

OUR 2012 THEME

# HIGHER GROUND

A silhouette of a person climbing a cliff against a sunset background with mountains and a bird in flight.

HEBREWS 6: 9-12

## PLAN OF ACTION 2012

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# A LETTER FROM THE ELDERS

## **A Letter From the Elders at Lake Forest**

To the Church Family at Lake Forest,

We are blessed to be able to see another year in 2012! God has certainly blessed this congregation in so many ways in the past. 2011 was another year of God's great blessings and we are truly thankful for that. We added several new members to our congregation in 2011, and had to say goodbye to a few as well. However, a new year is upon us and so are many new blessings from God in 2012 if we will be busy in His work.

As you know, each year we seek to set a theme for the year to help us focus in on the goals we wish to achieve. We have had some very meaningful and important themes in years past.

2004 – Being A Caring Church

2005 – O Worship the King

2006 – Follow Me, And I Will Make You Become Fishers Of Men

2007 – The Mind of Christ

2008 – A.W.A.R.E. – Always Watching For Anyone Who Requires Edification

2009 – One By One

2010 – Between The Sundays

2011 – Walking With Jesus

Once again this year we have selected a new theme. However, we want to remind you that we intend to remember our themes from the past and build upon them. This is important for us if we are to continue to grow. Our theme for this year is "Higher Ground". The verse we wish to focus on with our theme comes from Hebrews 6:9-12.

Our new theme is centered on the idea of reaching for new heights. We want to strive for perfection in every aspect of our Christian walk in 2012. We can strive for this whether it deals with our Bible study habits, our prayer life, being a better spouse, better parent, or becoming more evangelistic. There are so many ways and so many opportunities for improvement in our service to God. One such area of opportunity is through our Fishers of Men class that is being offered beginning in January. There will also be lessons presented the first Sunday of the month that will focus on our theme for 2012.

We as your elders stand always ready to serve and help you in anyway that we can. Please do not hesitate to call upon us.

May God's blessings be upon us all,

The Elders



## OUR 2012 THEME

Theme: Higher Ground

Key Verse: Hebrews 6:9-12

Theme Explanation: This year's theme is "Higher Ground". The idea behind our theme is to continue to strive for better things in our lives, just as our text speaks of.

Sometimes as Christians we become satisfied with the spiritual level or plateau that we have reached. It may be because we find ourselves higher than others around us. We may feel like that as long as we are "above average" Christians that we no longer need to strive for more. However, we must realize that there is always room to grow and improve in our spiritual life. In our text, the Hebrew writer explains that he expected the Hebrews to do "better things" and continue to climb higher in their spiritual walk. He also stated that he did not want them to become "sluggish". We challenge you this year to find some aspects of your Christian life and do your best to grow and improve in those areas.



## MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

- > **Wayne Pruett – Guyana**
- > **Terry Pittman - Guyana**
- > **Barry Hatcher – Indonesia**
- > **Guyana Preaching Student**
- > **Scott Shanahan – Micronesia**
- > **Gary Wyder – Prison Work**
- > **Timothy Wilkes – Fishers Of Men**
- > **Latin American Preaching Student**
- > **Latin American Missionary – Jack Farber**
- > **Raintree Village – Valdosta, GA**
- > **Rainbow Omega – Estaboga, AL**
- > **Member Mission Trips**
- > **The Voice of Truth Magazine**

# 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

- 1 - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Fishers of Men Class @ 7pm
- 15 - Youth Devotional
- 28 - Men's Breakfast
- 29 - 5th Sunday - Men Preach in PM

## FEBRUARY

- 5 - Youth Devotional
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - Fishers of Men Class @ 7pm
- 11 - Senior Appreciation Dinner
- 24-26 - Y.E.S. Weekend (Youth)
- 29 - 5th Wednesday

## MARCH

- 5, 12 - Fishers of Men Class @ 7pm
- 9 - Lads to Leaders Work Night
- 19 - Fishers of Men Banquet - Time TBA
- 24 - Guys/Girls Night Out (Youth)
- 28 - Lads to Leaders Night

## APRIL

- 1 - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 1 - Leaderette Services @ 3pm
- 6-8 - Lads to Leaders Convention
- 29 - 5th Sunday, Men Preach in PM

## MAY

- 4 - Teach Appreciation Banquet @ Zoo
- 5 - Youth Service Project
- 6 - Congregational Meeting w/Elders
- 12 - Ladies Day
- 13 - Youth Devotional
- 25-27 - Prepared 2 Share Youth Evangelism Conference @ Lakeside
- 30 - 5th Wednesday

## JUNE

- 8 - Youth Lock-in
- 24-30 - Florida Bible Camp

## JULY

- 1 - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 13-15 - Vacation Bible School
- 28 - Bible Bowl @ Lakeside
- 29 - 5th Sunday - Men Preach in PM

## AUGUST

- 5 - Youth Devotional
- 10 - Sun's Game Outing (Youth)
- 26 - Promotion Day
- 29 - 5th Wednesday

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 - Destination Unknown (Youth)
- 22 - Youth Service Project
- 23 - Lads To Leaders Kickoff Dinner
- 30 - 5th Sunday

## OCTOBER

- 6 - Progressive Dinner (Youth)
- 7 - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 13 - Hoedown at the Sieg's
- 21 - Youth Devotional
- 31 - CandyWalk @ Building
- 31 - 5th Wednesday

## NOVEMBER

- 4 - Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting (1-4pm)
- 9 - Youth Lock-In
- 18 - Thanksgiving Baskets
- 21 - Song/Devo Service

## DECEMBER

- 1 - Holiday Trip for Seniors/Others
- 8 - Holiday Party @ Bennett's
- 15 - Youth Holiday Party
- 23 - Holiday Party and Fellowship after PM service
- 27-30 - Exposure Youth Camp