

# NEWSLETTER

Leading you into a *growing* relationship with Jesus Christ

## This Month

**FamilyLife Ldrs Meeting Today**

**Oct 19-Nov 2 Sunday Services**

9:30am and 5:30pm

**Oct 24 Regional Prayer Night**

9pm at the Kingdom Kids Building

**Oct 25 Spirit Awards**

Doors open at 5pm at the Temple

**Nov 1 Connect (Teens and Parents)**

4pm at the Kingdom Kids Building

**Nov 7-9 Marriage Retreat**

Go to the website and click on 'calendar' for a copy of the 4-month calendar.

## Prayer Requests

**Victoria Hart** Cancer treatment is not making a difference.

**Marissa Amazona** To get custody of her children in her court case.

**Rolando, Serenity, Arianna and Samuel** - Foster children pray that they find a loving home.

**Andrew Sanchez** May have MS. More tests are needed this week.

**Churches in Ukraine** - the conflict will end in peace.

**Churches in the Middle East** - Christians are missing

**Ebola Outbreak in Africa** -Pray for our brothers & sisters in Nigeria, Sierra Leon & Liberia.

**Employment for Members**



## Hope On The Ropes

One of the most frustrating things about being a Christian is the questions people ask about what you believe. If you had fifteen minutes, you could answer. But what are you supposed to say in just a few seconds? How do you defend your faith without losing your mind?



Did you miss last week's message? We got you covered. Just subscribe to our podcast, Lighthouse Church of Christ, and you can listen to any message from a past sermon series.



## Marriage Retreat

This year's marriage retreat will be November 8-9. The retreat will be a combined event with the Inland Empire region and it will feature guest speakers, Gordon and Teresa Ferguson. Call Desert Princess Golf Resort to reserve your room for \$109 a night (\$125 after taxes and fees). Friday night is available for the same rate if interested. The event name for rate is: Desert Cities Church of Christ. Register at: [www.desertcitieschurch.com/2014-marriage-retreat](http://www.desertcitieschurch.com/2014-marriage-retreat)

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## Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the word "evangelism," is what comes to mind positive or negative? Why?
2. Who is a Christ follower in your life whose faith you admire? What do you admire about that person?
3. Talk about a time when someone shared his or her faith with you. Did that person defend a Christian worldview, the Bible, or church doctrine, or did that person explain his or her personal hope in Jesus? How did you respond?
4. **Read 1 Peter 3:15-16.** What does it look like for someone to talk about his or her faith with gentleness and respect?
5. During the message, Peter said "Generous, compassionate living is unassailable." Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. What can you do this week to begin to craft a simple statement about the resurrection that answers the question, "Why are you a follower of Jesus?"

### Moving Forward

When someone wants to know why you chose to follow Jesus, his or her question will probably focus on lifestyle choices, the church, Old Testament stories, or miracles. But the question you should answer is, "Why Jesus?" Give the answer Jesus' followers have been giving since the first century: the reason you follow Jesus is the resurrection. If there were no resurrection, there would be no faith.

### Changing Your Mind

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15*

## Lighthouse Giving Recap

Average Weekly Attendance (Including the Latin Ministry) = 755

Month	Actual	Budget	Difference
September	\$23,715	\$ 19,100	+4,615

### Online Giving

Ask about online giving! We can help you set up reoccurring payments online, so that you wont ever have to worry about forgetting your checkbook.