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## OUTREACH

### DO WE REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS?

What comes to your mind when you hear the word *outreach*? In many churches, people associate this word with a weekly event such as visitation. Some are automatically gripped with fear in their heart and mind as they contemplate having to talk to someone they don't

know. Another fear is the prospect of having someone turn them down. The truth is that outreach is much more than a weekly church event. *It is a lifestyle.* It is something that is natural for the individual who has been changed by the power of God. When you look at what happened to the people who were saved in Thessalonica, you quickly realize that their outreach was a natural by-product of radically changed lives. No one had to urge them to share their faith. It just happened! They were so

excited about what had taken place in their lives—both internally and externally—that nobody and nothing could keep them quiet, not even persecution or ridicule.

The fervency that the church at Thessalonica had is what I want to see personally in my life as well as in the life of every member at Mikado. My prayer is that we will actually live the word *outreach* to the point that it is our passion and heartfelt desire. First Thessalonians 1:7 says that the people in the church in Thessalonica were an example to everyone that believed in Macedonia and Achaia. Their outreach wasn't just a word or a weekly church event. It was their life.

May God give all of us boldness to share what God has done in our lives. That's the true definition of the word *outreach*.

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Rusty Smith, Pastor

# A Journey to Remembrance

On May 16th, 2011, a team from Mikado embarked on an unforgettable journey to the Holy Land. Almost three million people visit Israel each year. There are 12.8 million Jewish people in the world today and 42 percent of them live in Israel. Dr. Craig Hartman of Shalom Ministries hosted the trip. Let's begin with some observations from a few of the team members.



## MARY JANE GEGOGAINE

Being in Israel helped me understand Jesus' surroundings and drew me closer to the Lord. One of the days that was outstanding to me was when we visited the shepherd's field and saw sheep grazing on the mountain side with the shepherd and sheep dog. The Bible verses that will always take me back to Israel are Luke 24:12-53. It was a life changing and educational opportunity.

## BRITTANY BOVEN

I do not think anything on our Israel trip impacted me more than being on the Sea of Galilee where I knew my Savior had once traveled. Hearing God's Word read and worshipping Jesus through song had never felt so real or genuine as it did that day. Only sweet memories remain with me from my Israel trip. Thank you Jesus!



## DON DANIELS

We certainly need to pray for Israel and the Jewish people to be saved. I so enjoyed when we went up to the Arbel Cliff and looked down to the Sea of Galilee. What an awesome experience!

# ember

## LINDA KELL

I have always wanted to go to the Holy Land to see the places of the Bible and walk where Jesus walked. The first sight of Old Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, the Western Wall, walking the Via Dolorosa and so many other places—I can't explain the feelings I had. I so enjoyed the trip.



Israel is located along the eastern coastline of the Mediterranean Sea bordered by Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. Long and narrow in shape, the country is about 290 miles in length and 85 miles in width at its widest point. The views are beautiful from forested highlands and fertile green valleys to mountainous deserts, and from the coastal plain to the semi-tropical Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth.

Some of our sights included: Tel Aviv, Joppa, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Arbel Cliffs, Kursi, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Corasin, Tel Dan Nature Reserve, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights, Beit Shean, Gideon's Spring, Megiddo, Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi, Road to Emmaus, Elah Valley, Old City of Jerusalem, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Temple Mount, Pools of Siloam, Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb.

It was a blessed honor to preach on the Sea of Galilee during a special boat trip. We will always remember, as we left the Garden Tomb, there was a sign on the door which read, "He is not here. HE IS RISEN!"

After visiting Israel you will never read the Bible the same way again. Israel as a nation and a people are God's chosen people. In Deuteronomy 32:10 and Zechariah 2:8, the Lord God calls Israel "the apple of his eye." Psalm 122:6 also encourages us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

May we take time to pray and witness to the Jewish people.



Ed Chambless,  
Associate Pastor



## LARRY SELMAN

There was so much I saw and learned. Places like Capernaum where Peter lived and Jesus taught and the Mount of Beatitudes gave me insight to how events actually happened. To be in the Elah Valley where David slew Goliath and going to places where Jesus spent his last days was thrilling. An unusual experience was walking through Hezekiah's Tunnel. I can truly say that visiting Jerusalem strengthened my faith.



# Christmas at Mikado

*Each year at Christmas time the choir, orchestra, and drama ministries of Mikado Baptist Church combine forces to present a delightful Christmas program. The purpose is to reach out to our community and share Christ. We interviewed Pastor James Koerts, our music director, about this year's Christmas program.*

**QUESTION:** Mikado's Christmas productions are always top notch. How long does the choir practice for Christmas?

**PASTOR JAMES:** We typically introduce the musical in August, and rehearse right up until the Christmas program. The choir usually knows their music a few weeks prior to the program, which helps us spend time on memorization. The key is preparation. The earlier we can begin preparing, the more effective we can be.

**QUESTION:** What kind of time does our choir, orchestra, and drama put in for this special event?

**PASTOR JAMES:** It's a large commitment, but our folks are able to do it. Of course there are the regular Wednesday night rehearsals, but we also have a series of extra rehearsals, about once a month, that allow us to learn the music with more intensity. Choir members are also given rehearsal CDs so that they can learn their parts at home and during commutes. The orchestra prepares a few months in advance, and the drama usually rehearses at least once a week for three months prior to the program.

**QUESTION:** How do you choose the music for the Christmas program?

**PASTOR JAMES:** Beginning in early Spring, I start receiving the new Christmas

music from various publishers, so I am constantly thinking through what might work for our Christmas program. Occasionally (such as this year) a program significantly stands out from the others, and the decision is very easy. There have been other times when the decision isn't so easy. I remember one year in which I wasn't pleased with what the publishers were offering, and I had literally hundreds of cantatas from previous years that I was considering. In the end, it is a prayerful decision. I usually try to narrow it down to a few choices, and from there pick my favorite. Then I run it by Pastor Smith and some other ministry leaders to receive feedback and opinions. If the consensus is favorable, I will go with my favorite choice. But I have others to fall back on, should there be any concern.

**QUESTION:** What has been your favorite musical we have done so far?

**PASTOR JAMES:** That is such a hard question. I have truly loved them all. When you wrap your life around six months of preparation for one of these programs, you grow to love them deeply. The choir usually laughs at me when I introduce the new musical for the year, because I usually say something like, "This is the most amazing program that we will have ever done!" It's not meant to be hype; I just get so excited about each one,

and I really do feel it's bigger and better than last year's.

**QUESTION:** Can you tell us about this year's program?

**PASTOR JAMES:** In the past we have done a program that had a modern day drama, and we've done quite a few that have had Biblical era dramas. I'm excited about this year's program as it has both. The program is called "Searching for the King" and gives us a glimpse into the lives of two wise men who followed a star looking for the Christ child over 2,000 years ago. It also includes a story about a soldier who copes with the deep wounds of loss, and who is searching for purpose in life. It is such a compelling story with a theme that I think is critical for our community. So many people are dealing with hardships and struggles, and they're searching for meaning and purpose. Jesus is the answer, and this program will point people to Jesus in their search.

**QUESTION:** Obviously leading the choir and orchestra is a lot of work, but what goes on behind the scenes?

**PASTOR JAMES:** Truthfully, the actual leading of the choir and orchestra is not all that hard. It involves a deep level of attentiveness to the instrumental or vocal entrances, the musical nuances of each song, and the execution of effective

communication. But all of that is developed and refined in the rehearsal. So really, the hardest work is in the preparation, not so much in the final product. People often joke with me after a big program and say something like, "I bet you're glad that's over," or "You can breathe a sigh of relief, now." But the fact is, I have never really felt that way. When I'm directing the choir and orchestra, I'm right in my element, and I almost wish it wouldn't end. I guess when you enjoy something so much, it's one way of knowing that you're doing the right thing.

**QUESTION:** What other factors contribute to the success of the Christmas program?

**PASTOR JAMES:** We have an incredible support staff. We couldn't do it without them. These volunteers contribute huge amounts of time and expertise to lead the drama, design the sets, run the sound, lights, and media. Our church has been blessed with so many gifted people who are eager to serve.

**QUESTION:** Who is eligible to sing in the choir, play in the orchestra, or volunteer for the drama, sound, or lighting?

**PASTOR JAMES:** Any church member who is interested may participate in any of these venues. We are always looking for more people to serve in these areas, so please feel free to contact me at [jkoerts@mikadobc.com](mailto:jkoerts@mikadobc.com) if you are interested.

**QUESTION:** What do you hope the Lord will accomplish through the presentation of "Searching for the King"?

**PASTOR JAMES:** My greatest desire is that God would be pleased to use this program to bring souls to Christ. If one soul accepted Christ as their personal Savior, it would be worth it all. My prayer is that the drama and music would combine to provide something for each individual to think about, and that future conversations would lead to Christians drawing closer to their Savior. It's all about the Good News!



James Koerts,  
Music Pastor

# growing together



## PARENT / TEEN CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 11-12, 2011

The goal of this conference is to equip parents and teenagers with the biblical tools that are essential for strengthening their relationships with family, teens, friends, and God. "Cultivating" sessions on various topics will provide direction and support for moms, dads, teenagers and Christian service workers.

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A photograph of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, showing its intricate iron lattice structure against a clear blue sky. The tower is partially obscured by green foliage in the foreground.

# THE NEED FOR OUTREACH IN FRANCE

**W**hen you think of France, images of Paris, the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles, and the Cathedral of Notre Dame may come to mind. Perhaps you also think of a beautiful countryside with picturesque towns and pastures with dairy cows. Or perhaps when you think of France you think of a language that defines love or world renowned cuisine. France is all of these. The sights are incredible, the countryside is quaint and refreshing, and the food is out of this world!

Now instead of France, think of the French people. What comes to mind? I am afraid that negative thoughts invade many minds at the thought of the French. But why? Political differences? A clash of worldviews? Historical baggage? I have heard of churches who have snubbed missionaries to the French because “Europe had its chance [to receive the Gospel]” or worse. At the core of this attitude is racism. These things simply should not be so.

Scripture teaches us that Christ had no tolerance for racism. He was Jewish, and the Jews had a grotesque hatred for the “half-breed” Samaritans. Yet Christ loved the Samaritans, and He reached out to them. The



Samaritan woman at the well is the most famous of these interactions. Culture gave every reason for Christ to walk on by, yet He chose to minister to a lady with great spiritual needs. We know the result.

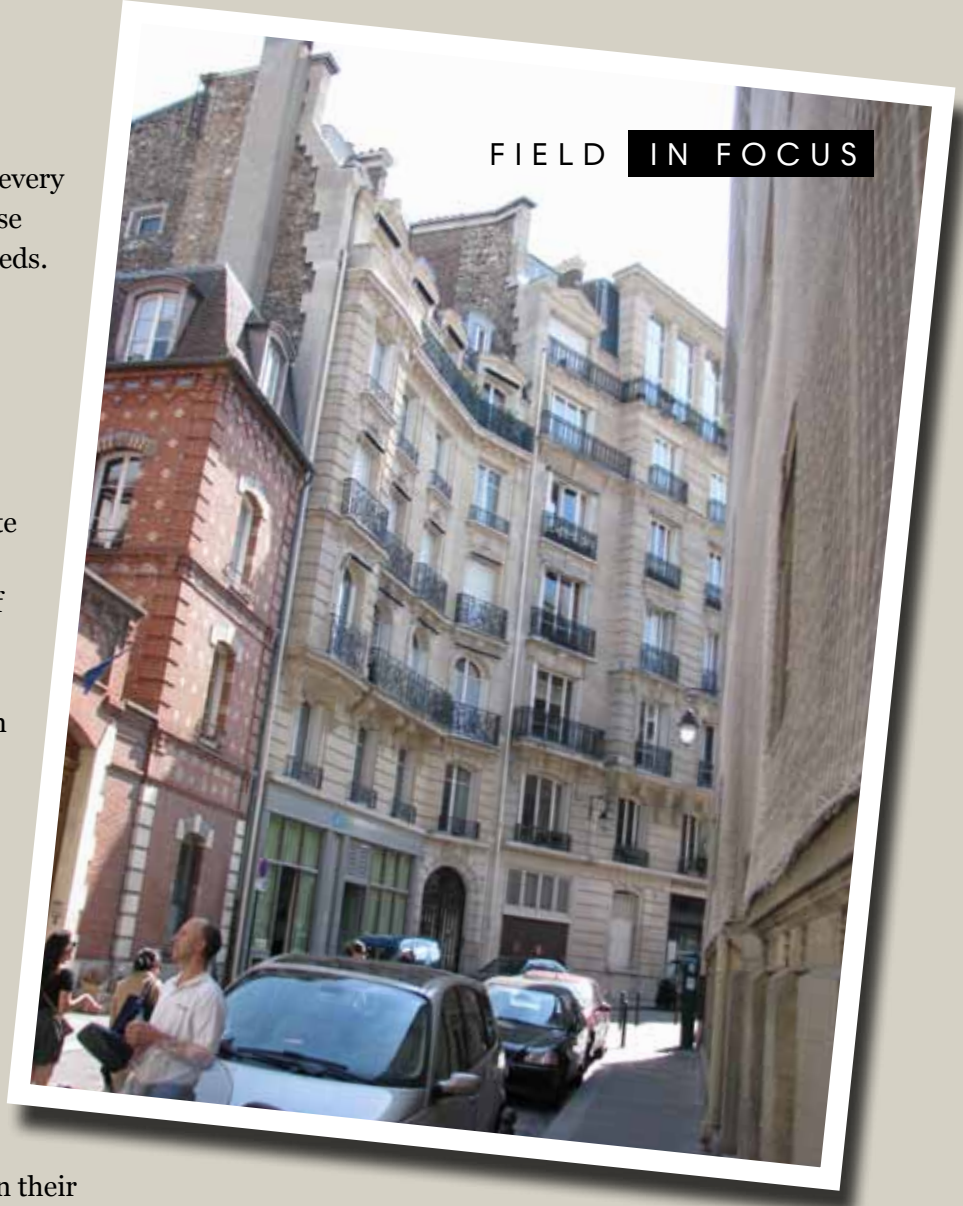
As Americans, are we willing to allow our national and political differences to cause us to cross France off our list of nations in need? I'm not! Though many elements of French culture are beautiful, many are quite the opposite. A nation the size of the state of Texas, France has the highest number of adults per capita being treated for mental illnesses in the world. The Roman Catholic population exceeds 85%. France ranks 16th in the world in suicide rates. France even prides itself on being a secular nation.

As I walk down the streets of Paris, I see throngs of people, and I remind myself that each face represents an individual and every individual an eternal soul. In the grocery stores, the volume of alcoholic beverages for sale paints a picture of people turning to everything but Christ. The masses of people filing onto the subway are begging for a church in their town. Perhaps the picture was once far different in Europe. Maybe Europe once saw the clear Light of the Gospel. But not today. France is shrouded in darkness.

I beg you to see the French through a different lens. Set aside your previous notions. I beg you to see the French through the lens of God's Word. They are people for whom Christ died. Only 2% of France's 65 million population claims to be Protestant (the number would be much smaller if we were able to narrow Protestant to truly-born again believers). This means that in all likelihood, almost 64 million people in France stand poised to spend eternity separated from God.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few..." Christ reminds us in Matthew 9. Will you pray for laborers in France? Instead of asking God why you should go, perhaps you should ask God why you shouldn't!

FIELD IN FOCUS



Jeremy Benbrooks, along with his wife, Mattie, moved to Paris, France, this past August for language study. Sent out of Mikado Baptist Church, Jeremy and Mattie are preparing to work in church planting and aviation ministries in the remote regions of Togo, West Africa. For more information about their ministry, visit their website: [www.FlyTogo.org](http://www.FlyTogo.org).

# we were made for this

*Outreach. Door to Door Visitation. Soulwinning. Evangelism. Every church calls it something different. More importantly, are you involved in it? If not, why?*

**S**adly, the moment many of us leave the church building is the time we stop worshipping the Lord. Did you know that evangelism is a form of worship? One of the main reasons we are left on this earth is to tell others of Christ. In fact it was the last command Christ gave before ascending into heaven: “Go ye therefore and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

It has been said that 95% of people who claim to be Christians have never led someone to the Lord. Why is it hard for us to tell others about what Christ has done for us? More humbling is the question, where would we be had someone not been willing to share the gospel with us? Below are three things that keep us from telling the Good News of Jesus Christ to others.

eternal destiny. It is easy to forget and we are all guilty of it. A speaker at a recent men’s fellowship meeting said that if Satan can’t make you bad, he will make you busy. Often that is all Satan needs to do to keep us from our most important priorities. What is more important in life than telling the lost about Christ? No paycheck, football game, meeting, or job title is more important than the Good News. Satan can’t make you unsaved, but he can make you forget about the unsaved.

## **FAITHLESS**

Christians can see God do amazing things for them: answered prayer, surprise blessings, lives changed, and the list goes on. But when it comes to having faith in inviting someone to church or trying to share salvation with them, we think it can’t or won’t happen. We think we will be wasting our time trying to talk to that person. However, God still expects us to go regardless, and He promises that His word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11). We won’t always see the fruit. Sometimes we plant the seed and someone else reaps the harvest later. However, what a promise to know that *no tract passed out is ever wasted, and no testimony of what Christ*

*has done will be ineffective.* God promises it. We can have faith that He will keep His word. If we trust Him with our very salvation, can’t we trust Him for someone else’s?

So how do we get over these hindrances? Here are three practical steps to help you become a better soulwinner.

## **BE PREPARED**

Take tracts with you. Don’t just put them in your car or purse. You will forget about them and they will become gum wrappers and note pads. Put them where your money is. Put tracts in your wallet or in your back pocket with your wallet. Every time you grab your credit card, you will feel or see the tract and it will serve as an instant reminder to give one to the cashier. Put them in your cup holder. Every time you get something at a drive through, they are in the way of your cup. Men can put them in their suit coat or work shirt. Every time you grab that pen, they will be right there.

Secondly, memorize verses on salvation. If you have never memorized the Romans Road, take the time to do

what if someone never shared Christ with you?

## **FEAR**

This is the number one reason people don’t get involved with outreach. It is not that we want to disobey God, but rather we are scared of two things: talking to strangers and not knowing what to say. We start playing the mental game by asking, *What if they ask questions?* and *What if they actually say “Yes, I do want to trust the Lord!”?* Anxiety fills us and we ask, *What would we say?* and *Where would we go to in the Bible?* The Bible tells us that “God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). Since the spirit of fear doesn’t come from God, we can only conclude that it comes from the one who doesn’t want you to be sharing your faith with others. This is important to remember and it should be a challenge to step out of that shadow. It also puts into perspective the fact that we are in a spiritual warfare!

## **FORGET**

When sharing Christ is not a habit or priority, we will undoubtedly forget about it. We selfishly go about our day with no thought of the people around us and their

it. Then if someone says “yes,” whether or not you have your Bible, you can share God’s Word.

### **BE PRAYING**

What is the best way to have a burden for souls? Prepare and Pray. I have heard it said that you should “work as if everything depends on you, but pray as if everything depends on God.” If you want to have a burden for those that are lost, start praying God would open your eyes to those around you. Ask Him to let you see people, not by what they are wearing or how they act; but rather by what God sees them as: sinners who need the Savior.

### **BE PATTERNED**

“What doesn’t get scheduled doesn’t get done.” One of the ways to increase your burden for the lost is to set a pattern of going. We have Thursday night visitation to facilitate this. Every Thursday night we meet, are challenged, and then go. Most people probably don’t *want* to come every Thursday, but some decide to because it enables them to fulfill a commandment from God. It is not about wanting to go, it is about keeping ourselves in a pattern of telling the lost the Good News. If you leave it up to chance, you will *never* do it. If it is scheduled, then the decision won’t be made on emotion alone. Just make it a habit like brushing your teeth or mowing the lawn. “His last command should be my first priority.”

Recently I was reminded of the first person I led to the Lord. I was in the fourth grade, and a new Christian myself. Every Saturday my parents would have me go out with them, or with a group of boys from the church. We would go out and knock on doors and invite people to church. I will never forget being in downtown Lancaster, California. We were walking down the street and I noticed a gentleman that didn’t look the nicest walking towards us. I knew I couldn’t ignore him, but I was so scared as a young boy to talk to this guy. I remember handing him a tract and simply saying “Hi.” After a few minutes of conversation, I finally worked up the courage to ask him if he knew where he would go if he died? He said he didn’t, and I took the next few minutes going through the Gospel with him. A few minutes into it he told me that he was homeless and no one ever talked to him or invited him to church. After a few verses and a time of talking, that man received Christ as His personal Savior. It was my first time leading someone to the Lord, and it was the most wonderful feeling I had ever experienced! Every time I have the privilege of leading someone to the Lord, it is indescribably awesome! If you have never done this, you need to. It is what God made us to do.



Derrick Williams,  
Children's Ministry

# tools for the trade

Helpful Scripture to use when sharing Christ with others.



### **Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

### **Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### **Romans 5:8**

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

### **Romans 10:13**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

### **1 John 5:12-13**

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

# Bible Reading Plan

Chronologically read through the Bible in one year



## October

1 ..... Lk. 1, Jn. 1:1-14  
2 ..... Matt. 1, Lk. 2:1-38  
3 ..... Matt. 2, Lk. 2:39-52  
4 ..... Mk. 1, Lk. 3, Matt. 3  
5 ..... Jn. 1:15-51, Matt. 4, Lk. 4-5  
6 ..... Jn. 2-4  
7 ..... Mk. 2  
8 ..... Jn. 5  
9 ..... Mk. 3, Lk. 6, Matt. 12:1-21  
10 .... Matt. 5-7  
11 .... Lk. 7, Matt. 8:1-13  
12 .... Matt. 11  
13 .... Lk. 11, Matt. 12:22-50  
14 .... Lk. 8, Matt. 13  
15 .... Mark 4-5, Matt. 8:14-34  
16 .... Matt. 9-10  
17 .... Mk. 6, Lk. 9:1-17, Matt. 14  
18 .... Jn. 6  
19 .... Mk. 7, Matt. 15  
20 .... Mk. 8, Lk. 9:18-27, Matt. 16  
21 .... Mk. 9, Lk. 9:28-62, Matt. 17  
22 .... Matt. 18  
23 .... Jn. 7-8  
24 .... Jn. 9:1-10:21  
25 .... Jn. 10:22-42, Lk. 10-11  
26 .... Lk. 12-13  
27 .... Lk. 14-15  
28 .... Lk. 16:1-17:10  
29 .... Jn. 11  
30 .... Lk. 17:11-18:14  
31 .... Mk. 10, Matt. 19

## November

1 ..... Matt. 20-21  
2 ..... Lk. 18:15-19:28  
3 ..... Mk. 11, Jn. 12  
4 ..... Mk. 12, Matt. 22  
5 ..... Lk. 20-21, Matt. 23  
6 ..... Mk. 13  
7 ..... Matt. 24  
8 ..... Matt. 25  
9 ..... Mk. 14, Matt. 26  
10 .... Jn. 13, Lk. 22  
11 .... Jn. 14-17  
12 .... Mk. 15, Matt. 27  
13 .... Jn. 18-19, Lk. 23  
14 .... Mk. 16, Matt. 28  
15 .... Jn. 20-21, Lk. 24  
16 .... Acts 1-3  
17 .... Acts 4-6  
18 .... Acts 7-8  
19 .... Acts 9-10  
20 .... Acts 11-12  
21 .... Acts 13-14  
22 .... James 1-5  
23 .... Acts 15-16  
24 .... Gal. 1-3  
25 .... Gal. 4-6  
26 .... Acts 17:1-18:18  
27 .... 1 Thess. 1-5, 2 Thess. 1-3  
28 .... Acts 18:19-19:41  
29 .... 1 Cor. 1-4  
30 .... 1 Cor. 5-8

## December

1 ..... 1 Cor. 9-11  
2 ..... 1 Cor. 12-14  
3 ..... 1 Cor. 15-16  
4 ..... 2 Cor. 1-4  
5 ..... 2 Cor. 5-9  
6 ..... 2 Cor. 10-13  
7 ..... Rom. 1-3, Acts 20:1-3  
8 ..... Rom. 4-7  
9 ..... Rom. 8-10  
10 .... Rom. 11-13  
11 .... Rom. 14-16  
12 .... Acts 20:4-23:35  
13 .... Acts 24-26  
14 .... Acts 27-28  
15 .... Philemon 1, Col. 1-4  
16 .... Eph. 1-6  
17 .... Phil. 1-4  
18 .... 1 Tim. 1-6  
19 .... Tit. 1-3  
20 .... 1 Pet. 1-5  
21 .... Heb. 1-6  
22 .... Heb. 7-10  
23 .... Heb. 11-13  
24 .... 2 Tim. 1-4  
25 .... Jude 1, 2 Pet. 1-3  
26 .... 1 Jn. 1-5  
27 .... 2 Jn. 1, 3 Jn. 1  
28 .... Rev. 1-5  
29 .... Rev. 6-11  
30 .... Rev. 12-18  
31 .... Rev. 19-22

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## UPCOMING EVENTS at Mikado

### October

2 ..... Kidz Choir begins  
9 ..... Calvary Quartet (PM Service)  
10 ..... GYP Event  
18-21 .. Senior Adults Retreat to The Wilds Christian Camp  
28-29 .. Father/Son Campout  
30 ..... Discover Mikado Luncheon  
30 ..... Lord's Table Service (PM Service)

### November

6 ..... Daylight Savings Time Ends  
11-12 .. Parent/Teen Conference  
14 ..... GYP Event  
22 ..... Praise Service  
23 ..... No normal mid-week events this week  
24 ..... Thanksgiving Day (church offices closed the 24th-25th)  
29 ..... Ladies Ministry Meeting—Christmas Extravaganza II

### December

6 ..... Deacon & Widow Banquet  
12 ..... GYP Event  
17, 18 .. Christmas at Mikado  
19 ..... SWORD Christmas Party  
24 ..... Christmas Eve Service  
25 ..... Christmas Day (Morning Service: 10:00am, no LifeLevels, no Evening Service)

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Those of you familiar with Reformers Unanimous understand the importance of *Talk, Talk, Talk*, which describes our Friday night program format. *Talk, Talk, Talk* is specifically designed to help the student develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our *First Talk* is when we talk to God through prayer and personal testimonies. This is probably the most powerful talk of the night and has brought tears to my eyes on many occasions. During the first talk we don't talk because we want to say something, but rather we talk because we have something to say, and that something is how God has worked in our lives to free us from stubborn addictions, strong holds, or perhaps how God met some small need in our life that week. Many first time visitors return time and again simply because of the testimonies during *First Talk*. Our *Second Talk* is where we talk to each other in small group counsel time led by a trained counsel leader. The counsel

groups are divided by gender, where students privately discuss their struggles and learn from God's Word how we are to approach and handle these struggles. Counsel time is completely confidential. Finally, our *Third Talk* is our preaching time. We reconvene as one large group and spend 15 to 20 minutes hearing from God's Word from one of our RU leaders. Our focus here remains the same: Victory in Jesus!

You can *Talk, Talk, Talk* as well. We all know someone who is struggling with a strong hold or addiction and it doesn't have to be hard drugs or alcohol. Many are struggling with smoking, pornography, gambling, overeating, bitterness, anger, discouragement or depression. These are all strong holds that God has an answer for in His Word. *Talk, Talk, Talk* to your family members, friends and neighbors that may have some of these struggles and let them know about RU. Give them one of our new Mikado "We Can Help" tracts and encourage them to attend just one

RU meeting. You can even come with them. We offer a wonderful RU Kidz Program led by Charles Adamson and nursery if needed, so bring the children along. We also offer a time of food and fellowship afterward that allows our students, leaders and helpers to interact in a less structured environment in order to build stronger and more trusting relationships.

As Jesus stated in Matthew 9:12, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Our purpose is to introduce the sick, hurting, and struggling to the Great Physician. Will you help us?

**Reformers Unanimous meets each Friday at 7:00pm.**



Todd Robinson,  
RU Director

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# Searching for the King

December 17 & 18 • 7:00pm

# Christmas at Mikado

**Our New Sunday Worship Schedule:**  
9:00am • LifeLevels (Sunday School)  
10:00am • Morning Worship Service  
6:00pm • Evening Worship Service

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