

A.W.A.R.E

Always **W**atching for **A**nypne
who **R**equires **E**dification

Plan of Action 2008

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A Letter From the Elders at Lake Forest

To the Church Family at Lake Forest,

The year of 2009 is now upon us, and we recognize it as a time for new beginnings. As you know, each year we seek to set a theme for the year to help us focus in on the goals we wish to achieve. We have had some very meaningful and important themes in years past.

2004 – Being A Caring Church

2005 – O Worship the King

2006 – Follow Me, And I Will Make You Become Fishers Of Men

2007 – The Mind of Christ

This year we have selected a new theme. However, we want to remind you that we intend to remember our themes from the past and build upon them. This is important for us if we are to continue to grow. Our theme for this year is “**A.W.A.R.E. – Always Watching For Anyone Who Requires Edification”**. This theme is based upon the scripture we read in I Cor. 15:1-2, “**We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.**”

Every Christian and every congregation has a 2-fold mission. We are to seek and save those who are lost, just as Christ came to do in Lk. 19:10. We are also to look out for our own brothers and sisters in Christ, as evident in many verses, such as Gal. 6:1. Our theme entails both of these. Each of us, as individual members, carries the responsibility to not only seek after the lost, but to look out for each other as we journey through this life.

Just like our Lord, we do not wish for anyone to perish (II Pet. 3:9), therefore we must be diligent to be aware, just as our theme indicates. We will be doing things this year to help us work towards our theme. Let each one of us take on the responsibility that we have to look out for those around us who are in need. If we will commit ourselves to this, then the Lord’s church can grow as it should.

We as your elders stand always ready to serve and help you in anyway that we can. Please do not hesitate to call upon us.

May God’s blessings be upon us all,

The elders

A.W.A.R.E. – Rom. 15:1-2

“We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.”

What are our goals?

To create a sense of awareness of our fellow Christians and the struggles they may be going through

To help those who have needs in our congregation

To create a sense of awareness of those who live around us who are lost and to bring them to Christ

How do we accomplish our goals?

Get to know one another better through our Care Team activities

Make it a habit to look around for those who are missing

Know what the Bible teaches about our responsibility towards fellow Christians

Card/Call Ministry for the sick, shut-ins, visitors, and those missing

Stress evangelism with a different monthly theme

Lessons from the pulpit once a month to help us stay focused on our theme

Equip the members with the tools to go out and do the work

Promote our Gospel Meeting and other activities through door knocking and personal invites

A.W.A.R.E. – Rom. 15:1-2

Some additional scriptures dealing with our theme and objectives:

- Matt. 22:36-40 – Love your neighbor as yourself
- Matt. 28:18-20 – Make disciples of all nations
- Jn. 13:34-35 – Love one another
- Jn. 17:20-21 – Unity
- Rom. 12:10-18 – Christian behavior
- Rom. 15:14 – Admonish one another
- Gal. 5:13 – Serve one another
- Gal. 6:1-2 – Restore those overtaken in sin
- Eph. 4:32 – Forgiving
- Col. 4:3 – Pray for open doors
- I Thess. 5:11 – Comfort and edify each other
- Heb. 3:13 – Exhort each other
- Heb. 10:24 – Consider one another
- I Jn. 3:16-18 – Take care of one another's needs
- I Jn. 4:7 – Love one another



Calendar of Events

2008

JANUARY

- 1—New Years at the McCullough's
- 19—Men's Breakfast at the building
- 30—5th Wednesday Night Song/Devotional

FEBRUARY

- 3—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 9—Senior Appreciation Dinner

MARCH

- 2—Elders/Deacons Meet (1 to 4 PM)
- 2—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 15—Egg Hunt
- 16-19—Gospel Meeting with David Lipe
- 21-23—Lads to Leaders Convention
- 30—5th Sunday—Men Preach in PM

APRIL

- 6—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 30—5th Wednesday Night Song/Devotional

MAY

- 4—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 4—Congregational Meeting w/Elders
- 17—Ladies Day at the building

JUNE

- 1—Elders/Deacons Meet (1 to 4 PM)
- 1—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 22-28—Florida Bible Camp week
- 29—5th Sunday—Men preach in PM

JULY

- 6—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 11-13—Vacation Bible School
- 30—5th Wednesday Night Song/Devotional

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AUGUST

- 3—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 31—Promotion Day
- 31—5th Sunday—Men speak in PM

SEPTEMBER

- 7—Elders/Deacons Meet (1 to 4 PM)
- 7—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 20—Teachers Appreciation Dinner

OCTOBER

- 5—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 11—Hoedown at the Sieg's
- 19—Bring A Friend Day/Open House
- 29—5th Wednesday Night—Song/Devotional

NOVEMBER

- 2—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 23—Thanksgiving Baskets to be delivered
- 30—5th Sunday—Men speak in PM

DECEMBER

- 7—Elders/Deacons Meet (1 to 4 PM)
- 7—Elders at the building—4:00-4:45 PM
- 13—James Holiday Party
- 20—Holiday Trip for Seniors/Others
- 21—Holiday Party and Fellowship after PM service
- 31—5th Wednesday Night—Song/Devotional

Missions We Support

- Carlos Perez – Peru
- Wayne Pruette – Guyana
- Barry Hatcher – Indonesia
- Guyana Preaching Student
- Scott Shanahan – Micronesia
- Gary Wyder – Prison Work
- Latin American Preaching Student
- Raintree Village – Valdosta, GA
- Rainbow Omega – Estaboga, AL
- Member Mission Trips
- The Voice of Truth Magazine
- Free Bible Correspondence Courses