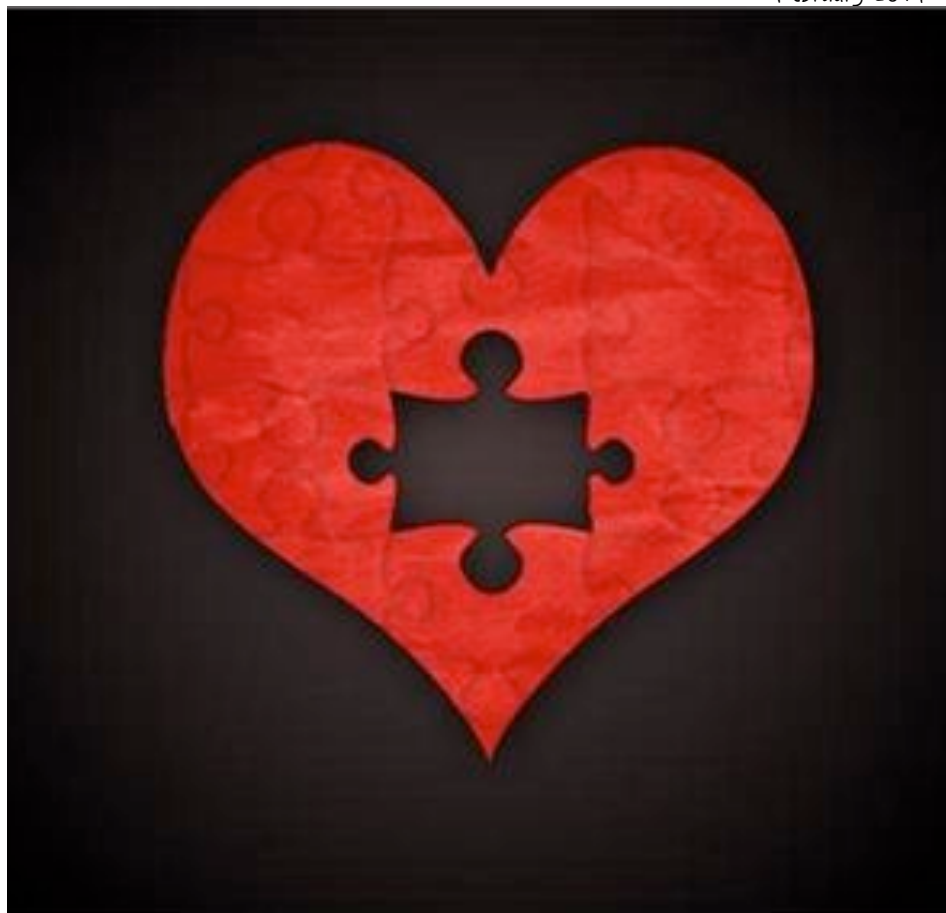


Reliance

NEWSLETTER



..... And the Greatest of all these is love.(1Cor13:13)

February is the love month. Pastor Danny has been preaching on love the month of February and if you have looked at our website and you see the graphics there and wonder what do the arrows mean, well the arrows pointed inward is God's love toward us and the arrows pointed out are our response. He has focused not only on what God has done for us but also our response. When you are in a relationship with someone and hopefully you are in a

relationship with God, but with anyone carnal or heavenly, it requires a response on your part. We have studied love and it has been a great study.

This will carry us on into Easter where we look at and learn the greatest expression of love through Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us.

Our challenge to each other and to you is; What is our daily response to his expression of love in our life? Contemplate on your expression of love to him and to

others. He so freely gave, and is still giving , what are you doing?

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Life Groups



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Currently we have two life groups. We alternate between meeting in their houses, and then meeting as a large group in Pastor Danny's home. In these life groups, we have grown closer and the exciting thing is that we no longer refer to each other as church, but as family.

We fellowship, we eat together and we pour over God's word. We take the scripture from Sunday and dissect it and have a discussion and go to a deeper level.



Why an Outreach Concert?

When we researched the area, we knew that we were coming into an artsy area. Vickie, one of our church members said why don't we have them down here? We didn't think we could afford them but when we called they were willing to cut their fee way low because they have never been to St Pete, and because we are a church. God has blessed in the effort alone of getting them here. We feel like this will be a good outreach as the area loves music and art and a lot of the downtown crowd are young people. We have made great contacts through this as well. Collaborating with other churches and the community. So we know God is working and it's just a privilege to be a part of his work !

How God Worked in this

As we haven't gotten to know the area really well, we are learning it. While it can be discouraging as you look around and talk to people and realize they are totally complacent and happy right where they are. We are seeing people don't really want to go to church

and we are seeing a lot of inconsistency as far as church attendance. People will come and tell us they are coming and then won't or will come once a month.

We know that God has a plan and seeing him orchestrate things is an awesome experience in and of itself. As we started planning this it became more and more of a challenge so we know God will do great things through this and we are anticipating it.

We thought we could secure the high school where we rent each Sunday, but that was a closed door and we prayed and searched and everything is so very expensive, we prayed some more. God sent us the money and we are having it at a theatre here that one of the colleges own. While it is expensive, it is a good place and it's downtown as well. God has provided and we are thankful. As we were in the planning stages the manager that we were dealing with had a stroke and put a delay on a lot of important details, but we know God will work even through that.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Concert Outreach:

1. We will reach someone we haven't reached.
2. Relationships will be formed through it.
3. Salvations will occur.
4. Others will see Christ in us

We request your prayers for our Life Group ministry

Pray for Pastor Danny, Pastor Joel and Devin, our leadership.

Pray that we will be good stewards of what God gives us

Pray for wise decisions

Pray for families and individuals that we are currently ministering too and trying to, Not only a commitment to being involved in church but to a relationship with God

Our First Baptism

We are so excited to say that we are planning our first Baptism. God is good. We have a new family coming to our church and Chris has come forward and wanted to get baptized. We are also gonna baptize our own sweet McKenzie, she has been asking and asking and has professed salvation and what an awesome opportunity her dad (Pastor Danny) got to lead her to Christ!!!!

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

— Matthew 5:14-16, ESV

Reliance Outreach

Homeless outreach

We continue to meet with the homeless every Sunday after church. We take donuts and coffee to a nearby park where they sleep. There is a shelter nearby but they are only allowed to stay in the shelter for so long, then they have to move on and some will just sleep in the park. We serve them and pray with them and speak into their lives and they speak volumes into ours as well. We take so much for granted and we can learn a lot just by being present and willing.

FCA

A number of our younger team went to the local FCA at St Petersburg High school the other day and made some wonderful contacts their and plan to partner with them for more outreach and ministry work.

Canvassing Neighborhoods

As controversial as it may be, we are still meeting and taking flyers out door to door. This month, we are stapling the concert flyer to our door hanger and hanging that on doors.

Worship Now

One thing we have done recently is a worship now night. We got together and invited others to come and just make music, sing and have fun. It was open to anyone. Dan and Allie hosted it at their home and it was great night of worship and fellowship for all who attended. We hope to have more of those for the community as well. Invite others who may have a musical interest and expand our horizons !



Prayer Praises

We are thankful God has orchestrated the concert and we praise him for his provisions.

We are thankful for the churches in the area that have gotten behind us and helped us with advertising for the concert and getting the word for it out.

We have two baptisms coming up in March !!

Still so very thankful for all of our supporters !

We are thankful our women's ministry is off to a great start.

We are meeting one Friday night a month and are really bonding and sharing with each other.