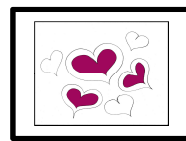


ROSE HILL

Friends Church



February 2015

From the Pastor's Pen

By Pastor David

Are you a believer? Of course you are. You believe in something - everyone does! The better question might be, "What is it that you believe in, and how do you live your life because of it?" Very often when I talk with folks about spiritual things they begin by telling me, "I believe in God." As if that alone somehow qualifies or entitles any of us to anything! The devil believes in God, and he knows the scriptures too! ...but he won't be in heaven. Many folks believe in God with an intellectual kind of belief that only goes as far as the surface of the brain. Their so-called 'belief' never penetrates the heart; it never leads them to repentance that results in a changed attitude, life-style, or behavior. They might have heard, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!" and it makes them think that they have punched their ticket to heaven. But the kind of faith that saves a man is more than an intellectual affirmation of an idea, a philosophy or a historical narrative. The saving faith that the Bible describes is a belief that reaches the heart - a faith that is proven out in the "fruit" that is produced when a life is radically altered, born again and made into a new creation.

Salvation is a gift that is given to those who have entered a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "No one can come to the Father, except through me." (John 14:6) For a flawed, sinful, less-than-perfect human being to attempt to dictate our terms to a sinless, perfect, Holy Creator who has all power and all knowledge is simply ridiculous. We must come to Him on His terms, and His terms are spelled out for us in the Bible. We must begin by believing that He is who He says He is, that he did what He said He would do and that He will do what He has promised. When we get to know who He really is and see what He really did for us, it convicts us of our sinful pride. We begin to grasp our personal responsibility for our selfish rebellion and sin against him. In godly sorrow, we repent, which means to confess to Him and turn away from our sins. We ask Him to forgive us and by faith receive that forgiveness which he paid for with His own blood on the cross. When we truly "believe" we will be saved "by grace through faith"...and then moved on in the same "by grace through faith" way to obey to His Word. For we walk by faith and not by sight! The question is not, "do you believe in God?"... it is "do you believe God?"

YOUTH NEWS

Believe 2015 Tour

Believe conference took place on January 30-31 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The students who attended were Carly Wilson, Dakota Tireman, Hallie Mayes, Kiara McNabb, Madilyn McDonald, Sage Nottingham, & Weston Smith. Gabe and Sarah Hancock led the trip. More stories and testimonies to come later on!

The theme for this year's *Believe* was "AFTER" from the story of King David who was "a man after God's own heart." *Believe* challenged students to do the same because "When you are AFTER God, He will lead you to bigger things."

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### Jr. High Bible Quiz

Pastor Gabe was not able to attend the first quiz, so he asked DeAnna Linville & Karis Ray to lead the road trip to Bethel Friends Church in Hugoton. Our team and the quiz team from Ramona Friends Church all spent the night with Gabe's grandparents, Ervin & Verleen Hancock of Hugoton. The Hancock's have been hosting quiz teams since 1998. We are so grateful for their hospitality!

It was the first quiz ever for our team of Carly Wilson, Hallie Mayes, Madilyn McDonald & Sage Nottingham. They learned a lot and realized they have a lot more to learn! This year the students are studying the first half of the Gospel of John.

Below is the schedule for the Bible Quiz

Tournaments:

February 14 – Miami

March 7 – Chandler

March 28 – Friendswood

April 18 – Northridge



### Saltshaker 2015

Saltshaker is designed to provide EFC-MAYM Sr. High and older students and adults an opportunity to explore and experience life on the Friends mission field – while serving and encouraging missionaries and the church and community. Students who have a desire to serve cross-cultural missions and who are actively maturing as disciples of Christ should apply for Saltshaker!

Do you have questions about Saltshaker? Ask Sarah Hancock, Michael Linville or KK Linville; they have all served on a Saltshaker trip!

\$200 deposit due *February 15*

*Saltshaker Burundi* – June 19-July 5<sup>th</sup>: \$3800

-Primary Director: Matt Macy

*Saltshaker Philippines* – June 25-July 10<sup>th</sup>: \$3300

-Primary Director: Adam Monaghan

You can find more information here:

<http://www.efcmaym.org/saltshaker-mission-trip/>

### NEW VAN!

We're excited to say we have a new (to us) church van! We're extremely grateful for the funds that were donated to make this happen. And we're thankful for individuals who were able to find just the right van for our needs! Thank you!

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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  
Young Adult Group 6:30-8:00pm

**Wednesday - 7:00-8:00pm**

Adult Bible Study  
Youth Group 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Discovery Club - ages 0-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

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