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## QUEST NEWS

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WORKING TOGETHER IN GOD'S GRACE

# Welcome!

by Micah Clifton: Director of Outreach and Communication

Happy New Year!! Welcome to Quest's January newsletter. I hope this finds you well and happy. We just came out of a truly joyous holiday season, yet I've been looking forward to January for quite some time. I'm ready for the long, cozy month ahead. In our family, we tend to spend the cold, winter evenings hunkered down in the living room, playing games, watching movies or reading books. It's a wonderful chance to slow life down, enjoy the beauty of time with each other and reflect on all of the possibilities the new year brings.

Quest is welcoming in the new year with a new Qexchange topic. Qexchange is a weekly gathering at the Clifton home where we study and discuss meaningful books and current topics, while getting to know and support each other in life. Our next study, beginning January 24<sup>th</sup> will be over the book *The Search for Significance* and if you are longing to find or understand your true worth, this is a study you won't want to miss!

Have you been to our website lately? The address is [www.quest2819.org](http://www.quest2819.org) and I encourage you to check it often for the most updated information on upcoming events, news and announcements. You may even consider setting it as your homepage as it is updated often with scrolling news items across the middle of the page.

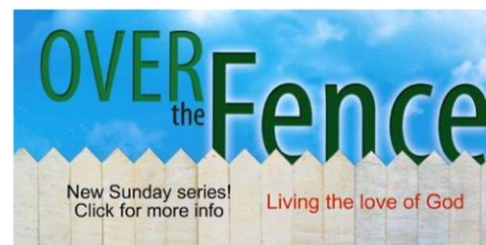
With all of that said, I hope you are looking forward to what 2012 brings. Remember that God has been down the path before us and knows what is in store. He walks beside us every day, don't forget to lean on Him!

My prayer is that you are feeling optimistic about the year ahead. If for any reason you aren't, please let us know. We want to help you, our dear family. You belong here and we truly care about you. Submit a prayer request at any time by [clicking this link](#).



### Join Us for Qexchange

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm at the Clifton home. We will begin discussing a new book *The Search for Significance* on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please email Mike at [hartzheim@gmail.com](mailto:hartzheim@gmail.com) if you would like to reserve a copy of the book! It is also available on Kindle. More information [here](#).



### New Sunday Series

We will begin a new Sunday series in January called "Over the Fence". We are blessed to be a blessing and will discuss ways to live the love of God each day. Find out more information on our website.

# Quest Christmas Party

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Quest's building turned into the hotspot for competition. A Minute To Win It party was underway by 7:30pm and 30-some participants were ready to vie for title of Christmas Party Champion!

We played several games that consisted of household items and a 60-second time clock for completion. Team Red vs Team Green, we competed in challenges you've probably never heard of, including:

- Jingle in the Trunk
- Wreath in One
- Face the Gingerbread Man
- Merry Fishmas
- Gift Bag Grab

And more!

Check out the blog by [clicking here](#) to get the full recap!





## JANUARY



### Sunday School Director

Quest is looking for someone to organize Sunday School teachers either long term or at least through the spring semester. Teachers plan the lessons on their own, but the director organizes volunteer teachers and provides the materials needed for the lessons. Please email Sue at [shartzheim@gmail.com](mailto:shartzheim@gmail.com) if you are interested in this volunteer position!



### Youth Coordinator

Quest is looking for a volunteer youth leader who is willing to organize monthly youth events. Game nights at Quest, outings to Royals games, etc, we'd like someone with a drive for working with teens to take this opportunity. We have amazing teens at Quest who deserve some fun of their own!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30am worship		Qexchange 7pm				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30am worship		Qexchange 7pm				Canvas neighbors
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30am worship						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:30am worship		Qexchange 7pm				
29	30	31	Coming Up: Food Drive Challenge Game Night			
10:30am worship		Qexchange 7pm				

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Remember you can submit prayer requests on the website or email us at the addresses below. Have a great day!

Quest meets at 10:30am Sunday mornings.

Pastor: [Corey McDonald](#)

Worship Director: [Mike Rhodelander](#)

Outreach Director: [Micah Clifton](#)

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## January Word of the Month:

# COURAGE

Please read the article below by Lees Summit fire fighter Scott Ewing

## The Reflection of Courage

Courage is a word that is often associated with actions that evoke images of seemingly unattainable bravery or success. There are moments when an individual or a group of people achieve what would otherwise be deemed impossible if not for the ability to set aside fears and continue with unwavering determination. As a firefighter, I recognize that courage is a word used far too often and in many circumstances that do not warrant such a powerful label. We do, however, have the privilege to occasionally witness situations that unquestionably achieve the true definition of this word. Courage will often present itself at times when it may be most unexpected.

Courage may be found in the waiting room of the hospital... The elderly man was tough and hardened from decades of tireless work. He had eyes that had seen so much and hands that could still bend metal. This was a mountain of a man who had been reduced to streaming tears as he had just received the news that his wife of over 60 years would not be returning home with him. For the first time since he could remember, uncertainty loomed. As sadness and loneliness overwhelmed him, he suddenly found what would allow him to cope, grieve, and endure more than he had previously believed possible... courage.

Courage may be found on the highway... The girl was pulled from the wreckage, broken and bleeding. She was in the prime of her life, a high school senior with so much to look forward to. There were games to attend, parties with friends, ceremonies and celebrations to experience. Suddenly, in the blink of an eye, her world was drastically changed. Instead of social gatherings, carefree days with classmates, and college recruitment trips, she faced months of painful and tedious rehabilitation. When she awoke, she was overwhelmed, confused and angry. She didn't understand why this occurred and she doubted that she could endure the pains and rigors of therapy. She was not sure why, but this was the moment when she found the strength... She looked in the mirror and there it was... courage.

Courage may be found in the family living room... The woman was weakened and sick. Months of chemotherapy had drained her strength and tested her will. She was still there, a mother, a wife and a fighter. Struggling to stand, but with a smile still on her face. She was an inspiration to her family and to the Fire Department crew there to assist her. She smiled and encouraged her husband and children. She remained unbroken and undeterred by the disease that had claimed so many. She was winning the fight and she knew it... courage.

This essay on courage is dedicated to the citizens of Lee's Summit. People often believe that firefighters and police officers must certainly be courageous. It is true that we do have inherent risks with our professions, but it is the individuals that we treat and assist which often provide the truest example of the word. Courage is an involuntary gift that is part of our natural ability to cope with tragedy and circumstance in moments of absolute necessity and perhaps even desperation. I believe in this idea of courage because I have been fortunate enough to see it put on display time and time again by the citizens that we serve. I believe that I speak for the members of this city's Fire and Police Departments when I say that it is an honor to have the opportunity to be of assistance in your time of need. However, I am confident that we are often the recipients of a far greater reward than that which we can ever hope to provide. Thank you for allowing us into your lives and for trusting us with so much. We are often called at the time of your darkest hour, but when more closely examined, perhaps the darkest hour will succumb to a greater power... courage.

Scott Ewing

Lee's Summit Fire Dept.