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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

1st Morn. Worship 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. nights 6-7:30p.m.

January

Saturday, January 9th, 9a.m., building
walkthrough and cleanup at the church
10:00 a.m. Crochet group meeting

Sunday, January 10th, 6 p.m. Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th 6:30p.m. The Man Up
group is inviting all men to join us at the
church for a manly soup cook off event.
Following a hearty meal of soups and sides we
will be given a special 'men's only' talk from a
local pastor with a heart for men who love
God.

Wednesday, January 13th, Family Night
resumes, Chicken Nuggets, Mac&Cheese, fruit,
veggies

Sunday, January 17th, after second service,
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 17th, 6:00 p.m. to Monday,
January 18th, 6:00 a.m. High School Lock-In

Monday, January 18th, 6:00 p.m. East LaMoine
Camp fellowship meeting

Wednesday, January 20th, 6:00 p.m. Family
Night Fellowship, Nachos, fruit

Thursday, January 21st, 6:30 p.m. Soul Sister's
meeting

Wednesday, January 27th, 6:00 p.m. Family
Night Fellowship, Biscuits& Gravy, Breakfast
Casserole, breakfast desserts, white milk,
chocolate milk, juices

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please check your weekly
bulletin for updates.*



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Love God, Serve God, Love Others, Serve Others

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The New Year is here.

It's a time to Reflect. Restart. Recommit. Rethink. Recharge. Reprioritize. Reignite. Recover. Reawaken. Repair. Reconnect. Restore. Renew. That's a lot of 're-' words. The idea of 're-' is a chance to do it over. It's the idea of doing it over again or again and again.

How many of us have made a New Year's resolution that you've already given up on? According to statistics, about half of us will make a resolution. That's 50% of us, but the statistics also tell us that only about 8% of our resolutions will be achieved. Most of our resolutions will have to do with education or self-improvement, weight loss, relational issues or money. And by about the time you read this article, 25% of resolutions have failed with about 50% of them failing by the middle of the year.

(<http://www.statisticbrain.com/new-years-resolution-statistics/>)

I'm not very encouraged by those statistics. I know though, from personal experience, that they are pretty much in line with my attempts at resolutions. In fact, I probably have even worse statistics in many ways. So, I've found that it's easier to simply not to make resolutions: aim low, and it's easier to not be disappointed!

So why are so few of our resolutions successful? Why can't we make these changes in our life? Well, I think the main problem is that we don't have the right focus. Most of us create resolutions to improve ourselves. We want something better for us and we do it on our own. The motivation to help ourselves by our own power tends not to be a strong motivation. We simply don't have the willpower to make those changes last for the long term.

So I might suggest that before we make resolutions, we need to do some of the other 're-' words. Like reprioritize. If we can begin to reprioritize our focus on what is important and who we trust, resolution can be more feasible. Or maybe reconnect. If we truly reconnect into a deeper relationship with God, his power (not our willpower) can bring about true and lasting change. Maybe we even need to rethink our approach or renew our understanding before we can resolute to make changes in our life. It all comes down to who is going to do the work in our life: us or God.

So, if we find ourselves unable to keep a New Year's resolution, maybe we need to go back to do other 're-' things in our life and find ways to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Serving Him and you,

Matthew

Thank you Note:

We would like to say a big THANK

YOU to all who blessed us this Christmas with so many wonderful gifts. The support shown through these gifts and in so many other ways is encouraging and heart-warming for us. We are so thankful to be a part of such a giving and loving community and look forward to serving you moving into the New Year.

Matthew, Michele and boys

Second Annual Bible Bowl

will be held February 3rd during Wednesday family night. Save the date and plan to join us for a fun time of trivia answering about football, bible, and much more!

All Night Youth Lock-in

High School students are invited to attend on January 17th 6p.m. thru January 18th 6 a.m. for a night full of fun and fellowship. Girls bring soda and boys bring chips. We are planning to make homemade pizza for supper and a yummy breakfast before sending you home with lots of games and activities in between! Hope to see you there!

Volunteers available to help with a building walkthrough and cleanup are encouraged to come to the church at 9a.m. January 9th.

Offering and Attendance for December

	1 st	S.S.	2 nd	offering
6 th	14	28	61	\$1,690.00
13 th	13	28	68	\$1,625.00
20 th	13	40	81	\$2,395.00
27 th	13	33	74	\$1,108.90
Totals	53	129	284	\$6,818.90

Prayer list

(updated 1/3/16)

Linda Allen - more tests
Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer
Doris Baker – Alzheimer's
Mike Banks - cancer
Wayne Batterton - Peoria hospital
Pamela Carlock's friend Sharon, possible loss of job at Western
Betty Clemens -outpatient surgery 1-4-16
Robert Cooper - Hospital
Hurly Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor
Linda Danner - Surgery on arm 1-11-16
Shirley Derry - special request for prayer
Mary Ellen Farwell - irritated skin
Ashley Griffin -steroid injection shots working
Sharon Harris – continued breathing problems
Bill Jones - possible open heart surgery (Jan-16)
Pam Klinebough's friend, Shelly - cancer
Pam Klinebough - prayers for family
Jim Lascelles- health, more surgery
Terry Lehman - cancer
Gavin Lockard - seizure
Lori Martin - Lung Transplant (soon)
Linda Hamm Pierson - late stage liver cancer
Dan Palmer - tumor removed
Brad Hayes - physical therapy for shoulder
Daygan Reneau - spine surgery recovery
Joel Rittenhouse
Mike Shawgo- pump to help heart
Tammy Spencer - cancer
Alan Snyder - personal
Jeanette Walters - after affects of chemo
Anita Watson, chemo & radiation
Barbara Wills - surgery on Tumor
- those affected by the flooding rivers
Praises:
Chris Carlock - transfer to Springfield
Michael Hunter - Baptism
Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates.
Thank you.

