

NHCC Men's Ministry Newsletter

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This Week's Message

"But I'm a Christian Now..."

(Commentary by Joey Sampaga)

***"And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect."
(Hebrews 11:39-40)***

When I was first saved, I thought that my life was going to be perfect. I figure, now that I have God on my side everything will go my way.

Boy, was I wrong! Just because a person has accepted Christ does not mean that nothing will ever go wrong in your life. God has a much bigger plan for us. And the way his plan works is usually a lot different from how we believe it should work.

There are times God allows pain and suffering to take place in our lives. Usually, this is the time when a Christian questions their faith or blames God. Brothers and Sisters, this is the time we need to rejoice and thank God.

In Romans 5:3-5 it says:

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy

Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Just recently, my wife and I have gone through a very tough time. Our pet, Hugo, was paralyzed from the legs down. Please keep in mind that we don't have kids, and that our 3 dogs are our kids. Anyway, when we brought him to the Vet, they told us he most likely had cancer. So our choices were to allow him to suffer or to put him to sleep.

Heather and I were devastated. But we found the
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Wise Words To Live By

This Week's Psalm

"The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates."

(Psalm 11:5)

This Week's Proverb

"We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." (Proverbs 16:1-3)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

PLACE: DURAZZO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2009

TIME: 8:30AM – 10:00AM

40 DAYS OF LOVE

PLACE: NHCC (SMALL GROUPS)

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2009

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

PLACE: ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2009

TIME: 12:00PM – 3:00PM

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strength through our Lord Jesus Christ. We prayed and prayed and found comfort through Him. This event in our lives really brought Heather and I closer to each other. We spent a lot of time together holding each other, eating meals together, crying together (well, I didn't cry, Heather cried) and doing a lot of things together.

When we looked back at this chapter in our lives, we wondered why God allowed what happen to happen. And I think I know the answer to that question.

Stick with me here... this is the cool part. Before this ever happened, when Heather and I pray together, we always ask God to make our marriage stronger and to give us more quality time to spend with each other. Even though God allowed us to suffer he answered our prayer to make our marriage stronger. God certainly does work in mysterious ways. And it is never how we would have planned it. GOD IS SO GREAT!

Oh, by the way, the vet gave Hugo about a month to live and said that he will never walk again... Well, it's been 3 months and Hugo is still walking and is happy as ever. THANK YOU, JESUS!

Until next time... Take Care & God Bless! – Joey

AVAILABLE BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Studies:

- Tuesday – Finding God – New Testament for Men
 - 5:45AM – 7:00AM
- Wednesday – Christian Life New Testament
 - 6:00AM – 7:00AM

Other Bible Studies:

- Sunday Bible Studies
 - 9:15AM – 11:00AM "The Way"
 - 9:30AM – 10:30AM Family
 - 11:00AM – 12:00PM Faith Builder's
 - 11:00AM – 12:00PM Chronological Adult N.T. Study
- Wednesday Bible Study
 - 6:30PM – 8:00PM "Christian Life"

ARE YOU LOOKING TO SERVE?

Clean the Church:

NHCC saves THOUSANDS of dollars when we pitch in to clean. This can be a Fun and Exciting event for Family & Friends.

Become a Greeter & an Usher

Only thing necessary is that you are friendly, courteous, and have a great smile!

Teach Sunday School or be a Helper

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers and Helpers. If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, take the first step NOW! Teaching is the best way to learn.

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