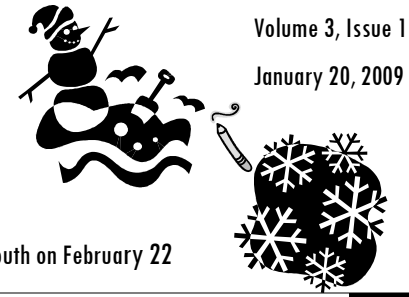


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Special points of interest:

- Deadline for Acquire The Fire is February 1
- Have you read the Important Reminder Box?
- Youth Nights are every Sunday, 4:30-5:30pm
- LOGOS begins on February 11 at 5pm.
- 30 Hour Famine Lock-In is April 24 & 25. Information during Youth on February 22



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RSVP'S & REMINDERS

- ...time's running out for Acquire The Fire reservations. Last chance to reserve tickets by Feb. 1st!
- ...Have you put Youth Sunday, March 15, on the calendar?
- ...You're not too young to come to Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Come and bring your parents!
- ...Did you find the Hidden Image? Contact Anne...



ACQUIRE THE FIRE 2009 "Here Comes Trouble"

Jesus calls us to follow in his footsteps. This year at ATF: Recreate His Life. Recreate Your Faith. Recreate Our World.

Go inside the minds of those who walked alongside the Son of God and relive the unforgettable moments that compelled them to believe. Experience a modern, firsthand portrayal of the life and death of Jesus. Coming to Kansas City Feb 27-28, 2009

⇒ *****Last chance to purchase tickets. Cost is \$40; Anne needs to know by Sunday, February 1st.***** ⇐

*Parents – you can attend also! ATF has special seminars for you during this event. 📖

Check out www.acquirethefire.com for scheduled speakers and bands or for any more information.

Please email anorton@blueridgechurch.org to let Anne know about tickets. You don't want to miss out on this life changing weekend!



Aluminum Can Recycling

We continue to recycle aluminum cans. You may drop them off on the back patio of the youth house and we will take care of the rest! Please NO tin cans, only aluminum.



Sunday School

Please join us on Sunday mornings for a time to share, laugh and learn. Sunday School starts at 10:30. Mid High are in the North wing Downstairs Green Room and Senior High-College Age are at the Youth

LOGOS Resumes

February 11 at 5:00pm

Youth Nights

Youth group is now meeting every Sunday 4:30-5:30pm at the Youth House.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Each of the 13 lessons deals with a different topic that will **change the way you think about personal finance**. Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving. Please join us for an orientation night Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 to learn more about this program. This also would be great for teenagers and young adults. You can never be too young to start learning!

Regular class starts Thursday, February 12th and will be from 6:30-8:30.

Anne's Corner 353-1325

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Last month I challenged you with 2 things. First was to delve deeper into the Bible to learn more about God's plan for you. Anyone do it?

Second was to find a hidden image and the first one to find it won a gift card to Wal-Mart.

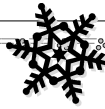


Charleen was the lucky winner last month. Could you be the winner this time?

Please look over this newsletter every month because you never know what you are going to find!

The hidden item for this month is something that keeps you warm. Game on!

With love and care overflowing,
Anne

**PARENT'S CORNER**

"My kid(s) tune me out". Is that how you feel when you try and talk to your teens? It seems to be a common complaint and I recently read about a couple of tips to help create a safe place for your teen to talk to you about tough issues. Your teens are a lot like skittish deer, warily eyeing us for our reaction. And the slightest overreaction on our parts sends them scrambling away and makes them even more cautious about approaching us the next time.



1. Focus on your teen's feelings first, and affirm what they're feeling.
2. Provide an oasis of calm in the midst of their emotional storms.
3. Try not to take hurtful things to heart.
4. Err on the side of believing them even if you don't agree with them.

Probe below the surface.
And finally, good luck!

(Tips come from an article in Focus on the Family Magazine January 2009)

30 Hour Famine April 24 & 25 Lock-In

We have the opportunity to take part of World Vision's 30 Hour Famine April 24-25. Did you know that for every dollar you raise you can feed a starving child for a day?

Every \$30 you raise can feed a starving child for a month?

Save the date!

More information will be coming soon. There will be an informational meeting at youth group on Feb. 22nd.



Please plan on attending if you would like to be apart of this event.

Notes From Linda 353-4826

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"See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all" --1 Thessalonians 5:15

Just a little reminder that we are advised in the Bible not to "pound the other guy" or "get even" but to love unconditionally. No matter who does what to you, you are to love them with the love of Christ. Try it sometime!! Soon! (-:

One way to spread this love is through our Youth Sunday presentation, March 15. If you play an instrument, we will be having an instrumental ensemble or two. If you would like to participate in choir, bells, or drama, it's still not too late! Practices are: Bells - 5:30-6:07; Choir/Drama 6:07-6:45 on Sunday evenings. Instrumental rehearsals TBA.

Just a reminder: We will have special rehearsals for Youth Sunday on Sunday evening, March 8 and the weekend of March 13/14 - probably on Saturday, maybe Friday, times TBA. Mark your calendars, please!!!

Practice "loving thy enemy" this month!!!

Linda

