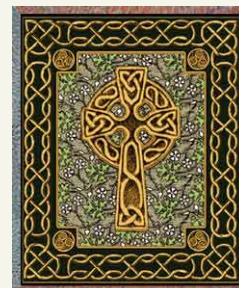




"LIVES CHANGED TO CHANGE LIVES"

In the Know...



THE ROCK
A CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WELCOME...

WHAT'S NEW?

- **April Message Series:**
Who Broke My Yolk?
- **Small Gatherings**
New Northwest group Weds.
- **Face 2 Face** - sign up to partner & pray daily.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

- **Commitments to Christ in 2008: (3)** Liz, Micah, Cianna.
- **Baptisms 2008: (5)**
Joey Shepstead, Kenny Robinson, Liz Krejci, Matt & Tabitha Hornyak.
- **Newborns 2008: (2)**
Hunter Splinter & Maximus Purdy
- **Giving Report: 2008**
January \$7,182.20
February \$10,967.88
March \$16,317.82

'08 Need: \$36,000 (Mar. 31)
'08 Deficit: \$1,532.10

- **Small Gatherings:** new people joining the journey...
Liz, Tiffani, Joseph, Bob, Kenny, Jake, Matt, Tabitha, Keith, Jennifer, Dave, Shawn, John, Fela, Troy, Nueva, Josie, Raquel & Kathryn. Catch the fever.

- **Prayer Needs:**
Honea family-safe return back to Vegas. **Toney Mathers**-continues to fight cancer. **Rick Spendlove's father** full recovery; cancer was benign. **Matt Hornyak**-broken toes. **Nicole Abapo**-car accident injury. Upcoming **elections**. **Financial** strength and stability for The Rock. Partners would be faithful in tithing 10% to support God's work in people's lives.

We are excited that you have decided to be here with us tonight. **"The Gathering"** is our worship experience designed to be interactive and engaging. Our desire is to connect with God and each other through relationships.

We want you to know that you matter to us because you matter to Christ. Vicki Lynn and I, along with the partners of The Rock, look forward to connecting with you sometime this evening.

We will begin in a few moments. Meanwhile enjoy the baked goods in the back along with a beverage.

You are invited to participate in communion any time during the service at the communion station in the back. We will have a prayer station in the near future in the case that you need someone to pray for you or simply a place to be silent. Our goal is to create an experience that is relaxed and meaningful. We hope you enjoy the service and we look forward to your next visit.

Blessings,

Chris & Vicki Lynn Tong



NEW LAUNCH...

Five, Four, Three, Two, One... Lift Off. "Houston, we have a launch." Before each launch there are extreme anxious moments. But instant relief and jubilation when the space shuttle rises above the launch pad and rises effortlessly into a sea of blue sky.

Here at The Rock there are a few things that we are about to launch with similar anticipation and excitement.

First, the **Prayer Team** led by Keith Krejci and Dave Ventimiglia. These two guys have been praying daily for the past several months after experiencing prayer with others. They have seen God move in powerful ways and want others to experience God's power in their own lives. Keith and Dave will need you to join them as they develop a plan to get people praying Face2Face. The prayer team will also design a prayer station for the Gathering where people can be anointed with oil and prayed for or simply be silent and still in prayer and meditation. Interested? Call Keith: 676-1144.

Second, our very first **mission experience** (led by a team: Tony

Davis, Steve Ranney, Christine Hardin & PC) is quickly descending upon us. You have been hearing about it and now you've got to experience it. June 15-21, cost \$199/person. Sign-up at the connection table. We already have nine people committed. Join the adventure to Navajo Nation and discover God at work.

Third, after two years of prayer, we are ready to launch a ministry for the youth this summer. Here's a short intro by Jimi Jobin (our youth team leader) *"The city of sin has swallowed up entire generations of local Las Vegans, broken the bonds of family and left countless teenagers bitter and confused about what life is, or should be. Jesus is the only medicine for the cancer among us, and it has been the mission of The Rock since its inception to deliver the remedy of the cross to a broken world and reproduce a resistance to the disease of pain and hopelessness that spreads throughout our community. With steadfast vision and passionate hearts, The Rock is ready to take the next step in the cause of*

Christ's Kingdom and engage the youth of Las Vegas with the Gospel. Join us by praying for our mission and our vision and for the thousands of teenagers that surround us and need us."

The Resistance begins this SUMMER...June 7, 2008 don't miss being a part of starting the Resistance. What makes a launch successful? The answer is YOU! It takes everyone's active participation & invitation.

Coming Your Way...

Passover Meal...Sunday, April 20th. A way to actively remember God's activity in saving his people from slavery. Come experience, reflect, & relive how it relates to us today. Share it with your friends.

Church @ the PARK...Sunday, May 25th. Local businesses are already contributing to our FREE Community BBQ. Now it's up to us to HELP make it happen. *"Many hands make work light."* Join one of these teams: Food, Registration, Set-Up, Tear Down, Games, or Connections and serve our community through worship.

PARTNERS TOGETHER

- **Small Gatherings...** Be a part of smaller groups where life is shared, and belonging & becoming happens.

MONDAYS

- 1) **[Family SG]** 6:30 pm, Noreen Tong & Mitzi Gill
Meets @ 266 Bella Matese, Las Vegas, 89123
v: 270-8668 [by South Point]
- 2) **[Mixed SG]** 7:00 pm, Eric & Haleigh Honea
Meets @ 9054 Tolford Avenue, LV, 89148
v:914-8345 [by Mountain's Edge]

WEDNESDAYS (NEW SG)

- 3) **[Mixed SG]** 6:30 pm, Pastor Chris meets @ Keith & Jennifer Krejci's home @ 8909 Rendon Street, Las Vegas, NV 89143 v: 340-6379 [Northwest; new location by the 95 & Durango]

- 4) **[Moms SG]** 9:30 am, Vicki Lynn (Childcare)
Meets: Various Locations v: 340-6378 [Various locations--Southwest]

THURSDAYS

- 5) **[Mixed SG]** 6:30pm, Steve Ranney & Daniel Winslow Meets @ 9545 Swiss Stone Court, LV, NV 9123 v:528-8805 [Silverado Ranch]

• SG's growing in size...

The idea of SG "Doing life together: Becoming and Belonging" is catching on. Our Mon. Family, Weds. Mixed, and Thurs. Mixed SG's have grown and now have two groups meeting at the same location. They share everything together (a meal, hanging out, dessert, mixers, etc.) as a larger gathering, but break into two groups of 6-8 to study the

ancient scriptures and pray. We believe that the growth of The Rock is related to the number of SG's we develop and reproduce. Pastor Chris is looking to launch 4 more groups next season (May 2008) Call 340-6379 to host an SG.

• Another Baby BOOM? Those Expecting...

Dustin and Jenna Ceicalone are expecting their 2nd child. Juan & Stephany Manriquez are expecting their 3rd child.

• Baby/Child Dedication

This Mother's Day, May 11, 2008 we will be dedicating children at The Gathering. Parents wishing to dedicate their child to the Lord. Call 340-9202 or sign up the connection table.

Join the SG Journey! "Belong & Become..."

Most of us want to belong where everybody knows your name. We were made for relationship with God and each other. We were designed for authentic community. We are also designed to "Become." Growth and maturity is part of our experience. At SG, we are "Doing life together." It's a place where you can grow & develop as a disciple learning and discovering what it means to follow Christ.

Check our website; www.therocklv.com for a listing of SGs.

LOVE & SACRIFICE ARE INSEPARABLE

We have been learning that "Love & Sacrifice are inseparable." A value that we have adopted at The Rock. We believe that "You can tell the measure of a person's love by their sacrifice and service."

Warm Clothes & Blankets

You can make a difference for our friends living out in the cold by going to your closet and clearing out those items you no longer wear. You may want to purchase several new items at "Savers" or "Goodwill." Here is their need...

- Blankets
 - Warm Clothes (Jackets, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Thermal underwear)
 - Socks, Gloves, Hats (knitted)
- Bring to E Street every 3rd Saturday.

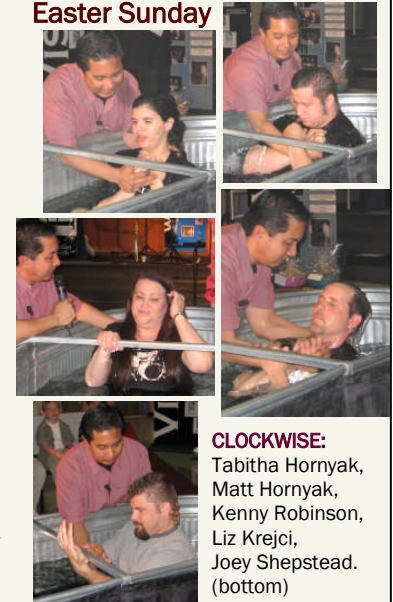
Stepping Out in Missions

The Rock is about people developing a heart for God and His people. We are continually growing

in our understanding of what it means to go beyond our walls and beyond our community. Jesus once said to his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) We have the opportunity to do just that...Tony Davis is leading a team to partner with the Navajo Black Mountain Mennonite Church led by pastor Daniel Smiley. Be a part of a week long mission experience June 15-21, 2008. Interested in an adventure to Navajo nation? Want to partner with them in helping reach people for Christ? Want to experience God's work among the Navajo? Want to be used by God to reach people for Christ? Want to make a difference with your life?

Pick-up a brochure or sign-up at the Connections table. Cost \$199.00 includes lodging, meals, transportation and insurance.

Picture of recent Baptisms Easter Sunday



CLOCKWISE:
Tabitha Hornyak,
Matt Hornyak,
Kenny Robinson,
Liz Krejci,
Joey Shepstead.
(bottom)

Welcome to the journey of faith!

STAY CONNECTED

• DVD Library

We have copies of the following for you view and discuss with your family. Stop by the connection table & check one out. "The Nativity Story" "Facing the Giants" & "Amazing Grace"

• NEXT Leadership Team Mtg.

Monday, May 12 @ 6:30 pm at the Tong's home. Our guest Greg, new pastor from Warm Springs. \$3 donation for dinner.

• NEXT SG Leaders Mtg.

Tuesday, April 15 @ 6:30 pm at

the Tong's home. \$3 donation for dinner.

• LEADERSHIP TEAM

- David Reed (Team Leader)
- Jonathan Bradley
- Tony Davis
- Eric & Haleigh Honea
- Joe Hemphill
- Christine Hardin
- Pastor Chris

• Copies of a Message:

Missed a Gathering? Want a copy of a message?

Send your requests to...
ctong_therocklv@cox.net
Mp3's available upon request.

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