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Todd's Thoughts

Love in Action

Dear Church Family,

Our fall quarter takes us to the book of Mark and our theme is: **Love In Action**. We are going to take that theme to heart this fall as we seek to step up our efforts to reach the lost in Riverton. In our Natural Church Development survey we took this spring, Gift-Based Ministry was our low point of the eight quality characteristics of healthy churches. That means we, as a congregation, have some work to do in getting our members plugged into ministries that match their gifts.

Isaiah mentioned on Sunday August 26th that if you have ideas for ministry come to us or the Elders and we will try and get some things started or help you get started in a ministry to reach others. We want to empower each one to serve.

One of the areas that I feel passionate about is Servant Evangelism. Servant Evangelism is going outside the walls of the church and ministering to needs of the community in practical ways. About a year and a half ago we did a battery give-away during daylight savings time. When it comes to Servant Evangelism you don't have to be a Bible scholar or have all the answers, basically if you love people and like to help them out in practical

ways you can be a part. The motto of SE is, "Small acts of kindness can change the world." I would like us to consider how "Small acts of kindness can change Riverton."

We are planning two projects for September:

1) A booth at CWC.

September 11th is Convocation at Central Wyoming College here in Riverton at 10AM. At noon we will have a booth with cookies, pop, and a drawing for CCR t-shirts. Isaiah and I plan on being there to visit with the college students, but if you'd like to help, please let us know and you can join us. We would like to ask the ladies to bake cookies for us to give out and for the congregation to donate cases of Pepsi or Diet-pepsi for us to give out as well. Any left over pop will be used for our second outreach, an evening pop give-away.

2) Family Movie Night.

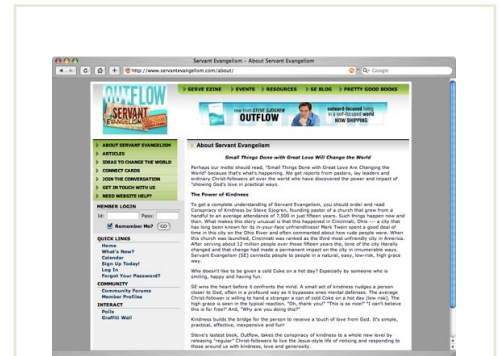
Another area that Melissa and I are passionate about is Drama. I love a good play or a good movie. Acting that challenges my faith and draws me closer to God inspires me. We are going to start Family Movie Night in September on the 14th @ 7PM. This month's movie is: Facing The Giants. It was produced by a church and has an incredible message. So come enjoy a great movie, great fellowship and some popcorn. Maybe we could

discuss how the message challenges our faith afterwards.

There are hundreds of ideas for SE projects. You can see some at www.servantevangelism.com and see a better idea of what we are trying to do. Or if you have any ideas, please let us know.

On the Journey,

Todd



check out servantevangelism.com



September 14th at 7pm - Family Movie Night: Facing the Giants



50th Anniversary

The following is a sample of some of the letters sent to the Christian Church of Riverton to commemorate the church's 50th Anniversary.

"...People here say my eyes sparkle when I talk about Riverton and the Church there, and rightly so. I was just 22 when I arrived there in May of 1976 having never ever been in the state of Wyoming. I was received with open arms and warm hearts as soon as I arrived... I remember fondly the revivals and special services we shared together... I know many of those who we loved are now together around the throne and are basking in the eternal love of God. It is in smiling through our tears and with great joy that we remember them. We are thankful that God blessed us with them in our lives and anticipate being united with them... What a day that will be!

May God continue to bless the church in Riverton as you serve Him.

Love, Joe Lees"

"You are to be commended for your 50 years of faithful witness for Christ in Riverton. It has been my privilege to follow the progress of the church during the last 47 years... May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him and share the gospel with others through exemplary lives and the spoken Word. The church in Gillette sends you greetings and congratulations. We will continue to pray on your behalf.

Yours for the growth of the Kingdom,
Dr. Gerald Parriott, Interim Minister,
Christian Church of Gillette Wyoming"

"Dear Friends in Ole Wyoming!!

Guess there are not many left who were part of the Riverton congregation from 1958 to 1963 when we were there. We remember those years with fondness and appreciation for friendships that were developed...

Blessings in Christ,
Russell and Bonnie Moomaw"



Celebration Services

Merv Johnson was the main speaker during the 50th Anniversary Celebrations that occurred from August 24th through August 26th.

Friday, August 25th, the celebration began at 7am at the Sundowner Motel Restaurant, with the Men's Breakfast. Later that day, the youth group had a BBQ at 5pm at the Parsonage, eating burgers and playing croquet. Soon after the first service started, at 7pm.

The first service began with a hymn sing, then a time of praising God for past blessings, a drama from Todd and Melissa titled, "What's the point" and finally Merv's message on the origin of



the Church and his time preaching in Riverton. Afterward, we shared a fellowship time with pies and finger food.

Saturday, the 25th, there was a BBQ at Sunset Park. The 3 F's were present, Food, Friends, and Fellowship, so a good time was had by all. The youth played Ultimate Football against "those not so young," and ultimately won, evening the score after their loss in a softball game early in the summer. Todd Smith was heard rallying the troops, and looking for volunteers for this winter's competition - Ice Hockey.



Saturday Evening Service started with some praise and worship songs, then a Praise and Prayer time that dealt with praises and prayers for the present of the Church. Todd and Melissa performed a skit called, "Bush." Merv's message was an encouragement for the present, that every person has something they can do to serve God. We then shared some more food and fellowship time.

Sunday, the 26th, was the final day of the anniversary, with praise and worship time and the final skit from Todd and Melissa. Todd spoke for a few minutes on the present of the church, then Isaiah spoke on the future of the church, and led into Merv's final message, which called us to focus on the future of the Church and to let God use us to further his Kingdom.

Merv's messages from Saturday and Sunday are available for download on the website: www.rivchristian.com

Finally, a big thank you to all were involved, sent letters, and especially the prayers, may God grant us another 50 years to serve Him!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Birthdays:</u> 9/6 - Evelyn Olson 9/7 - Lori Santee 9/12 - Daniel and Stephanie Stelzner 9/14 - Jeff Stelzner 9/27 - Candy Mason			<u>Anniversaries:</u> 9/4 - Marty and Candy Mason			1)
2) Music: A Text: Mark 1:1-34 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	3)	4) 	5) 12pm - Minister's Prayer Meeting 7pm - Men's Life Transformation Group	6)  7pm - Youth Group 7pm - Circle of Friends Small Group	7)  7am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am - Elder's Meeting	8)
9) Music: B Text: Mark 1:35-3:6 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	10)	11) 12m - Booth at CWC 2pm - Homestead Services 7pm - Christian Women's Fellowship	12)  12pm - Minister's Prayer Meeting 7pm - Men's Life Transformation Group	13) 7pm - Youth Group	14)  7am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 7pm - Family Movie Night	15)
16) Music: A Text: Mark 3:7-4:34 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Following will be a Potluck and Business Meeting	17)	18) 7pm - Shattering Your Strongholds Study	19) 12pm - Minister's Prayer Meeting 7pm - Men's Life Transformation Group	20) 7pm - Youth Group	21) 7am - Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am - Elder's Meeting Ladies Retreat Begins	22) Ladies Retreat Continues
23) Music: B Text: Mark 4:35-5:43 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship Ladies Retreat Ends	24)	25) 2pm - Homestead Services 7pm - Shattering Your Strongholds Study	26) 12pm - Minister's Prayer Meeting 7pm - Men's Life Transformation Group	27)  7pm - Youth Group	28) 7am - Men's Prayer Breakfast	29)
30) Music: C Text: Mark 6 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	31)					

Date	Meditations	Prayer	Nursery	Children's Church	Music
9/2	Archie Tank	Dean VonKrosigk	Sara Henni	Michelle DesEnfants	A
9/9	Tod Jordan	Chris Foley	Lori Santee	Melissa Smith	B
9/16	Barney Himes	Ryan Foley	Charleen VonKrosigk	Stelzner's	A
9/23	Rod DesEnfants	Tim Foley	Autumn Vick	Henni's	B
9/30	Marty Mason	Retha Reinke	Chris Foley	Melissa Smith	C
10/7	Tim Foley	Marty Mason	Sara Henni	Michelle DesEnfants	A

Isaiah's Thoughts - How do we react?

Something that God's been working on me the past few weeks is how I react when something happens. Whether it is something that is good or bad. The other day, our Jeep needed a new oxygen sensor, so I decided that I could fix it myself, and save some money. I ran into problems, and, to make a long story short, it took a couple of afternoons of pulling and tugging, and finally heating it up with a torch to get it loose. When it did finally come loose, I said, "Thank you God!" That's a pretty good reaction, right?

The problem is that throughout all of the frustration in yanking and pulling I never said, "Thank you God for this..." Why? Probably because we never think to praise God in the hard times, but only after the hard times have past...

Why is it so easy to forget that we can praise God in everything? At least David had it figured out, Psalm 34:1-3 says, "I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!" (ESV) Do you see the key words? Continually praise Him... I don't know about you, but I know that's something I have to work on... In Christ, **Isaiah**



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