

# Navigator

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Psalm 143:8b

## The Word That Warms the Coldest Winter

*A Burning Heart for Jesus Christ*—As a native Floridian I do not look forward to winter in Idaho. (But then again most native Idahoans do not look forward to winter in Idaho!) Nearly thirty years of life in the “Sunshine State” did not exactly prepare me for snow, bone-chilling wind, or sub-freezing temperatures. Though I have not lived in Florida for over six years, I still have the thin blood of a southerner. And with the arrival of January I am already looking forward to the warm sunshine of spring.

Some people during the winter months suffer from the “winter blues” where they seem a bit gloomy and feel a bit melancholy as the daylight becomes shorter and the falling temperatures keep them indoors. And just like the coldness of winter, many go through seasons in their relationship with Jesus where their heart is not warm to the things of God. Sure, they are still going through the motions and coming to church, but the passion in their heart for Jesus is not aglow the way it once was.

Such was the case for two of Jesus’ disciples a few days after His crucifixion. Luke tells their story in Luke 24:13-35. They were walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus talking about all of things that had transpired over the last several days. No doubt this was quite a somber dialogue as they recounted the crucifixion of Jesus.

At some point during their travel a man approached them, began to walk along with them, and inquired about their conversation. The disciples obviously wore their emotions on their sleeves as the stranger not only asked about their conversation, but also about why they

were so sad.

Cleopas, one of the two disciples, was shocked that the unknown man did not know about all that had happened in Jerusalem. At the stranger’s request they recounted the events of the previous three days: Jesus was condemned to death and crucified even though they were hoping that He was the promised Messiah. And now some were reporting that His body was missing and angels said that He had been raised from the dead. These disciples must have felt that their hopes were dead and buried. You might say that winter had set in upon their hearts.

After hearing all of these things, the yet unidentified stranger exclaimed, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!” (v. 25). The traveler then went on to explain about Jesus and His sufferings using all the Old Testament. The stranger traced the truth of the Messiah throughout the stories of the Old Testament and showed how Jesus was the fulfillment of all the prophecies and how redemptive history had culminated in His death.

As the disciples reached their destination they asked the stranger to stay with them overnight. Later, as the stranger prayed before their meal, the disciple’s “eyes were opened” and they realized that the one who had been traveling with them was none other than the resurrected Jesus Himself! But no sooner had they identified Him and then He vanished

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from their sight.

The reaction of the disciples after Jesus disappeared shows a dramatic change of heart. They exclaimed to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” (v. 32). In the course of this short journey the disciples went from being “slow of heart” to having their hearts “burn within” them as they heard Jesus speak about

Himself from the Scriptures. Their hearts were warmed as they encountered Jesus through the Bible.

Even before the disciples saw Jesus with their eyes, they saw Him in the Scriptures. You see, the Bible is not just a book about commands and morality. It is not just a book about God’s dealings with mankind throughout history. The Bible is about those things, but it is not just about those things. The main theme of the Bible is Jesus and how He is God’s remedy for mankind’s problem of sin. The Bible is the story of the love of God that caused Him to send His Son into the world to save mankind from their sin and alienation from God. The Bible is the story of hope: not hope in ourselves, but hope in Jesus.

So as winter is upon us and cabin-fever sets in, turn to the Word of God. And in its pages see the Savior that God provides and have your heart warmed by God’s love for you through Jesus Christ. Go to the Bible and find Jesus there.

Pastor Matt

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**Schedule**

**Sunday**  
 8:15 a.m. First Service  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10:30 a.m. Second Service

**Tuesday**  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry at NorthRidge Fellowship

**Wednesday**  
 6:15-7:45 p.m. Kids 4 Truth at NorthRidge Fellowship

**Thursday**  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer at NorthRidge Fellowship

# Kids 4 Truth

## Questions we can answer!

Would you like to know what the kids have been learning in Kids 4 Truth? Find a child and ask! They have learned how to answer many questions about the Bible. They know what God's Word is, how God gave us the Bible, how we can have confidence in the accuracy of the Bible, that the Bible is authoritative, and much more. Ask them any of the following questions to hear more about what they have learned:

- How do we know that the Bible is the Word of God?
- What authority does God's Word have over me and others?
- How does God want us to respond to the Bible?

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### Did you know...

Answers in Genesis recently gave a strong endorsement of Kids 4 Truth in *Answers Magazine* (Jan/March issue).

## New Sunday Morning Studies

Consider attending a Sunday morning Bible study where you can enjoy fellowship with other believers and study God's Word together.

**New studies start January 6th!**



**The Ten Commandments and their Relevance for Today**  
 Rich Henry

**The Parables of Jesus**  
 Kevin Bickel

**Ten Doctrines Every Christian Should Know**  
 Matt Boyd

**Bible Studies begin at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Coffee is provided!**



# Games Kids Love to Play!

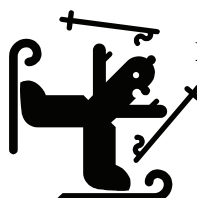
As the cold winter settles in around us, consider spending some cozy evenings as a family at home playing quality games that the everyone can enjoy. Here are some great ideas!

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| Yahtzee | Scrabble       | Monopoly  |
| Uno     | TransAmerica   | Puzzles   |
| Whoonu  | Make 'n' Break | Charades (Bible characters and stories could be fun!) |
| Hangman | Risk           |   |

## H<sub>2</sub>O Youth Ministry

John 4:13-14

The Youth would like to say thank you to all who brought their kiddos and supported the youth ministry for the all-day Parents Day Out! There will be future Parents Night Out so keep a look-out in the bulletin.



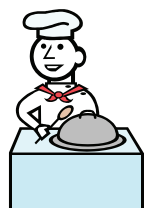
Hey youth get ready—Ski and Share is on its way!

## 3rd Annual Valentines Banquet

Friday, February 15th ♥ \$30.00 per couple  
 Tickets available starting January 13th

**At NorthRidge Fellowship Fine Dining**  
 Enjoy the candlelit atmosphere experience!

Delectable fare catered by Mrs. Chef Pharaoh and her charming assistant, Jr. Chef Hanni!



Brisket, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert



**Surprise Mysterious Entertainment!**

Photos will be taken to preserve the memory

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## JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Ladies Scrapbook/Craft night on **January 4th** from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight. Bring your own project and enjoy fellowshiping!

Want to know more about the next mission trip to Senegal? Come to the 5:00 pm meeting on **January 6th** and ask your questions.

Watch the bulletin for details on the next 39 and Holding event to be held on **January 11**.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the 3rd annual Valentine's Banquet. Tickets on sale starting **January 13th**.

Sign up today for the Getting To Know NorthRidge class. There will be three classes, **Jan 13th, 20th, and 27th**, from 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm.

**HEY KIDS!** Did you know Jesus had four brothers? Tell Mrs. Brockway their names and you'll get a prize!

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### *A Message From Your NorthRidge Elders*

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# Watching For the Spirit's Leading at NorthRidge

What is the "Spirit" of NorthRidge? Webster defines spirit as "The vital essence or animating force in living organisms, especially man, often considered divine in origin." Our vital essence is defined in our mission statement: "NorthRidge Fellowship exists to glorify God by loving Him, loving one another, and loving our community and the world." This type of love is described in the Greek as AGAPE love. It describes a love that is based on the deliberate choice of the one who loves rather than the worthiness of the one who is loved. It is a giving, selfless, expect-nothing-in-return kind of love. This is the love NorthRidge has been showing to our visitors, in our community, and in Africa.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 describes the Church. He says "For in fact the body is not one member but many... Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." As a church, we have a vital force in this world. It starts with understanding our gift of the Spirit promised to all who accept Christ as their Savior. Paul states in 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." At other churches I have heard others say that we can't do this or that. This church has been blessed with having fellow believers who say we can't do this by ourselves, but through Christ anything is possible.

At our elder meetings, we frequently discuss the vision of NorthRidge. What is God asking us to do? Where is He leading us? Can we really afford to do all the ministries plus undertake a new building program? By ourselves, we cannot. But the spirit of NorthRidge tells us "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded, and lo, I am with you always." Matthew 28:18-20. We are serving at NorthRidge to fulfill this great commission.

How can we fulfill this great commission? In our 2008 budget, the spirit of NorthRidge can be seen. After long

discussions and prayerful consideration, we have budgeted \$4500 toward a new church start in the Magic Valley. Discussion is underway with the Utah-Idaho SBC to determine options to make this possible.

The spirit of NorthRidge is seen in increased giving to the Jola/Senegal missions. In 2008 we plan to send another two or three mission trips to Africa and have budgeted \$6000 to support this ministry.

We will continue to support another mission church in Spanish Fork, Utah with Pastor Mickie Kelly that has grown in the past year from a Bible study group meeting in a house to Sunday services averaging 60-65 people.

The spirit of NorthRidge is shown in our building program. With God blessing our congregation, they gave beyond their tithes and helped pay off the mortgage on our church building. We are now discussing how

best to proceed in our next phase. We chose to put aside \$18,000 toward this in 2008.

Spirit is also defined as the "True intent or meaning as opposed to outward, formal observance." I believe the true spirit of NorthRidge is seen in the focus of our 2008 budget. By financially supporting our vibrant ministries, we will continue to see our members glorifying God by loving Him, and loving one another. We hope that with the next building phase we will be able to bring even more in our community to the saving knowledge of Jesus. By committing to start a church plant, we will continue to be stretched in our faith, which is necessary for our growth as Christians. Finally, NorthRidge will continue to spread the gospel to the world especially to the Jola people of Senegal, Africa. With this spirit, God will continue to bless us.

Rich Henry, Elder

## The Church—The Body of Christ

For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need.

But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

# Meet Robert Kohler

*Every month you will be introduced to a fellow attendee  
at NorthRidge Fellowship.*

## **Where were you born and raised?**

Madison Heights, Michigan.

## **Who are (or have been) the most influential people in your life?**

Jacob and Dorothy Kohler, Jolleen Kohler, Matt Boyd, and Chris Myhre.

## **What is your favorite passage and/or book of the Bible?**

Ephesians.

## **Aside from the Bible, what are your favorite books?**

Cookbooks and history books.

## **If you were stranded on an island, what four foods would you most want to have?**

Fruity Pebbles, Peanut M&M's, Beef Drunken Noodles, City Chicken.

## **Who in the Bible do you most identify with?**

Paul.

## **What are the four most interesting places you have been to?**

Philadelphia, New Orleans, Venice, Rome.

## **How did you come to know Christ?**

When we built our home in Jerome, there was a little church in the backyard called NorthRidge Fellowship. We enrolled our kids in Canyonside Christian School, and our daughter's teacher was Mrs. Bickel, who happened to attend NorthRidge. Makenzie was very interested in going to church, and would bring home the church service times on sticky notes. The notes would "disappear", and a new one would come home. Finally, I told Makenzie I would take her to a service. The following Sunday, we attended an 8am service. I had never been through such a hard experience in my life. We were warmly greeted and accepted, and the sermon felt like a knife to my heart. I vowed not to return. A couple of weeks later Makenzie was dragging me back again, and this time it hurt worse. This went on for a few weeks, and it seemed every sermon was directed right at me. I was starting to learn what/who was missing and why I was having problems in all areas of my life. I approached Pastor Matt, and asked if we could talk. I told him I was a horrible person, that I was about to lose everything in my life, and I didn't know what to do. He explained how I needed to accept Jesus as my Savior, and what that would mean. He gave me my first Bible, and encouraged me to read it. I started to read it that night, and couldn't put it down. From that time, many members of NorthRidge have helped me and my family to know Christ as our Savior, and we are very thankful and appreciative to each and everyone in our NorthRidge Family.

# Books Worth Reading

*Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace  
and the things by which one may edify another. Romans 14:19*



## **A list of books that would be valuable for you to read this year**

*The Bible* in chronological order

*The Attributes of God* - Arthur W. Pink

*The Cross of Christ* - John Stott

*Knowing God* - J.I. Packer

*Pilgrim's Progress* - John Bunyan

*The Pursuit of Holiness* - Jerry Bridges

*131 Christians Everyone Should Know* - Editors of Christian History Magazine

*Desiring God* - John Piper

*Shepherding a Child's Heart* - Tedd Tripp

*Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* - Roland H. Bainton

*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* - Don Whitney

*The Case for Christ* - Lee Strobel

*Mere Christianity* - C.S. Lewis

*A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible* - Robert Stein

*According to Plan* - Graeme Goldsworthy

*Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know* - Wayne Grudem and Elliot Grudem

"It is clear that there must be difficulties for us in a revelation such as the Bible. If someone were to hand me a book that was as simple to me as the multiplication table, and say, 'This is the Word of God. In it He has revealed His whole will and wisdom,' I would shake my head and say, 'I cannot believe it; that is too easy to be a perfect revelation of infinite wisdom.' There must be, in any complete revelation of God's mind and will and character and being, things hard for the beginner to understand; and the wisest and best of us are but beginners."

--R.A. Torrey

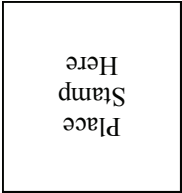
Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."



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### Sunday Services

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# To The Ends of the Earth

Interview with Dennis Cornwell

**How many times have you been to Senegal, Africa?** I've been to Diouloulou in Senegal three times and I thank the Lord for allowing me to go.

**What was it that made you want to go the first time?** The first time I heard Pastor Matt and Gayle telling about their trip to Bougoutoub to prayer walk with Lee and Donelle Kaufman (missionaries in Senegal) I felt the desire to go and pray for the people of Senegal and for me to grow in Christ.

**What is it that makes you want to continue to go back?** I want to continue to build upon the relationships that have been started so they can continue to grow. We can make a difference in so many lives just by going back each year and sharing our love for Jesus and teaching the children and the elders that only through Jesus can they be saved.

**What was the most shocking experience that you have had in Senegal?** People rioting for gas, children as young as five years old begging for money out on the streets, or maybe it was the open-air markets (the smell of fish sitting out in the hot sun!).

**What is the most memorable experience you have had in Senegal?** First would be prayer walking with Lee and Donelle. Second was being on a live radio show. Third was being part of a debate over Jesus and Muhammad.

**Who is the most memorable person that you have ministered to in Senegal and why?** Pop Kelly is a man I met on the very first trip that I took to Senegal. He was having a good time trying to teach me the Jola language and calls me his "appalome" (the Jola word for

"friend"). I told him that I was a follower of Jesus and I pray that he will have questions for me when I see him again.

**What one thing do you wish the people of NorthRidge Fellowship could see with their own eyes in Senegal?** I wish that they could see the smiles of all the people in Senegal. I know that they suffer because you see their living conditions: polluted water, no medicine, and sometimes there is very little food. They have so little, but again they have so much because they are content with what they have.

**What is your prayer for the people of Diouloulou, Senegal?** My prayer for the people of Diouloulou would be that they would open their hearts and the Bible to learn to live for Jesus.

**After traveling to Senegal to minister on three occasions do you feel that God is using NorthRidge Fellowship to make a difference?** Yes, I believe that NorthRidge is making a huge difference. When you are invited to be on the local radio show to share the Gospel; when you are invited to have dinner with the teachers at their homes; when you have students asking for Bibles; when you have students and teachers wanting to hang out to read the Bible and pray, you know that God is doing great things in Diouloulou and NorthRidge is answering God's call. I pray that we will always be willing to go wherever God sends us!

**What would you say to those who are praying about and considering going on a mission trip to Senegal?** I would say do what God is telling you to do. The people in Diouloulou, Senegal need to hear God's Word.

