

**New Year, New Faith!**

If you are visiting with us today we want to genuinely express our pleasure that you are with us. We want you to feel welcomed and invited. It is also our desire to motivate you to make some decisions about your life in this new year. There are many self help books on how to improve or make your life better. There are many changes that you can make by only relying on yourself. But our greatest hope is that you will start this new year with a new faith. Not a faith in yourself, your circumstance or your talents, but a faith that is firmly rooted in God. This kind of faith, faith in God, is scary because you don't know where it will lead you. This kind of faith, faith in God, is exhilarating because it puts you in uncharted territories of relying on the "unseen God" and his promises rather than the "seen" you. Here are some things you have to do to have a New Year, New Faith:

1. You must decide to make God the focus of your faith.
2. You must have a road map that will direct your path. We believe the Bible is that road map. Decide today that you will start reading the Bible and doing what it says. If you need help studying the Bible there are many fellow travelers here, who would love to share with you what they have learned.
3. You must realize that you have to start somewhere. The fallacy of "being perfect" before you make any decision really stops most of us from doing anything. Any great journey starts with one step.
4. Expect things to happen that will pull you back into your old way of thinking. God is real and so is Satan. Satan hates it when anyone makes a decision to pull

away from him.

5. Put yourself in the presence of people who are heading in the direction you are heading. It takes more than a once a week attendance of church to keep that focus.
6. Begin to pray. It is very humbling to think that the creator of the universe desires to have an audience with you and you alone! God has told us that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer". (I Peter 3:12)

Start the new year with a new faith. A new faith changes you into a new you! Let today be that day! -KW

**Calling all building stewards!** We are trying to spread the wealth by not putting the responsibility of opening and closing the church building on one or two individuals. Please help by signing up for a month on the worksheet in the Peden Chapel.

**We will begin our "Fireproof" marriage series next Saturday.** We will eat dinner together @6:00pm and view the movie afterwards. Please be purchasing your copies of "Love Dare". We will use the lessons and challenges from this book in our following classes.

**Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti!** Praise God we were able to collect \$3,571.00 last Sunday to assist in the emergency help. We will also be collecting for Haiti this Sunday. Thanks for your generosity!

**"Fire Proof" Marriage Class,** Saturdays,  
1/30/10- 3/13/10, 6:00 pm,

Introductory session for all participants on 1/30.  
Young Married (with children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or younger) sessions on 2/13, 27 and 3/13/10.  
Older Married (with children above 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) sessions on 2/6, 20 and 3/6/10.

**"Too Busy Not to Pray"** Women's Class led by Shann Perkins for the month of February will begin on Wednesdays.

**Books for classes** may be ordered through our Bookstore for the upcoming marriage class and the women's class.

**Library of used books** is available in the Peden Chapel Room 201. Thanks to Frank Wimberly for overseeing this project and to the members who donate the books! It is on a 'take one, leave one' basis.

**CONTRIBUTION**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$7150.00</b>
Contribution	\$6819.18
Dr. in Bogotá	\$395.25
Special Missions	\$50.00
Music/Media	\$0.00
Local Benevolence	\$0.00
Haiti	\$3571.00

Along with our regular contribution we will be taking up a contribution on the first Sunday of each month for our Music/Media Ministry. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays we will collect money to support the Dr. that serves the poor at the Hope Clinic in Bogotá. The month that we have a fifth Sunday we will take a collection that goes towards local benevolence.  
**Sean Finch**

**Louisville Church of Christ Purpose Statement**  
The purpose of the Louisville Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family—by connecting them with a vibrant, spirit-led church family that reflects the diversity of our metro Louisville community—to help them grow in Christ-like maturity and to become equipped for their personal ministries in the church and their life's missions in the world—in order to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Midweek Service**  
**Wednesday, 1/27/10**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Marriage Class**  
**Saturdays, 6 pm**  
**1/30 through 3/13/10**  
**Women's Class**  
**Wednesdays, 2/3-24/10**  
**ACR Campus Retreat**  
**And**  
**HS Teen Retreat**  
**2/26-28/10**

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