

**O** **OVERTURN** my fears so God's Word takes **R** **ROOT**.

“As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.” Matthew 13:20-21 ESV

“Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught.” Colossians 2:7a GNT



*It's the maturity in my life below the surface that matters!*

**R** **RID** my life of everything that **O** **OPPOSES** God's Word.

“As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.” Matthew 13:22 ESV

“So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back.” Hebrews 12:1 NCV

**D** **DIRECT** my life so God's Word becomes God's **W** **WORK**.

“As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” Matthew 13:23 ESV

“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 NIV

“You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove.” James 2:18 MSG

# Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

## We're So Glad You're Here!

We plan to celebrate Christ's love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you'll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. Are you worried about the rules - when to stand, when to sit, what to say? Don't be! We've worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

## This Week: The Sower

We continue the Modern Parable series with our study of Matthew 13:3-9. We'll watch a documentary about an 80-year-old farmer who grows his crop from planting to harvest. Then we'll examine how well the Word of God is planted in our lives.

## Next Week: Prodigal Sons

We'll complete the Modern Parable series with our study of Luke 15:11-32. We'll watch a drama about two sons trying to manipulate their father to achieve their own desires. Then we'll examine what may be "prodigal" in our own relationship with our heavenly father.

## Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

## White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table.

## Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. We invite you to participate if you are a Christ-follower. You do not need to be a member of our church. Take the bread and cup back to your seat individually when you're ready.

## Membership Classes Begin in Two Weeks!

On November 7th we will begin the process of taking in the charter members of Church Requel. Wouldn't you like to be among those in that pioneer group?

"What's membership mean and what's required to be a member?" you may be asking. That's what our membership class is designed to teach. And here's the really great news: you can complete most of the class just by coming to church every Sunday night in November and the first two weeks in December.

That's right! We'll be teaching our membership class as our sermon series.

We'll have more details for you in the future, but I wanted you to know now about this opportunity so you could make CR attendance a priority. In addition to the sermon series, we'll be scheduling a two-hour membership seminar called CLASS 101. We'll announce the dates and times shortly, but you'll have several opportunities to attend.

What if you don't wish to be a member. No problem. You'll want to come every week anyway to continue your worship experience and also to learn how Church Requel plans to fulfill it's mission and vision. You can even come to the CLASS 101 just to check it out without any obligation.

I'm really excited about this next step for Church Requel. We've been holding public services for one year now and it's time for us to begin the membership process. I know many of you have been wondering about this too and I hope you'll be as excited as I am when you find out all the details.

With great affection and appreciation - Pastor Mark

### Help Set Up Or Tear Down

We could use more hands in our setup team and in our tear down team. We setup every Sunday at 2PM. Mostly what is required is a willingness to help carry things from our room downstairs up to the chapel. This only takes about an hour - you could go back home and come back for the service. We could also use help putting things away after the service. The tear down only takes about 45 minutes. If you could stay and help, you'd free someone else to go home early. We appreciate your help!

### Children Need Help

We now offer two separate classes one for preschool children and one for elementary children. However, over the last month we've lost two teachers. Could you help - even for just one week out of every six? Our fastest growing demographic is our children! That's the good news. But our dedicated children's workers are now volunteering more than they planned and are missing out on our adult worship services. If you are willing to invest into the lives of our children, please talk to Steve or Jessica or Pastor Mark.



<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:3-9 ESV

Seed = the **WORD OF GOD** in my life.

*"Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God."*

*Luke 8:11 ESV; also Matthew 13:10, Mark 4:14*

**My goal in life - for God's W.O.R.D. to G.R.O.W. in me.**

**W** **WAKEN** to my need for God's **G** **GERMINATION**.

"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.

This is what was sown along the path." Matthew 13:19 ESV

Jesus replied, "I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 NET

ἄνωθεν (**anōthen**): **from above; again, a repetition**

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Ephesians 2:1 NKJV