to the Roman saints (8:25-27), Paul encourages them, saying "If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

In other words, even when we feel so weak and helpless about a situation that all we know to do is groan in prayer, we need to groan. And the Holy Spirit is willing and able to guide our prayers so that we pray for what the Father wants us to pray for.

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New Revive and Rejoice Elective

Begins Wednesday - February 17th—7pm



Defining Moments

Coming Face to Face with the Truth

Life is full of defining moments. Like landmarks on a roadmap, these moments mark key points in your life's journey. Defining moments happen when you encounter a reality that demands a decision, and regardless of what you choose, your life will never be the same. This is a good study to accompany our series on seeking and following God's will. Pastor Mark will lead this elective.

Thank You!!

I would like to thank the person who generously gave me the gift certificate for the Women's Retreat. I know I am very blessed.

Thank you, Penny Ford

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We will listen and obey! The word for listen means more than just to hear. It means that they will listen to understand, which, of course, for us takes more than a cursory reading. If we are to listen to God's commands, we must intentionally reflect on what these commands mean and how they relate to the daily decisions we make. Additionally, the word in the text for obey comes from the root meaning "to do." So the people committed themselves to reflecting on God's commands, understanding them and then doing what they were told.

If we truly want to abide in the love of God, we too must listen and obey. We must resist the temptation to just hear the commands we want to, or listening to them, but then applying them to someone else instead of ourselves. We must be careful not to listen in an effort to find loopholes, so that we can follow our own desires rather than the wisdom of God. With a respect for God's sovereign wisdom and power, we should commit ourselves to listening and reflecting on His Word so that we can obey what we are told and as a result abide in His love, walking in agreement with Him.

Of course, we all know that we cannot obey without fail. Fortunately, we have the promise that, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

(1 John 1:9) That is the marvelous love of God.

Pastor Mark

Nursing Home Outreach Schedule for February

Monday—February 8—Danville Care—2pm
Monday—February 22—Hawthorne Inn—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. Sign up sheets are on the tables by kitchen and nursery entrance. If you have any questions, please call Elaine Carlson at 446-1091.

Revive & Rejoice Topic for Tackling Teens Issues on

Wednesday—February 10 - 7pm

“When Teens Turn to Danger” (a look at teen substance abuse and adolescent suicide). Led by Brad Uebinger



Volley Ball

Friday—February 12 & 26—6pm

Open to all ages and abilities.

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We may not even utter a word. It may be simply “waiting patiently” in His Presence. But the bottom line is that when we pray “by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit,” we are able to literally JOIN those who are struggling. We CAN make a difference.

Effective prayer is not accomplished by saying the right words, getting in the right position, being in church or in a closet, or having someone else pray. James 5:16 tells us that “the prayer of a **righteous** man is powerful and effective.” Being in right relationship (righteous) with God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit is how prayer gets things done. How do we get there? By embracing 1 John 1:8-9, “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” We get there by acknowledging our sin before God, and then God does the rest.

May you be empowered to pray effectively, making a difference in the lives of hurting, struggling people, by accepting God’s invitation to join Him by Jesus and the Holy Spirit AND at the same time, join those for whom you pray. He has shown us His Way to pray. All we have to do is follow.

Pastor Tony

Ridgeview Prayer Concerns

Our Sympathy and

Prayers to:

Family of Darrell Day in his passing

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

Sandra Alexander
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 Jagggers
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
Jonah Troglia
Carol Tabor
Jody Walker

H.S. Outlet Superbowl Party

Sunday—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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February 4, 2010



EQUIP '10

Christian Workers' Conference

Friday & Saturday—February 26 & 27
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?

If you are interested, the registration (\$45 per person) is paid by the church.

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

Jr. High (6-8 grade) and Parents:

Acquire the Fire (Friday & Saturday—March 12 & 13)
fee is due Sunday, February 7.
The amount is \$47.



Group Week of Hope High School Mission Trip

(This year's camp experience)

June 20-25—In Indianapolis, Indiana

This year the High School students will be doing a mission trip in inner city Indianapolis. We have 25 spots. Students can sign up now. The total cost of the trip will be \$212. First payment of \$106 due by March 7th. Watch for more information in future bulletins and newsletters.

PRIMETIMERS and YOUTH: February 13, Saturday - 1pm

Come watch the DVD "INDESCRIBABLE." The DVD is AWESOME! We will be meeting in the Church Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
FREE SNACKS

Deacon for the month of February:

John Brant—267-2428

Deaconess for the month of February:

Carol Garver—446-0995

Activities

Saturday—6

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

Sunday—7

Superbowl Party for High School Youth—5pm

Monday—8

Board of Deaconess—10am

Nursing Home Outreach, Danville Care—2pm

Board of Trustees—7pm

Thursday—11

Scouts—6:30pm

Saturday—13

Primetimers & Youth Event—1pm

Sunday—14—Valentines Day

Monday—15

Board of Christian Education (CE) - 7pm

Thursday—18

Scouts—6:30pm

Saturday—20

David Wells Concert at DHS

Sunday—21

David Wells in AM services

Youth Team Meeting—4pm

Board of Missions—Following Evening Service

Monday—22

Nursing Home Outreach, Hawthorne Inn—2pm

++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, High School Guys & Girls 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