

Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),
“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”
Ephesians 6:2-3 ESV

“Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you,...
Serve wholeheartedly.” Ephesians 6:6a,7a NIV

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”
Ephesians 5:21 NIV

2. Real Romance **SEEKS GOD'S HELP AND PLEASURE**.

“Walk as children of light... and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”
Ephesians 5:8b,10 ESV

3. Real Romance **REQUIRES INTENTION AND ACTION**.

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”
Ephesians 5:15 NIV

4 Hints for “Making the most of every opportunity!”



Knowing HOW to seek the best for someone else requires time, study, and sacrifice.



Romance sometimes requires a second language.



Romance can happen anytime, not just at prescribed times.



Balancing romance with the rest of life requires God's wisdom.

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.

Tonight: Real Romance

Are you “romantically challenged?” Most of us are! The reasons start with not understanding what real romance is. Tonight (and for the next couple of weekends) we're going to talk about what it takes to overcome being romantically challenged. Oh... along the way we're going to have some fun! Later tonight we'll enjoy the comedy of Jeff Foxworthy.

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.

Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We promise that no one will show up at your door! We'll use the info to keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel. Also you can write a message to Pastor Mark on the back of the Info Card. He reads them faithfully each and every week! Drop off your Info Card in one of the offering baskets on the communion table. Thanks!

White Donation Envelope

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

Prayer Requests and Praises

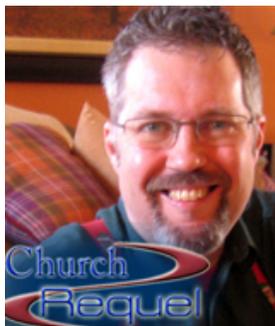
Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table. After our afternoon message, our pastor will lead our prayer time.

New Opportunity for Nate Williams

For the last six weeks, Nate has sought the worship ministry leadership position at Ontario Free Methodist Church. This past week he learned the great news for him and his family that he has been approved for this position. His office hours will begin next week and his first worship leadership there will start in March. Here are additional points of info:

- I'm personally thrilled for Nate. He has needed the income that a job can provide and it's wonderful for Nate, Trisha and their family that he could find this part-time job within his area of passion and abilities.
- Church Requel is simply not yet in a position to be able to compensate Nate in the way he deserves. Most of what Nate has done for us in the last year has been on a volunteer basis - and for that we are most grateful.
- Nate has been up front with me about this entire process. For that matter, so has Tony - the pastor of Ontario Free Methodist. This has been an exercise in how the larger body of Christ can work together in love and unity.
- I have been most supportive of this opportunity for Nate. I have prayed with him at length. I also gave him a solid recommendation to OFM's search committee. As we'll talk about today, real love always seeks the best for the other person.
- Nate and Trisha plan to continue their membership at Church Requel. Both are a vital part of our church family here. Trisha, as much as Nate, has formed bonds of love and affection with her friends at Church Requel.
- Clearly, Nate will have to lessen his worship leadership role here at CR. The good news, however, is that he and our live band will still lead every other weekend. Our leadership team plans to use iWorship audio and video resources when Nate and the band are not leading.

Change is part of life. How we handle change can show us the core of who we really are inside. I am most certain that we will handle this change well and look forward to what God provides us in the future! Love, Pastor Mark



Songs From Tonight

These are the songs we sang tonight in case you want to keep singing this week:

"Open Up The Sky" by Deluge

"Come Thou Fount" - Phil Wickham

"I Stand Amazed" by Chris Tomlin

Children's Ministry Director

We're pleased to announce that Stacie Shoemaker has accepted the volunteer position of Children's Ministry Director. In this role, she will take the administrative lead of our elementary and nursery classes. Please let Stacie know just how much we appreciate her ministry!



¹Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ... ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ... ²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:1-2,15-16,21 NIV

How Do You Define Romance?



God's Plan For Real Romance

1. Real Romance **SEEKS THE BEST FOR SOMEONE ELSE**.

"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2a ESV

"In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself." Ephesians 5:28 ESV