

# RISEN LIFE

## Financial Peace University

From Pastor Mike

Former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman, explains that money couldn't buy him happiness:

*"Before I met God, my attitude was about as bad as it could get. Even when everything was going well for me, I couldn't see it. And I didn't appreciate it. When Muhammad Ali fought me for the heavyweight championship, I received a five-million-dollar paycheck.*

*That purse was an astronomical amount of money in those days, and would*

*the bank, but couldn't find pleasure in even one penny of it!*

*I chose to see the worst in my situation, and my stomach was tied up in knots as a result. My sour attitude caused me to sink into deep depression, even though I was filthy rich. Five million dollars could buy me anything I wanted—except happiness." (George Foreman, God in My Corner)*

We cannot draw a straight line from having money to being happy. But we

*You can hear Dave Ramsey on 95.9 FM from 1:00– 3:00.*

*be worth many times more than that amount in today's dollars. No fighters had ever been so well-paid in the history of boxing. You'd think that being a multimillionaire would bring instant joy to my soul. It didn't. Because I lost the boxing match, I couldn't enjoy my money. I had five million dollars in*

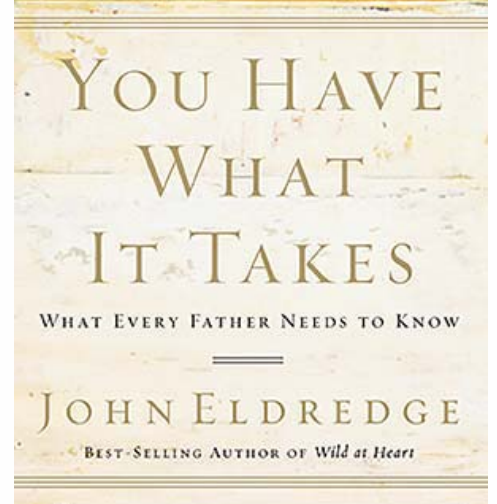


can dramatically decrease the odds of our experiencing personal hardship with sound money management tools. This coming September, Risen Lord will be hosting the Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace University Training." It is a thirteen week course and the cost will be \$110.

To take and/or help with the course, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall, call the church at 535-6727, or email at [cindy@risenlordlc.org](mailto:cindy@risenlordlc.org). This course is open to the community and will meet on Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Mike

## Father's Day Gift for Men



Each man at Risen Lord Church will receive the book You Have What It Takes, by John Eldredge on Father's Day, June 21. John Eldredge is the author of the popular book given last year on Father's Day Wild at Heart.

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## Upcoming Class for New Lutherans

**June 11  
7:00 pm**

Pastor Mike begins a new class for new Lutherans on June 11, using the booklet "Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life".

The class is offered especially for three groups of people: 1) people considering making Risen Lord their church home, 2) people who recently made Risen Lord their church home, and 3) people who have always had Risen Lord as their church home.

Lasting for four weeks, the class will help participants see Lutheranism as a way of life in the Christian faith. The class will answer the question that since there are many different kinds of Christians, so what makes being Lutheran so special? Childcare is provided for all children.

## Pictures Sought For Website Update

May 2006 brought about Risen Lord's website and new logo. The website is just one tool Risen Lord uses to reach out to the community and people who do not have a church. We need to keep it current with information about Risen Lord and pictures we share with the community. Pictures of the church, its grounds, and activities are needed to update our website. Pictures from the Fish Fry, Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday School, worship, or other activities are good examples. A current view of the church and grounds is needed for the website also. Have you seen the website yet?

If not, go to [www.risenlordlc.org](http://www.risenlordlc.org). Pictures can be dropped off in the office. Also, watch for information about a Flickr account for uploading your pictures.

## Confirmation Sunday June 7

Five youth from Risen Lord's Timothy Club will be making confirmation of their faith on June 7. Rachel Brown, Erin Drake, Katie Hannah, Austin Wilson and Taylor Scott will publicly affirm God's continuing work in their lives and faith. Taking place during the 10:00 service, confirmands will be surrounded by friends and family in support and cheer.

They will receive a special blessing from the congregation, certificates and a confirmation quilt prepared by women of Risen Lord.

Join us this day for a truly memorable service inspired by Risen Lord's choir and the musical talents of some of Risen Lord's youngest musicians.

## Dinner Club Cookout

Risen Lord Dinner Club will meet on Friday, June 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bruce and Lin Montigney. For a change of pace, we will have a cookout and plan to grill brats and barbeque chicken. All adult members are welcome. Just bring a side dish or dessert to share! The address is 2232 Arden Place, Greenwood, Indiana, in Forest Hills subdivision. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Lin Montigney at [linseet@comcast.net](mailto:linseet@comcast.net) or call her at 887-0628. Hope to see you there!

Dinner Club will continue throughout the summer. Watch for each month's location in future newsletters and bulletins.

## Youth Invites You To Turkey Run State Park



### Suspension Bridge

The Youth of Risen Lord is inviting the whole church to a trip to Turkey Run State Park. On June 27, we are going to go to Turkey Run State Park. The plan is to explore (hike) the park, cookout (eat), then float down the river (get wet) on a tube or canoe. The cost is \$10.00 per person to cover food and tube/canoe rental.

Please bring friends and family. The river trip is 4 miles and takes about 2-3 hours. Children must be at least 8 years old to tube, but three people are allowed in one canoe. We need some volunteers for transportation, and food prep. Please call Robert Klingshirn (889-8741) if you can help, have questions, or want to attend. There will also be a sign up on the bulletin board. Please sign up by June 14, so we can call ahead for group rates.

## Youth News

### 4-6er's

The 4-6ers had a great year of fun. We followed the Scoop Troop through their education about the Bible, Church and Discipleship. We weren't able to complete their journey, though, so the remaining books and journals are in the blue box in the lobby. Please make sure to get your book for the summer! We have summer excursions planned so keep an eye out! Have a great time!

Melissa Day

### Sr. Youth

The High School Youth Group has had a great year together! We've had a lot of fun carrying out our motto of "Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly....Micah 6:8." My thanks goes to Stephen Lucaites, Janice Green, Katie Lucaites, Ashley Weishar, Eric LaRocco and Ashley Fowler for their participation and enthusiasm. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to work with these great kids!

We congratulate and look forward to welcoming five new confirmands to our group! They are: Rachel Brown, Erin Drake, Katie Hannah, Austin Wilson and Taylor Scott. We are excited to have them join us!

June date to remember: Sunday, June 21.....Cookout/Putt Putt Party (hosted by the LaRocco's....thanks!) Have a great start to the summer season! Peace, Genie

### Upcoming Events

- Canoe Trip—June 27 See article on Page 2
  - Church Picnic—July 26
  - Holiday World Trip—August 1
- Watch for more information on these events in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. Check out the bulletin board also!!

## A Weekend to Serve Our Neighbors

Community Day!  
June 13 8 am—2 pm

Christian Help, Inc., an interdenominational organization that serves people who are homeless or near homeless in Johnson County, is seeking volunteers and donations to help with a Community Day on June 13 in Friendly Village Mobile Home Park. The Community Day will consist of power washing and painting mobile homes, minimal landscaping, and a cookout. We are seeking volunteers to help us do the work, as well as donations of power-washers, paint, paint tools, and food. This is a great opportunity to help out those of our community who are underserved! If you are able to help in any way please contact Anne Johnson at 317-294-8916 or [CHImobilehomes@embarqmail.com](mailto:CHImobilehomes@embarqmail.com).

## Homeward Bound 5K Walk

We are seeking walkers to participate in the annual Central Indiana Homeward Bound Walk on June 14. Homeward Bound is a 5K fundraising walk-a-thon that raises funding for and awareness about affordable housing and homeless needs in Indiana. Christian Help is one of their benefiting agencies! Please consider joining our team, making your own team, or donating at [www.homewardboundindiana.org](http://www.homewardboundindiana.org). We will also have a link to registration and instructions on our website: [www.christianhelpinc.org](http://www.christianhelpinc.org). Any youth that raises \$50 or more will earn a free Christian Help t-shirt! There will also be a grand prize for the youth that raises the most money!

Questions? Call or email Anne at 317-294-8916 or [CHImobilehomes@embarqmail.com](mailto:CHImobilehomes@embarqmail.com).

## Senior Day At Lutheran Hills

XYZ SENIOR CITIZEN DAY  
AT LUTHERAN HILLS

July 31  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The program includes morning Bible study led by the Indiana-Kentucky Synod committee on Ministry to Older Adults and a noon luncheon. Attendees are invited to the afternoon performance of our Performing Arts Camp. There are **no** fees!

RSVP to Carolee Fischer at 888-4768. We have to register at least one day in advance. More information can be found at [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org). We will meet at the church and carpool to Lutheran Hills in beautiful Brown County.

## Family Camp Weekend

July 31 to August 2

A weekend (Friday evening through Sunday noon) of structured activities each morning and evening (Bible study, arts and crafts, workshops, games for children, campfire programs, and unstructured free time on Saturday afternoon for swimming, canoeing or fishing. Workshops are offered on Puppetry, Making Water Rockets, and Juggling. Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast are included. Families can reserve a room or cabin, or provide their own tent or RV. Leaders include members of the summer staff, Director Mark Radloff, and Pastor Amy Albers. The cost is \$50 adults, \$40 youth. Children 6 and under are free. For more information go to [www.lomik.org](http://www.lomik.org). To make reservations call (260) 667-7750 or email: [lomi-ik@juno.com](mailto:lomi-ik@juno.com).

## MATURING STEWARDS DO THE RIGHT THING

June used to be the most popular month for weddings. “She’s a June Bride” was a phrase that worked itself into our vocabulary. June may no longer be the most popular month for weddings but weddings do give us an image of how God relates to His people. In Old Testament times God referred to Israel as His bride. He stated clearly that He as her husband would be faithful to all His promises of love, care and protection for His bride.

Marriage was instituted by God as a special relationship in which one man and one woman pledge themselves to love each other in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, remain faithful to each other so long as they both shall live. God was faithful to His bride, but His bride was unfaithful again and again. God in His love sent “wake up calls” after “wake up calls” to win His bride back. The story of Israel in the Old Testament and, sadly, in

the church of today indicates that God’s bride is not nearly as faithful as He is.

In the New Testament, especially in the Book of Revelation, the image of Christ and the church is also that of a bridegroom and His bride. Jesus loved the church, His bride, and gave Himself up for her because He wanted to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27 NIV).

As Christian stewards we are members of the body of Christ—His church, His bride. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful stewards who seek to honor God and bless others through our wise stewardship of time, talents, treasure and all the other blessings God pours out upon us.

By the way, Father’s Day also falls in June. Those of us who are

blessed to have godly fathers know what it means to have someone in authority who really loves and cares for us. God, our Heavenly Father, loves us far more than any earthly father could. He demonstrated this by sending His only begotten Son to be our Savior and by showering so many other spiritual and material blessings upon us.

Our response to God’s love and lavishness is what we call stewardship. Stewards are those who recognize that God is the Owner of all things and they are simply managers or trustees of that which God has entrusted to them. To make this even more personal think of it in this way: “God’s redeemed stewards, in partnership with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”

*“Maturing stewards to the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!”*

### MISSION FOR THE MONTH

***Our Lord says, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).***

During the month of June Risen Lord Church will be collecting Health Kits (hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, comb, nail file, and band-aids) for refugees. Lutheran World Relief will be distributing the health kits to areas of the world where people have to flee their homes quickly. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. A complete and specific list of kit items and packaging instructions can be picked up in the Mission Corner in the commons area.

## I’M GLAD YOU ASKED!

**Q. When is Vacation Bible School?**

**A. July 19 through July 23**

This year the theme for Vacation Bible School is ***Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of The Word!*** The kids will be able to learn more about the Bible with Gully Games, Cavern Crafts, Shadow Science, Sagebrush Storytelling and Red Rock Rhythm! The children will: **Rejoice** with Liz the lizard, **Pray** with Max the praying mantis, **Ask** with Olivia the burrowing owl, **Tell** with Blossum the burro, and **Seek** with Felix the grey fox.

Pick up a registration form from the bulletin board and fill it out, return it to the office or to Anita Hittinger and then just check-in at the registration table on the first evening of VBS. The hours are 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

Anita Hittinger is coordinating this special



event and is still in need of volunteers. It takes a lot of people to pull off Vacation Bible School. We need you! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall. Check it out! Call 782-3527 or 409-7052 to contact Anita with questions.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## July

July 19-23 Vacation Bible School  
 July 31 XYZ Senior Citizen Day  
 At Lutheran Hills Camp  
 July 31—August 2 Family Camp  
 Weekend at Lutheran Hills

## August

August 6 Grief Support Group  
 August 23 Youth Quake kick off

## September



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### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

**8:30** Worship  
**10:00** Worship  
**10:00** Sunday School