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# ROSE HILL

## Friends Church

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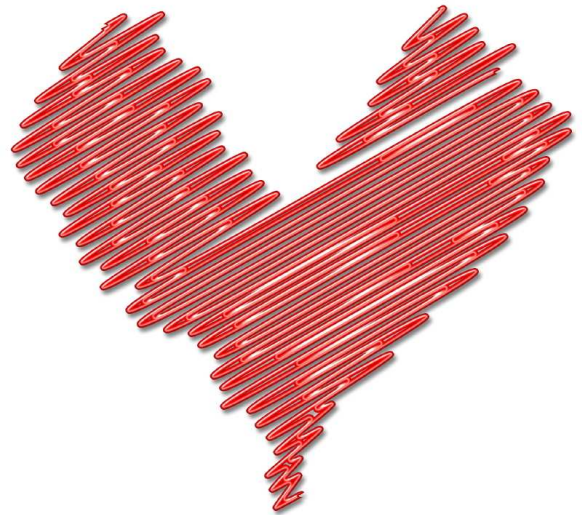
By Pastor David

Ah, February! The month of hearts, flowers, candy and LOVE! I can think of no other topic more in tune with the heart of God than “love,” for after all, He is love! Throughout the month of January, the sermons focused on our “duty, obligation, and continuing debt: to love each other, our fellow man and the world” (Rom. 13:8). Living and loving like Christ is simply a response to His great unchanging and unconditional love for us. We love because He first loved us, and according to scripture, we must express our love to God by loving people. When we love like Christ, the world sees Him and is drawn to Him. God has given Christ-like love an inherent evangelistic element. I believe we have all been challenged to see “what is in our hand” that we can give back to God and allow Him to use in reaching out and loving others. Several of you have told me that you are really seeking God for the answer to this question and asking him to show you how you can apply the truth as He reveals it to you. I know God is going to answer us because He promises that when we ask, seek and knock, He will give, we will find and the door will be opened! My prayer for us all is that we be given power to grasp the height, width, breadth and depth of Christ’s love for us

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because when we do, it will change the way we live and set us free to live and love like Jesus and in so doing, fulfill the only commandment Jesus gave us: “Love one another, even as I have loved you!”

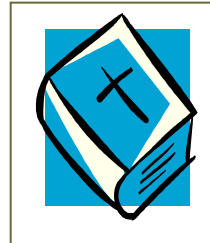


## YOUTH NEWS

### *BELIEVE Conference 2012*

On February 3-4, Pastor Gabe and Spencer Linville will be taking **Jeremiah Rucas, Cyruss Wilson, and Philip Hinecker** to the *Jr. High Believe Conference* in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year that RHFC youth have gone to this event.

**What is Believe?** A two-day conference built specifically for Jr. Highers. *Believe* uses tactile and interactive experience stations, structured free time, intentional small



*February 3 & 4  
See It  
Experience It  
Believe it*

group times within the group, and engaging worship that will bring moments of crazy energy and contemplation before God.

This year's theme for Believe is "Word Tour" - pointing Jr. Highers to the awesome power of God's Word.

### *Spring Invasion 2012 // March 17-24*

**What is Spring Invasion?** A short-term missions program sponsored by EFC-MAYM in cooperation with Coahuila, Mexico Friends Churches. Spring Invasion has been hosting Friends Church Sr. High student missions teams in Mexico since 1993. This takes place during Spring Break.

Registration is due **February 22** online @ [friendsyouth.com](http://friendsyouth.com). Before students do anything else, they need to be applying for a **PASSPORT** or **PASSPORT CARD (AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)** which is **REQUIRED** to attend Spring Invasion.

#### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

**-February 3-4 // Jr. High "Believe" Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**-February 5 // Super Bowl Party @ RHFC // 5pm**

**-February 12 // Youth Lead Nursing Home Ministry // 5pm (FREE Sonic after)**

**-February 22 // Online Registration Due Date for "Spring Invasion" ([friendsyouth.com](http://friendsyouth.com))**

**-February 24 // WinterJam @ Intrust Bank Arena**

**-March 17-24 // High School "Spring Invasion" to Coahuila, Mexico (PASSPORTS or PASSPORT CARD required)**

## Ladies Bible Studies at RHFC

Three new ladies Bible studies have begun at Rose Hill Friends Church

*Breaking Free* by Beth Moore started at Patti Rucas's home on January 9. It meets at 9:30 every Tuesday morning. *Breaking Free* leads through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus, the faithfulness of God and the road to that freedom.

*JAMES* by Beth Moore is being offered at the church and it began on January 19. It will meet on Thursdays, with the choice of 9:30am or 6:30pm. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.

It's not too late to join, but you will want to decide quickly, because your homework is mounting up!

## Connect...with

...neighbors...community...world

Connect is an outreach and missions focused group, meeting monthly to "connect" with local and foreign mission fields. We will "connect" with our neighbors, communities and mission fields through prayer for their spiritual needs and seeking ways we can be used to meet their physical needs. The month of February, we will "connect" with Nepal and the Navajo Nation. This group is for men, women or teens who desire to "connect". We will meet on Tuesday, February 14 from 7-8pm



All Church Super Bowl Party  
February 5 @5pm  
(or after the nursing home service)

See the game on the BIG screen!

Bring your favorite game-time snack to share.

Drinks will be provided.

Come to see last year's ping-pong champ,

Craig Mayes, defend his title!

Enjoy board games, too!

Great fellowship and fun!!

## Youth News (continued)

### February Youth Group Lesson Series: "Three Letter 'S' Word"

Yep, that's right. **SEX** - Something that our culture considers a "no-no" to talk about inside the church. Unfortunately, junior high and high school students are most likely only hearing the **myths** about sex from their friends. In the **month of February**, RHFC junior high and high school students will have the opportunity to learn about **truths** of God's gift of sex. The goal is to extinguish the myths they have learned and prepare them for the "fiery darts" thrown at them by the enemy.

#### Here are the weekly themes of the series:

-What Does the Bible Teach About Sex?

-How Far is Too Far?

-4 Myths & 4 Truths About Sex

-Creative Dating

-Guilt Trip & God's Way

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**Mission Statement**

Rose Hill Friends Church,  
in obedience to Jesus Christ our Lord,  
endeavors to encourage and nurture spiritual  
growth and reach out  
to the community and beyond  
presenting the Gospel.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:45am

**Wednesday - 7-8pm**

Discovery - age 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

PAC Club - 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades

Junior High Youth - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades

Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday - 8-9pm**

High School Youth - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

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