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## What do you want to look like in 2008?

Every year I try to get an annual physical check-up. They tell us it is good preventative medicine once we hit 50.

The frustrating thing for me is that my doctor and I have a pretty good relationship, but we keep having a lot of the same talks about things like diet, cholesterol, and blood pressure— really exciting stuff!

This time our talk said all my blood work was really good, but I needed to lose weight. Now someone has suggested to me that what I really need to do is stop going to the doctor or find a fat one!

I don't think I'll do either one because I really believe my doctor has my best interest at heart. And you know what? So does God!



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The Scriptures that tell me to shape up and get spiritually fit aren't because God is opposed to fun, but rather they

are there because God wants me to have the best life possible. And he wants that for you as well. So what can we do? Well for starters...

- Be in church every week you can in 2008.
- Start a regular Bible reading program.
- Join some kind of small group for study or fellowship.
- Vow to give of yourself and your resources generously.

We can all look at lot better (physically and spiritually) in 2008 with just a little effort.

—Pastor Stan

## Things You Need to Know from Nathan...

### Stuff for Everyone!

THIS SUNDAY the 13th we are going to see "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything" a Veggie tales movie. This is an event that we are inviting

Church-Wide participation. Anyone who wants to join us in going to watch the movie is welcome to come: young, old, short, tall, those who are amused by singing talking vegetables. It's going to be a good

time. We are looking at a show time around 5pm. I don't have any definitive schedule set yet because I'm trying to find out if Great Escapes here in Noblesville is going to be showing it. Details will be

## From Nathan (cont'd)...

announced on Sunday and posted on the website as soon as they are available.

### **30 Hour Famine fund-raising has begun.**

Youth Group students are going to be asking you to help donate to feed starving kids around the world. Last year we raised \$3600, this year we are aiming for \$4500. Join us in being a part of changing the world.

We are preparing for the Famine event on February 8-9. We need many of the same things we asked for last year. Looking for juice, wa-

ter, volunteers to prepare the final meal, and people who are willing to drive. If you can help please email me at [nawainwright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nawainwright@sbcglobal.net)

### **Education:**

A big thank you to all who stayed for the Education meeting on Sunday, I felt it went well. We are still looking for some teachers who will trade off Children's Church classes during the year.

**Kids Corner** – Our Sunday School time program is still looking for someone who is willing to lead it. This does-

n't require you to miss any part of the service. It is a program that will be provided with some materials but is also open to your creative direction. If you don't feel up to the task of taking it on alone you can find someone who is willing to tag team it with you. Please help us to instill in our children a love for Christ and church.

### **JANUARY**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

**January 13**

**Movie: "The**

**Pirates Who**

**Don't Do**

**Anything."**

**Youth fund  
raising for 30  
Hour Famine**

**Youth Bible  
Studies at RCC on  
Sunday Nights  
7:00 pm**

**Small Group Bible  
Studies on  
Wednesdays.**

**Men's Bible Study  
Sat. mornings at  
Riverview Hosp.  
Cafeteria**

## Church Financial Update

I want to thank you for your generous giving in 2007. In spite of the fact that we had to cancel our regular church service on December 16th because of the weather, you gave offerings totaling \$37,175.89 from all sources for the month of December. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Our current cash position from all sources as of December 31, 2007 stands at \$62,675.42. And while that is down somewhat from last January's total of about \$70,000. It is a healthy rebound from some lower num-

bers that we had just a couple of months ago.

This, of course, only happens because God is faithful and you, his people, care about His Kingdom and Refuge Christian Church. While I have seen God and you do it time and time again over the years, I never cease to be amazed. Your willingness to share is a dramatic testimony to your faith.

But faith never stops does it?

There are going to be financial

challenges in the coming year as well as challenges for us all to step forward and be volunteers of our time and talents—by the way, what a great group of folks who stayed after worship to meet with Nathan about our Education needs! Keep it up.

In the coming year I challenge you to be faithful in your giving. And I plead with you to give us your time and talents as well. Together we can do what God expects of us in this little part of His great Kingdom.

*Pastor Stan*