



Rossville United Methodist Church
Quest for Christ / Sunday School 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
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A Letter from the Pastor

"Indeed I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass.
 I have purposed it; I will also do it."

Isaiah 46:11

Hearing God speak to us is critically important as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. The good news for each of us is that we are not abandoned or left on our own to hear the voice of God. The Spirit of God puts the people of God into the presence of God to hear the voice of God. And His presence, the Spirit reveals God's purposes to the church He would use. He (God) then waits for our response. I want to ask, "So, what should that response look like?" Let me suggest that we think of our response to the Lord as a church in four terms.

For starters, let's "**Seek to hear a fresh word from God.**" He never hides His truth or His will from the church. He is always open and honest with us individually and with the body. We are the ones who tend to overlook, or not hear, all that God is saying. He is always taking the initiative to make His assignment known, and we must be actively alert to receive His message.

Secondly, as followers of Jesus Christ the correct response to God is, "**Believe Him wholeheartedly.**" As individuals and as a collective whole, we must determine that God is everything He says He is, and will do everything He says He will do for us (if we let Him.) As He calls us to accomplish what seems to be the impossible, we know He'll provide everything we need, because to be on mission with God through His church is to be in the midst of the most practical and extensive concentration of God's resources possible.

After we seek to hear a fresh word from God and we live into believing Him wholeheartedly; the third response is "**Adjusting to Him Unconditionally.**" For us to join in God's revealed activity this response is both personal and corporate. God has the right and authority to require these adjustments in us in order to conform us to Himself and to His will regardless of how long the process takes.

The fourth and final response is found in our, "**Obeying Him immediately.**" This response comes through an act of faith not out of tradition, coercion, or any other driver of actions. We obey as He leads us. He then will accomplish His purposes through us. And His purpose is that every local church becomes a mission center, reaching out not only to their immediate community, but to the world that lies beyond.

If we at RUMC are willing to respond this way in our relationship with God, then we will experience His mighty deeds among us. Any church responding in this way will see God bringing a lost world to Himself.

In Esther 4:14 "For if you keep silent at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another, but you and your father's family will perish. Perhaps you have become royal dignity for such a time as this." Let us remember that each of us have been made royal through the blood of Christ and He has brought us to this point not for our benefit only, but that the entire world would be transformed.

Be Blessed,

Pastor Brian

Quest for Christ Sunday mornings 9 - 10 a.m.

Explorers, ages 3 - 5

Teachers: Phyllis Patterson & Kim Newbauer

Voyagers, Kindergarten - First Grade

Teachers: Vicki Rabanus & Bessy Newbauer

Crusaders, Second - Third Grade

Teachers: Phil Burkle & Connie Hinesley

Navigators, Fourth - Fifth Grade

Teachers: Carol Metzger & Ainura Nametullayeva

Adventurers, Middle School

Teachers: Lyn Burkle & Lori Need

High School

Teachers: Dave & Sharon Need



RUMC Office Hours

Mondays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays - closed

Thursdays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fridays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please note that I am sometimes out of the office during published hours due to medical appointments. If you plan to make a special trip to see me, please consider calling ahead to ensure that I am here. Thank you all for your patience and support! ~Renita

MARCH MEETING DATES

Audit Team - Monday, March 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

L.R.E. Team - Thursday, March 5 & 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Praying Together - Sunday, March 8 & 22 @ 5:00 p.m.

Administrative Council - Monday, March 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

Worship Team - Monday, March 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

Children's Education Team - Monday, March 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parents' Corner

One of the challenges for Christians in communicating with God is the skill of memorization. We have a real need to memorize God's Word. God has given us the ability to keep words stored in our minds. Christians need the mind of Christ (John 15:15). The best means of worshiping is to give God's words back to Him (John 4:24). We never know when we will want particular passages for help and encouragement. Memorized Scripture is a sure help in times of need throughout life. It is an advantage to equip your child for the days ahead by helping him or her memorize Bible verses while young. Explain to your child that the Holy Spirit

will recall later in life the Scripture committed to memory today (John 14:26). Equipping him with the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17) is your parental responsibility as well as the method of achieving your heart's desire for training him to walk in paths of righteousness all his days.

Ask God to show you ways to encourage your children to write God's Word on the tablet of their hearts. Explain to your child that having Scripture in their hearts will help them triumph over sin and Satan, make them more like Jesus, and deepen their relationship with God.

Quest for Christ

The Quest for Christ

A donkey, praying hands, three coins, and a strip of leather . . . what do all these have in common? They will be used to help our children understand the true meaning of Easter -- the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

As the saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words." And a hands-on illustration is even more effective in sharing the truths of Scripture with children. Resurrection Eggs will

be used to help us learn the wonderful Resurrection story.

Thank you to Linda Ostler, Renita Harris, Pastor Brian, and Phil Burkle for bringing these truths to our children.



Celebrate
Easter

Links of Love News

Valentine sacks were filled with a variety of candy, cookies, and snacks. The Links of Love prepared and delivered these goodie bags to our church members in nursing homes and to our family & friends who are shut-ins.

The group served a funeral dinner for the Dan Gochenour family. Dan passed away February 13th at age 85. Several of Dan's family and friends attend our church. We send them our deepest sympathy. Dan was a brother to Patty Bright and Nancy Disinger.

Two American flags, two Christian flags, and a flag stand were purchased to replace the flags near the church chancel and in the basement. These were replaced because they were soiled, faded and old. The old flags were given to the Boy Scouts to be properly disposed of.

The new flags and flag stand were given by Links of Love from their memorial fund in memory of LeVaughn Stong, Ben Bright, and Junior Roush.

Two wall clocks were placed in the church basement in memory of Ben Bright.

A new snow blower has been purchased for church use in memory of Keith Rothenberger.

Each year in August and February, our church donates laundry soap to the Rossville Food Pantry. Two of our church members are asked to help in our months to donate their time. Arlene Gangwer and Jane Roush are helping in the month of February. The Links of Love are donating the money for this project. A special thanks to Bob & Arlene Gangwer for being responsible for getting the soap to the Food Pantry each month. Bob & Arlene have been doing this for several years.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Prayer 8:30 a.m. Quest 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Milner's 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Youth 5:30-7 p.m.</p>	2	3	<p>4 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 a.m.</p> <p>Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Men's Fraternity 5:30 - 7 a.m.</p> <p>L.R.E. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Fraternity 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	6	7
<p>8 Prayer 8:30 a.m. Quest 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth 5:30-7 p.m.</p>	9 Ad Council 7 p.m.	10 Adventure Club 6 - 7:30 p.m.	<p>11 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 a.m.</p> <p>Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Men's Fraternity 5:30 - 7 a.m.</p> <p>Audit Team 6 p.m.</p> <p>L.R.E. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Fraternity 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	13	14
<p>15 Prayer 8:30 a.m. Quest 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth 5:30-7 p.m.</p>	16 Worship Team 7:00 p.m.	17 Adventure Club 6 - 7:30 p.m.	<p>18 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 a.m.</p> <p>Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Men's Fraternity 5:30 - 7 a.m.</p> <p>Men's Fraternity 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	20	21
<p>22 Prayer 8:30 a.m. Quest 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth 5:30-7 p.m.</p>	23 Children's Ed Team 7:00 p.m.	24 Spring Break - No Adventure Club!!	<p>25 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 a.m.</p> <p>Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	26	27	28
<p>29 Prayer 8:30 a.m. Quest 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth 5:30-7 p.m.</p>	30 Finance Team 7:00 p.m.	31 Adventure Club 6 - 7:30 p.m.				



Lent & Easter Services

Rossville U. M. C.

Wednesday, March 4th, 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service - Personal Testimony, Phil Burkle

Wednesday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service - Personal Testimony, To be announced

Wednesday, March 18th, 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service - Personal Testimony, Jason Mowery

Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service - Personal Testimony, To be announced

Sunday, March 29th, 10:15 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Community Worship Service
at Living Stone Church

Sunday, April 5th, 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Community Worship Service
Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m.
at Living Stone Church

Sunday, April 5th, 9:00 a.m.
Quest for Christ Easter Celebration, RUMC

Sunday, April 5th, 10:15 a.m.
Easter Worship Service, RUMC

Sunday, April 5th, 3:00 p.m.
Milner's Healthcare Easter Worship Service
Milner's Healthcare, Rossville

Milk Project
His Eyes Ministry
Honduras
Missionaries: Trevor & Valerie Colby

The children are now being served four days a week, with nearly 60 children each day.

They wash their hands and come in for prayer. A meal is served to them. Sometimes, it's milk and cookies, but almost all the time they receive something more substantial. They may receive a real meal of rice and chicken, or hot dogs, or beans and rice. It varies.

They sing some songs and have a lesson.

If there are materials, they do a craft. This does not happen often. It is done more often when missions groups are there.

Some days, the children get some time in the library, or to play, or draw with chalk in the driveway.

The activities all take place in the old clinic, the first floor below the mission house (where our mission team was housed).

This is a huge improvement over the time we were there, when they had milk and cookies in two shacks, primary and intermediate.

His Eyes Ministry, working almost entirely with mission groups, are in the process of building a new building to house the project. They had two Churches help them raise money last year to buy two lots next to the Mission property. They have been working this year on retaining walls and hope to raise money to get to the point where they can pour a floor.

When they move into the new building, all in God's time, they hope to fundraise enough to have two full time teachers, plus a cook, to not only do what they do now, but also be able to have the kids there for hours more at a time. They really want to help them with homework and help them to get through school and make a difference long term for their families by being able to get better jobs. Long term vision, but definitely a vision.

As you can see, the Milk Project continues to grow to help the kids who come. When our mission team was there, we also saw mothers come with their children, so it's really an outreach to those beyond the kids.

Maria has been making some home visits. It will take her awhile to visit them all, to reach out to the families, to get to know them better, to see how the Milk Project can help more, and to make sure the kids are being helped in the way

they really need it the most.

Some of the struggles she is seeing in visiting the homes of the Milk Project kids' homes are no food, no clothing, no shoes, no materials to be able to go to school, and parents sharing that they have to decide between the possibility of eating versus enrolling their kids in school.

Here you can see Maria, who works very hard on lesson plans, getting things ready and pretty much everything related to making the milk project happen daily. She has a few volunteers to help with some of the classes (including her own daughter) but you can imagine how much work and stress it can be to work with so many kids for so many hours a day.



The Quest for Christ is supporting the Milk Project. The kids bring their money each Sunday and place in the offering plate on our worship center. Many of our congregation have also given toward the Milk Project. Thank you! Contributions may be given through the church, designated as Honduras Milk Project.

HONDURAS Milk Project



6 Birthdays



Reanna Lowery	3/4
Jordan Ream	3/7
Rebecca Lowery	3/13
Brendon Bright	3/14
Daniel Newbauer	3/14
Payton Dennison	3/17
Nancy Disinger	3/17
Mackenzie Hodgen	3/19
James Peterson	3/19
Erica Jarman	3/20
Madison Douglas	3/22
Dan Cooper	3/24
Jacob DeHaven	3/24
Brinsley Cooper	3/25
Brittany Crosley	3/25
Hannah Dotson	3/26
Susie Moore	3/28
John Washam	3/29
Hovey Newbauer	3/30



Anniversaries

Dennis & Helen Donoho	3/19
Jack & Phyllis Hodgen	3/22
Tom & Allison Holden	3/26

Lenten Services

Join us Wednesday evenings as we hear personal testimony from members of our congregation.

March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Phil Burkle

March 11, 7:00 p.m.
To Be Announced

March 18, 7:00 p.m.
Jason Mowery

March 25, 7:00 p.m.
To Be Announced

Praying Together

We have several opportunities to come together as the body of Christ and pray for our church & community, and one another. Every Sunday morning we come together at 8:30 to pray for the morning's service. Second and fourth Sunday evenings, we meet at 5:00 to pray specifically for our community and our country. Second and fourth Wednesday evenings, we meet at 7:00; this is a less-structured prayer time. We hope you can join us for prayer!

Prayer Chain

Prayer requests for the church prayer chain can be submitted to Lori Need, 765-258-3022. Lori will start the phone tree system as soon as possible after receiving a request.

Good Samaritan Fund

Sunday, March 29th, will be the fifth Sunday of the month. Please keep in mind that all cash and loose change in the offering plate will go to support the RUMC Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is used by Pastor Brian and Renita to help people in need. In January and February, we were able to help two families with rent, buy a new water heater for a family at Wildwood, provide diapers and wipes for two families, and purchase groceries for another family. Thank you for your support of this fund.

College Students

Please take a moment to send a note of encouragement!

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Marion, IN 46953

Jeannie Kennell
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CPO Box 1694
Wilmore, KY 40390

Lucas Zobel
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Lafayette, IN 47909

Brinsley Cooper
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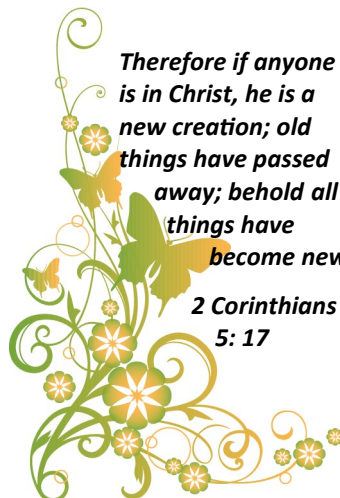
Kirk Holden
2025 Lincoln Ave., Apt# A3
Evansville, IN 47714

Don't forget about our loose coin collection each Sunday during worship. This is a great way to get your kids/grandkids involved in Missions and giving!



Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5: 17



Jim & Wilma Graves would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, visits, and prayers while Jim has been recovering from surgery. The love and support of our church family is very much appreciated!



Financial Notes

Needed Weekly to meet 2015 budget:	\$3,235.49
February 1	\$2,897.00
February 8	\$4,350.50
February 15	\$1,405.00
February 22	\$1,841.07