



“On the Edge”

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“But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.” 1 Samuel 30:6

It's been a busy summer, but God has blessed River's Edge in powerful ways! His strength has been evident in every ministry and especially the Awana awards night and Vacation Bible School. We've met new families and added several to the church family. Right now, we're approaching a new season of ministry for the church and again, it will only be by God's strength that His will can be accomplished. The scripture above represents a season in David's life when the Amalekites had kidnapped the families of all of David's men, including his own. David and his army came home to find them gone and there was so much hurt and anger that the men wanted to stone David for allowing it to happen. David turned to his one and only Source of power...the Lord God Himself! David strengthened himself by his trust in the Lord and led his troops to rescue their wives and children without anyone being hurt! Only God could do that! Only our Lord God can give us the strength for our personal lives and the next steps of ministry for River's Edge. In the next several weeks, our Vision Team will be meeting to evaluate the vision, purpose and ministries of the church. I am asking you to begin praying with me to be open to the Lord God's leading and especially His strength! I'm truly excited about our next steps. God has certainly been good to us over these last six years! Let's allow Him to strengthen us all for what lies ahead!

As I said earlier, The Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS was the best ever! So many people pulled together to serve and we met many new families in our community. **Five children prayed to receive Christ Jesus as their Savior** and the Family Night was outstanding. Thanks again to Margie Linnell and Sharon Nowak for their wonderful leadership in VBS and to all teachers and workers – You did great!

Two Sundays ago, we ordained our first person into the Gospel Ministry. Kevin Nowak and his wife Rebekah have now moved to Ft. Worth, Texas, to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Through the ordination, we made a commitment to pray for their work and well being as the Lord uses them for His glory. Please put Kevin and Rebekah on your prayer list and lift them up before God. We will expect to hear great things the Lord has done in their lives!

Just remember, Awana begins on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00 pm. We are asking every Awana leader to attend the **Awana Ministry Conference** at Hebron Church in Dacula on **Saturday, August 21st**. Please contact Doug Linnell, and sign up to be there on this great day of training.

Our Sunday School classes are doing well as we emerge from summer, but there is a great need to create new classes for our future. We need new adult and children's classes and the leaders to teach them each week. Please be in prayer about what God would ask you to do for our Sunday School ministry. Does He want you to teach? Does He want you to be an apprentice teacher to prepare to lead in the future? Does He want you to be a member in one of the new classes we will birth in the next few weeks? Please seek God's will in prayer and let's come with the anticipation that every teacher need will be supplied and every new class will give glory to the Lord!

The Guatemala Mission Team will meet with Pat and Traci Ragan from AMG International, this **Sunday, August 15th at 3:00 pm.** This will be an important introductory meeting that every person on the team needs to attend. Help us pray to make a difference in Guatemala City this December with the Gospel of Christ!

Are you passionate about certain things in your life? Most of us are passionate about a few things in this life. Our greatest passion needs to be for a relationship with Jesus that is real and personal! We also need to be passionate about other people finding Christ and maturing in Christ. Let this new season of ministry be filled with a passion for knowing Christ better and sharing Him with our lost world! **Live in the Strength of the Lord Our God!**

I love you all!

Pastor Stephen