



Ridgeview

Where the Love of Christ is Proclaimed, Shared & Felt

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A Message from Pastor Mark...

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. James 1:5-9

We all feel we could use more wisdom, don't we? And who better to seek advice from than God? The Bible says that if we need wisdom or guidance, we should ask God and God will give it to us. However, there is a qualifier. We must believe and not doubt.

God will give us wisdom and guidance if we are committed to following His will. If you are like me, I am apt to ask people for guidance, but am more likely to treat it as an opinion. I listen to their idea, and then I evaluate how wise I really think their advice is. Before I decide to follow their advice, it must pass my assessment. In other words, I go to someone asking for their expert advice and then set myself up as the final authority, which I guess, makes me the ultimate expert who decides whether their advice is really worth following or not.

When it comes to seeking God's will that attitude isn't appropriate. When we seek God's will, we must seek it believing that He is all wise and will not mislead us. We must trust as we ask that He will show us exactly what we should do. Our attitude should be one of commitment, so that whatever He advises, we are committed to following. We cannot be double-minded or wishy-washy when it comes to following God's will; not if we expect God to share His wisdom and guidance with us.

This Sunday we will begin a series on Seeking the Will of God. We can all benefit from God's wisdom and insight which He offers to us freely and abundantly. Will you join with me in seeking God's will with an attitude of expectancy and a sincere desire to follow Him as He reveals to us His insight?

Pastor Mark



We all want to thank you for the generous Christmas staff gift.

Pastor Mark

Pastor Tony

Pastor Ben

Harley

Shirley

Kathy

Ruth

SWEET LIFE CAFE: Women's Retreat

**Saturday
February 6th
9am-5pm**

**Deadline to Register:
Sunday, January 17.**



We are so excited about the second annual Girlfriends' Getaway retreat! This year we are celebrating friendships – both with our earthly friends and with God. The goal this year is to rekindle that friendship with God while having fun with the friends He's given us on earth. We'll be doing that during flavor-themed sessions, food for the heart sessions, worship, fun and, of course, food! No spa treatments – that was last year at Heart Spa!

This year we are offering gift certificates for that hard-to-buy-for woman in your life, or someone that you really want to see attend. The cost for the gift is the same as registration and can be given anonymously to bless whomever you choose. **The cost** is \$22.00 per person with money due at the time of registration. We have to have a few weeks to order materials based on the number who sign up, so we apologize that we can't accept last minute registrations. We are not able to offer childcare. We look forward to "Seeing you there."

Ridgeview Reflections

HAPPY **NEW YEAR!!!**

That word in the middle there caught my attention this year. In some ways, it is a time of newness. Students experience new classes, teachers, maybe new schedules. There are several new activities and programs starting up at church. For those of us fortunate enough to follow through on our new year's resolutions, we are likely to see some long-awaited changes for the better. But for many of us, and in most areas of life, a new year may not bring much newness other than a new calendar to hang on the wall. It's just another day.

The season of giving thanks and giving to others has passed. The hope and joy we celebrated around Christmas may already be fading into a distant memory as those bills start arriving reminding us of exactly what we did last month. All too quickly we find ourselves thinking, if not saying, "Here we go again... all my problems and sources of stress are still here. Nothing has changed."

Deep down, I think we all know God has answers for all our "issues." But the question I've been pondering is: **Do we really give God an opportunity to prove that in our lives?** We may think since God isn't intervening the way we've asked Him to, that somehow He isn't concerned about us or our situation. But God's Word is very clear that not only does God care about all our stuff, but He wants to do something about it. We just have to be willing to let Him do it His way.

If we can get past our selfishness of wanting to solve things OUR way, then we still have to deal with the struggle of discerning what God's way actually is. Often times, it's spelled out in black and white in scripture, but many times it's not. In those times, what do you do?

The good news is God has made that clear to us as well. The problem is we haven't truly, earnestly sought out His way. In the context of telling His people who've been in exile 70 years that He has wonderful plans to restore them and rebuild what they once had with Him, God makes them a promise in Jeremiah 29:12-14. "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me **when you seek Me with all your heart.** I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

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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

Primetimers

Come to the Birthday Party!

When: Saturday, January 16th—1pm

Where: Ridgeview Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Bring: Someone who hasn't been to the Primetimers birthday party and a "White Elephant Gift"

Food: Cake and ice cream will be served

If you need a ride, call Chris at 446-8314



Please mark your new year calendar with the following date.



Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, January 17, 2010—6pm

Thank You

There has been so much kindness and love shown to myself and the girls here at the YFRC. The Lord has used so many of you. I (we) are so very appreciative. Thank you to the deacon board, Pathfinders Power Hour Class, Koinonia Power Hour Class, Where Two or Three Gather Bible Study group and all anonymous donations and gifts.

We have a church filled with generosity and love. The Lord has blessed me in a trying time and I thank each and every one of you for your help and prayers.

Gloria Brown and YFRC third floor

Merry Christmas and thank you for all the support you have given me and my friends in the unit. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated! May God Bless you all this holiday season.

Kevin Cundiff

D co 2-227th Aviation Regiment
1st Cavalry Division

If you would like to see the card sent to all of you it is on the bulletin board near the office.



New REVIVE & REJOICE Electives

Be prepared now for when your child is a teen.

Wednesdays—7pm
A Six Week Course for Parents

Tackling Teen Issues—(understanding the struggles of today’s teenagers). Regular Childcare time for this elective. Topics for January 13 will be Eating Disorders and on the 20th, Self-Injury and Cutting. The study will be led by Pastor Ben, our youth pastor, and will include special guest speakers who deal with teens in these specific areas.

Our Second Revive & Rejoice Elective Will Begin

Wednesday - January 13 at 6:30pm

13 Week—DVD Course—Please Note Extended Time

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University Class is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt and build wealth. In fact, 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of income. During this life-changing class, You will learn how to:

- Get Control of your money
- Stop struggling to make ends meet
- Tell your money what to do
- Change your family’s Future

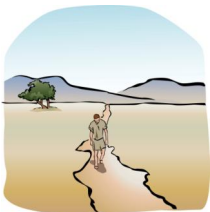
No special child care provided for this extended class time. There is a fee for those wishing to be a part of the class. The regular price for this 13 week course is \$93. For the first 10 that sign up the cost will be \$50. Please contact Mike Hutson to sign up. Sign up soon to receive the discounted price. You can reach Mike at 442-6064.

Led by Mike Hutson.

Nursing Home Outreach Schedule for January

Monday—January 11—Liberty Estates—2pm
Monday—January 18—Bowman Estates—2pm
Monday—January 25—Colonial Manor—2pm

Praying Prodigals Home



A new small group is starting
Monday, January 25—6:30-7:30pm
In the church Library.

We will have a short study of books on Prodigals and lots of prayer time together.

If you have any questions, please call

Elaine Carlson at 446-1091.

Our Sympathy And Prayers to:

The family of Ken Fetters
Brother of Butch Fetters.
Dawn Merrill and family in the loss of her grandmother.

Shut-Ins

Florence Broderick
Mildred Burrows
Wilma Miller
Norm & Juanita Modglin
Janet Moore
Thelma Pouilliard
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
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
Harvey & Shirley Miller
Bill & Wilma Powell
Steve Redenbaugh
Nancy Smith
Carol Tabor
Jody Walker
Paul Weese

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My encouragement for each of us for this new year is simple – seek God with all our heart and let Him be God in our lives, the way He wants to be God. Let’s not be those who decide to give God a little time, a little space to work, and then write Him off when we don’t see the results we want. As Pastor Mark begins to lead us into this new year by helping us seek God and His will for our lives, make corporate worship and listening to God speak to you a priority. You will discover how to open your heart to God and know His plans for you personally. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) God invites you. We invite you to seek Him with us.

Pastor Tony

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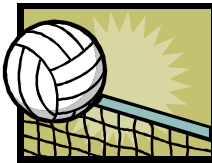
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Friday Night Volleyball

Friday, January 8th at 6pm. Come join us for some fun and fellowship. If we have several people who will share the responsibilities of set up, clean up, etc., we can make it a mostly-weekly event. For questions, please contact Pastor Tony.



SKWIM

Please begin to pray

for our youth and the leaders that will be leaving on their ski trip next Friday the 15th. Pray for refreshing and safety for all involved.

Activities

Friday—8

Volleyball—6pm

Monday—11

Board of Deaconess—10am

Nursing Home Outreach, Liberty Estates—2pm

Board of Trustees—7pm

Wednesday—13

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Classes—6:30pm

Friday—15

Youth SKWIM Ski Trip—Goes through Monday

Saturday—16

Primetimers Birthday Party—1pm

Monday—18

Nursing Home Outreach, Bowman Estates—2pm

Saturday—23

Board of Christian Education Retreat—10am

Sunday—24

Sanctity of Life Sunday

Monday—25

Nursing Home Outreach, Colonial Manor—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 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

