



# **Plan of Action 2013**

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## A Letter From the Elders at Lake Forest

To the Church Family at Lake Forest,

God has blessed this congregation so much over the years. Once again He has allowed us to be able to see another year in 2013! The year 2012 was another year of God's great blessings and we are truly thankful for that. We added new members to our congregation, had to say goodbye to a few, and also added another elder to help shepherd the flock here at Lake Forest. A new year is upon us and so are many new blessings from God in 2013 if we will continue in His work.

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

2008 – A.W.A.R.E. – Always Watching For Anyone Who Requires Edification

2009 – One By One

2010 – Between The Sundays

2011 – Walking With Jesus

2012 – Higher Ground

Once again 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 “**I Surrender All**”. The verse we wish to focus on with our theme comes from Matthew 22:37.

Our new theme is centered on the idea of surrendering every aspect of our lives to God. There are too many in this world who wear the name of Christ, yet they do not live a life fully dedicated to Him. Jesus said we are to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. We want to focus in 2013 on surrendering every aspect of our lives to God. He would have it no other way. Lessons will be presented the first Sunday of the month that will focus on our theme for 2013.

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



Theme: I Surrender All

Key Verse: Matthew 22:37

Theme Explanation: This year's theme is "I Surrender All". The idea behind our theme is to surrender every aspect of our lives to God.

There are many who wear the name of Christ and claim to be disciples of Jesus. However, they have not surrendered their entire lives to God. They want to have one foot in the church and one foot in the world. Jesus said that we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Christ also taught that becoming a disciple of His means that we "forsake all" in order to follow Him (Luke 14:33).

Some who become Christians simply do not wish to give up the things of the world, including sin. These things can hold us back from giving our all to Him. Paul said we are to present our bodies "a living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). We no longer live for ourselves, "but for Him who died for them and rose again" (II Corinthians 5:15).



# Calendar of Events 2013

## **JANUARY**

- 2 - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 13 - Lads To Leaders Work Day
- 20 - Youth Devotional (Garrett & Amy Hill)
- 20, 27 - Deacon's Presentations (PM)
- 29 - 5th Wednesday - Dan DeLoach (Florida Bible Camp)

## **FEBRUARY**

- 2 - Men's Breakfast
- 9 - Youth Devotional
- 22-24 - Y.E.S. Weekend (Youth)

## **MARCH**

- 2 - Senior Appreciation Dinner
- 10 - Youth Devotional
- 22 - Lads To Leaders Work Night
- 24 - Lads To Leaders Girls Devotional
- 27 - Lads To Leaders Service
- 29-31 - Lads To Leaders Convention
- 31 - 5th Sunday (Men Preach in PM)

## **APRIL**

- 3 - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 26 - Teachers Appreciation Banquet @ Zoo
- 27 - Youth Service Project

## **MAY**

- 5 - Congregational Meeting w/Elders
- 17 - Men's Night Out
- 18 - Ladies Day
- 19 - Youth Devotional
- 24-26 - Prepared 2 Share Youth Evangelism Conference @ Lakeside
- 29 - 5th Wednesday

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## **JUNE**

- 7** - Cosmic Bowling (Youth)
- 16-22** - Florida Bible Camp
- 30** - 5th Sunday (Men Preach in PM)

## **JULY**

- 3** - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 12-14** - Vacation Bible School
- 31** - 5th Wednesday

## **AUGUST**

- 3** - Bible Bowl @ Lakeside
- 11** - Youth Devotional
- 16** - Men's Night Out
- 25** - Promotion Day

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 21** - Youth Service Project (Taylor Home)
- 29** - 5th Sunday (Men Preach in PM)

## **OCTOBER**

- 2** - New Teaching Quarter Begins
- 12** - Hoedown @ Sieg's
- 19** - Progressive Dinner (Youth)
- 25-27** - FHU Trip (Youth)
- 30** - CandyWalk @ Building
- 30** - 5th Wednesday

## **NOVEMBER**

- 1** - Men's Night Out
- 9** - Oceanside Youth Day
- 24** - Thanksgiving Baskets
- 27** - Song/Devotional Service

## **DECEMBER**

- 7** - Holiday Event for Seniors/Adults
- 8** - Elders/Deacons/Ministers Meeting (1-4 PM)
- 13** - Youth Holiday Party (Compton's)
- 14** - Adult Holiday Party @ Bennett's
- 22** - Holiday Fellowship after PM service
- 29** - 5th Sunday (Men Preach in PM)