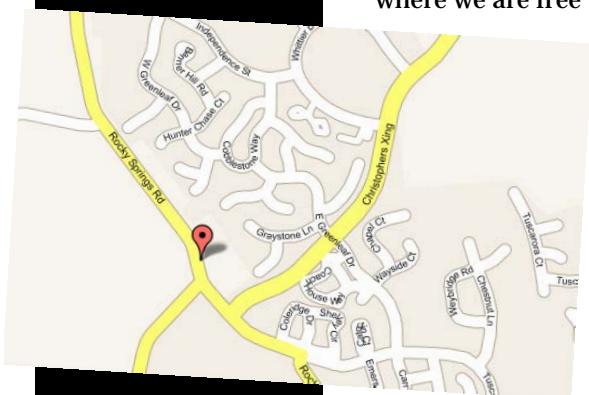


"I was really worried about going, but after the experience I felt really good."

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Christian Church

What I learned from Attending a New Church

There are many stereotypes that has been used to define the "church." The church has been called "judgmental", "fake" and even "boring or dull". Unfortunately many churches have not done enough to prove these stereotypes wrong.

Because of this very fact a movement has started across America where new churches are being planted and established. These churches are really "unchurches" as they try to be a new and different kind of church for a new and different kind of people in the 21st Century. I have had the pleasure of working with this kind of church and in so doing I have learned a few things.

1. I have learned how to laugh during the worship time. I believe that worship and praise should be just that. The worship service was designed to be a joyful place where we could freely express our love for another and our love for God. I have never in the past been a part of an "unchurch" that laughed so much during the worship time. Our casual atmosphere goes beyond our clothes and into a relaxed place where we are free to be real. We

are a real church, with real problems, serving a real God.

2. I have learned what it means to be creative and innovative. Being part of a new church without a facility causes us to look at many things from a different perspective. We have had

services on the lawn outside the building when we were locked out. We have had small group discussions in the middle of sermons. For whatever else you can say about our church, you must say after you leave each week that it was an experience.

3. I have learned that church really is about the people. In a small start up we are not given the luxury to worry about programs or about facilities. All of our efforts are placed solely on ministering to the families that attend. Each family is important and is seen as valuable contributors to the team.

4. I have learned that less is more. Our new church may not have all the programs and benefits that a large church would offer but I believe we have the things that matter most.

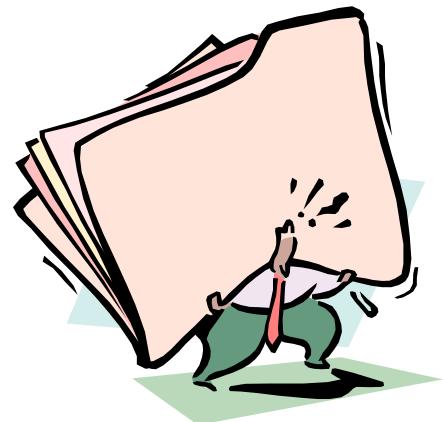


*Sunday's have never
been so fun!*

I am thankful for this new "unchurch." This church has taught me a great deal in the short time that it has been an existence. If you want to be part of something profound, something fun and someplace that you can be a part of a community, then I would encourage you to try our new "unchurch." I will look forward to laughing with you this Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Sunday Morning Discussion - Ever feel overwhelmed by the change in society? Starting in January we will be starting a new discussion on "Top Ten Issues of the 21st Century". Lifeway.com did a survey across the nation last year polling thousands of people on the current issues they face. Now the numbers are in and the issues have been narrowed to ten. The key to life is navigating current issues. Join us for this ten week series for a thought provoking look at how to face the new year and this century.



1.8.06

21st Century Issue—Facing Sexual Sins
How to overcome in the face of the temptation

15.06

21st Century Issue—Multi-Cultural Issues
More immigrants now live in the US than ever before.

1.22.06

21st Century Issue—Revelance
*How to relate to ever changing s
"We are not what we used to be."*

1.29.06

21st Century Issue—Marriage
Finding a better strength than enables us to succeed

2.5.06

21st Century Issue—Apathy
Learning the Art of finding your passion

Don't let life get you down! Come and learn some tools on "How to Handle Life's Hurts."

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