

MCC QC RISING SPIRIT SEPTEMBER 2011

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Hi All –

It is so exciting to see MCC QC growing again! We not only want to grow in numbers, but in personal spiritual growth and in stewardship. In order to keep growing, we need to meet the needs of our members. This doesn't mean that we have to offer every kind of program under the sun, but it does mean that we take the spiritual needs and wants of people seriously and do our best to offer programs that meet a variety of spiritual types and meet people wherever they are at in their spiritual journey.

So in this issue you will see first, a great opportunity for you to make your needs and wants known at our VISION Session on Wed., September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Corral. Second, you will find a wonderful new opportunity for spiritual growth in our "Following Jesus: Discipleship 101" classes on Mondays beginning on September 26th at 7 p.m.

I will be talking more about this from the perspective of "Love Your Neighbor and Make It Real" this Sunday –come and experience real love, trust and appreciation in action!

Love in Christ, Pastor Rich

MCC QC RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE - 2011 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored and awarded as indicated below at our 2011 MCC QC Picnic and Awards Gathering on Sunday, August 28th out at Scott County Park. A special thank you to Linda Nimrick, Yogi McKinney, James Tisdale (and anyone else I've missed!) for helping out with setup, cooking and cleanup!!!

- **Robert Darst Award** - for outstanding service to MCC QC by a member of MCC QC went to **EMMIE ROBERTS** for all her time, effort and resources given to social hour after Sunday services, to Feed the Hungry every 3rd Friday and to individuals needing help with special projects. CONGRATULATIONS!
- **Outstanding Community Service Award** - for outstanding service to our community by a nonmember went to **James Tisdale**, Manager of Davenport Golden Corral for all of his donations and help with MCC QC special events and outreach. CONGRATULATIONS!

QC PRIDE Saturday, September 3rd -and every 1st Saturday at 1 pm at MCC QC **downtairs in the Social Hall.** There are a number of committees and our community needs your participation and support. Questions? Contact Jeff Simpson at 563.676.6727

FIRST TUESDAYS DINING OUT 6:15 PM; ODD CLUB (Our Darling Diners) THIRD FRIDAYS 7:01 PM Come on out and have some great food and great times with your friends at MCC QC! On Tuesday, September 6th we'll be dining at Old Chicago Restaurant, 3030 Uttica Ridge Rd., Bettendorf.

Interfaith 9/11 Remembrance Prayer Service by Churches United Sun, Sept 11th at 3pm @ Augustana's Centennial Hall – Rock Island IL.

September 11th

Tenth Anniversary Interfaith Commemoration

Sunday, September 11, 2011

3 pm

**Augustana's Centennial Hall
Rock Island**

In 2001 Churches United brought the over 5000 people from across the Quad Cities together in the aftermath of 9/11. Once again we will reach out to the whole area for this 10th year remembrance. People from diverse faith groups and community leaders from the Quad City area will come together to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with reflections and prayers.

Keynote speaker is Ms. Najeeba Syeed-Miller, an attorney by training who has worked extensively in the area of conflict resolution between diverse groups and currently serves as Assistant Professor of Interreligious Studies at the Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.

A year-long series of interfaith events in the spirit of promoting bridge-building within our community will be announced, moving forward with greater strength and deeper understanding of each other.

PLEASE e-mail: newsletter@CUqca.org with how you are planning to commemorate 9/11

HANDICAP ABLE SERVICES, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 at 11:00am



(You are the key to our success -spread the word!)

AT THE CLARION HOTEL 5202 N BRADY STREET, DAVENPORT



There will be donuts and coffee available starting at 10:30 am and we will be enjoying pizza from the Clarion Hotel following this first service.



At subsequent 3rd Sunday Services at the Clarion we will be inviting people to continue to fellowship for the social hour at the Clarion's Restaurant. Our handicap accessible space, microphones, donuts, coffee and pizza are being made available by generous "in addition to regular giving" donations - THANK YOU!

Finance Committee Meeting Volunteers needed to serve on the Finance Committee to plan our annual stewardship campaign. If you are interested please come to Jim's House (next door to sanctuary building) at 7 pm on Monday, September 19. Questions? Please see Deb Calsyn-Polsen or call her at 563.326.2041

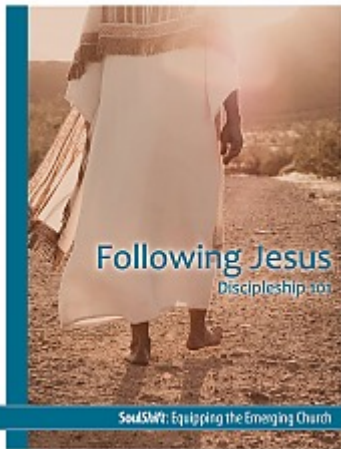


VISION PLANNING SESSION All members and friends of MCC QC are invited to a Vision Planning Session on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm at the Golden Corral, 5202 Elmore Ave., Davenport. Bring your gripes, your criticisms, your hopes, your ideas as we do some brainstorming about who we are and what we offer at MCC QC.



We will meet in the West Room. There is no cost to attend except for your meal. The buffet is \$10.39 for adults, with drinks \$1.99. Children ages 9 - 12 are welcome to attend and the cost for their buffet is \$4.99. We want everyone's input, so please don't hesitate to mention to Pastor, to Jeff Simpson or to Emily Matthews if you need a scholarship for the cost of your meal and that will be taken care of. If you would like to sponsor someone anonymously for this event, please make out a check to MCC QC for \$12.38 marked "Vision Helper" and give to our Treasurer, Bill Schmidt, or place in the Sunday offering plate.

"FOLLOWING JESUS: DISCIPLESHIP 101"



Are you ready to take your spiritual life to a new level? Do you want to be challenged and stretched? If so, this course is for you!

In Following Jesus: Discipleship 101 you will do something you may have never done before -- engage the words of Jesus (and other key scriptures) directly for yourself, in all their power and mystery. Instead of relying on somebody else to tell you what these holy words mean, you will be encouraged to form your own thoughtful conclusions, with the benefit of open discussion with your classmates.

You will be focussing on two major questions:

- What does it really mean to be a follower of Jesus?
- How can I deepen my personal relationship with God

You may think you already know the answer to both questions, and maybe you do. But God always has something deeper for those who hunger and thirst. No matter how many years or how few Sundays you've spent at MCC QC or any other church, this course will challenge you to take a fresh look at what Jesus said and evaluate where you stand.

You will be encouraged to make concrete decisions about next steps, at your own pace, when it feels right. You will be offered options for putting what you learn into practice, so that the rhythms of your life increasingly reflect the faith of your heart.

Everyone who registers will receive their own guide book, containing the following lessons:



- Discipleship Overview
- What Is Jesus Like?
- What Does Discipleship Look Like?
- What Does Jesus Want From Me? All Materials by LifeJourney Press, MCC Indianapolis
- Putting the Pieces Together
- Quiet Time With God
- Prayer
- Devotional Scripture Encounters
- Honing Our Listening Skills
- Celebrating Together!

There will be a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover the cost of materials. Registration includes a commitment to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town.

You may sign up at MCC QC or by returning the form below to Pastor Rich:

I want to register for Following Jesus: Discipleship 101 on Mondays at 7 pm at MCC QC beginning on Monday, September 26th. I covenant to attend all sessions unless ill or out of town.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

INFORMATION OF BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY:



Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Counselors are available. The Annual Election Period for Part D drug plan and and the opportunity to enroll in a plan, change plans or disenroll from medicare drug coverage is Octobere 15 - December 7, 2011. SHIIP counselors will be available from 9 - 11 a.m. at a number of area locations including CASI 1035 W. Kimberly Rd - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; Gensis West - 2nd Wednesdays; Bettendorf Public Library - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; Fairmount Branch

Davenport Public Library - 4th Wesdnesdays from 12:30 -2:30 only. Individual appointments with a SHIIP Counselor can be made by calling 563-421-1096.

PACT - Parenting All Children Together For Scott County parents and caregivers of children ages birth to 5 years of age. Several series of classes being offered at The Vineyard Church of Davenport on 2402 W. Kimberly Rd. Must pre-register. Call Marisa

Be a part of the

40th Anniversary Crop Walk

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Sunday, October 2nd

**Concert/Registration begins
at 12:30**

(Lojo Russo will be returning!)

Walk begins at 2 pm

***Bring non-perishable food for
this 40th Anniversary to help
fill the local food pantries!***



at Iowa State Univ., Scott Co. Exten. 563-359-7577 or email at mbloom@iastate.edu

hawk-i Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
hawk-i is a free or low-cost program that gives kids the chance to be healthy and happy by making sure they have health care coverage. Thousands of kids qualify for this coverage. Do yours? Incomes from 14,593 to up to 112,890 (depending on family size) can qualify for free or \$20/mo. benefits. Apply on-line at www.hawk-i.org or call 1-800-257-8563.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Forms available at MCC QC to get going on your pledges for the Crop Walk!

**MCC NETWORK MEETING - Saturday, November 5
at MCC Milwaukee: watch for details.**

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"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Martin Luther King, Jr.