

May 2011 Newsletter

By Pennie Kellenberger

My friend Michael gave me a book called “The UnChristian” by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. He gave it to me over a year ago but I have recently picked it up to begin reading it. It comes at a good time for me as my days have been increasingly spent talking to people who are in need and hurting. Many of the people who come in are looking for financial assistance. I openly start our conversations with “There are no funds available but I would be glad to listen and brainstorm with you about solutions.” I pray that after every one of these conversations people will leave with a little more hope than what they came in with. This book has helped me keep some priorities straight. Here is some of the insights on the poor, the homeless, and social service I have found in the book.

Genesis 12:2-3 - God wants the lives of his people to bless others.

Isaiah 58:10 - God followers should spend themselves on behalf of the poor.

Micah 6:8 - We should be known for living humbly and pursuing justice and offering mercy

Matthew 5:44 - Love people who seem to be “enemies” and pray for them.

Mark 9:35 - The greatest role in life is to serve others.

Luke 4:18 - Jesus’ ministry was first introduced as freeing captives, serving the oppressed, and healing the sick.

Luke 15:3-7 - God pursues people like a shepherd would search for even one straying sheep.

Luke 15:11-32 - God is described as a father who patiently waits for the return of a child.

John 3:17 - Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save it.

John 15:13 - You cannot love a person more than by giving your life up for him or her.

Galatians 5:13 - Christians have freedom to love unconditionally, as Christ loved people

1 Timothy 3:1-7 - One of the qualifications of Christian leadership is to have “A good reputation with outsiders.”

Titus 3:2 - Christians should be peaceable and considerate, showing true humanity toward everyone.

2 Peter 3:9 - God wants everyone to repent and turn to him.

The authors also state, “to look [or BE] more like Christ followers, we must cultivate deep concern and sensitivity to outsiders. That is what Jesus did.” It is my prayer this month that all who participates in ministry at The Center would be sensitive to outsiders, and all who come would find us faithful.

The Center is:

- A community whose purpose is found in Jesus Christ and exists to live like he did.
- A community that stands up for justice and speaks against oppression .
- A community where if you show up you belong.
- A community where it’s not about what you do, but who you are. You are a child of God, born to manifest God’s glory, not defined by appearance or actions.
- A community where people gather because there is no other place they would rather be.

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The Center is a great place for wedding receptions,
bridal and baby showers, birthday parties,
anniversaries, graduation parties
and business meetings.

Contact us now to book your event!
Jolene 563-323-5295

Alive! Children's Theater



May 14, 2011

Show starts at 7pm

*The Center
1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA*

*No admission charge!
Donations accepted!*

Comedy Relief is an Improv team comprised of students and adults.

Improvational Comedy is an interactive performance by a team of players who use suggestions from the audience to play out a scene or sketch on stage totally unscripted..

Improvise is to compose, perform or deliver without previous operation. So, in short, you—THE AUDIENCE controls what we do. The outcome is unexpected, hilarious and good, clean family fun!



The Safer Foundation would like to thank everyone for another successful Safer Sacks year.

Their goal was to sell 1,300 lunches which we exceeded - with 1,373 lunches being sold - raising over \$7,300 which will go to benefit our Youth Empowerment Programs.



The Center is in need of volunteers to help with Special Needs events held at The Center and co-sponsored with YoungLife Capernaum.

Are you good at organizing, decorating, crafts, pictures, or like to shop?

Please contact Jolene @ 563-323-5295

MISSION: RECHARGE!

May 7th

**Recharge your body so we can
recharge in Kenya!**

9:00-9:30 Welcome

**Snacks, Basket Bidding, Short info
presentation about Kenya**

9:30-11 Everyone ZUMBA!

11:00-11:15 Intermission

Snacks and Basket Drawings

11:15-12:00 HOLY YOGA!

\$20



HOLY  YOGA



Baskets

Tickets for Baskets maybe purchased for
\$1 or 6 Tickets for \$5

Sponsored by HyVee, Fishers of Men
Ministries, YMCA and the Kellenberger's.

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The proceeds go to help support the
mission to Kenya August 3-17, 2011

14th and
Brady

**The Center
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YARD SALE



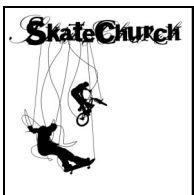
May 14, 2011
8 A.M. - 3 P.M.

1411 Brady Street at The Center (east side of the parking lot)

**All proceeds go to The Kenya Mission:
Multi-Church Event**

To donate items call Pennie or Trinity
Kellenberger at 563-370-7869
or drop them off at

The Center daily before noon.



**Skate Church camp at
The Center!**

Ages 5-12

**July
25-28
5 til 7 pm**

**June
6-9
5 til 7 pm**

**Please bring
skateboard,
wrist bands,
helmet, and any
other gear you have.**

**For more
information please
call Pennie/Jolene at
The Center.
563-323-5295**

2nd Annual Bowling Fundraiser

The Center and YoungLife would like to thank everyone that helped make the 2nd Annual Bowling Fundraiser a great success!

A special "Thank You" to everyone that donated baskets!

The fundraiser had 70 people bowl, and raised over \$1,100.00.



Summer Fun while supporting the SAFER FOUNDATION!

Safer Foundation of the Quad-Cities has joined the Quad-Cities River Bandits to offer you summer fun with your family and friends while supporting our organization. The Safer Foundation will be selling bleacher seat tickets for any home game at the Modern Woodmen Park during the 2011 season. Tickets will be sold through June 17, 2011 and are \$7.00 per ticket. Safer retains a portion of each ticket sold.

What: River Bandits Baseball

When: 2011 Home Games

Where: Modern Woodmen Park

Why: Support the Safer Foundation of the Quad-Cities

For ticket information contact:

Safer Foundation

1411 Brady Street

Davenport, IA 52803

563-322-7002



MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	2 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Open Bible Fellowship QC 6:30-8pm	3 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	4 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	5 SHIIP 9am Maximize 4:30pm	6 True Gospel Enterp 6-8pm	7 A night of worship OPEN TO PUBLIC 6pm Mission Recharge 9am-12pm Alive Workshop 12-4pm
8 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	9 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Ric's Bible Study 7-9pm Ministry Meeting 6pm Open Bible Fellowship QC 6:30-8pm	10 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	11 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Safer Board Meeting 3:30pm Classroom Home Visitors 12-1pm Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Lay Leaders 4:45pm	12 Maximize 4:30pm	13 Private Party 6pm	14 Garage Sale 8am-3pm Alive! Children's Theater 7pm Open To Public
15 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	16 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Open Bible Fellowship QC 6:30-8pm	17 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Center Management Meeting 5pm	18 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Safer Board—Classroom Meeting 3-5pm Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	19 Maximize 4:30pm	20 Maximize Big Event 4-7pm Alive! Hip Hop 9pm Open to Public	21 Private Party 1:30-5:30pm
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Street Team : Homeless Outreach
Monday-Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm

Safer Foundation
Monday-Friday
8:00am-3:00pm

Food Pantry @ The Center
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Saturday of the month 9:00am-11:30am

Table Tennis
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

The Friendly Thrift Center
Monday-Saturday
9:00am-1:00pm

Solid Rock Café
Monday-Saturday
9am-2pm
Sunday Closed

Living Faith
Sunday 7:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday 6pm

Skate Church
Wednesday-Saturday
6:00pm-10:00pm

**Call 563-323-5295
for reservations and questions!**



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The Friendly Thrift Center
Street Team
Fishers of Men Ministries
Living Faith
Neighborhood Connection
Quad City Prayer Center
SHIIP
Kids Against Hunger
Solid Rock Café @ The Center
Alive! Children's Theater
Young Life Quad Cities

Our Mission:

The Center is a collection of ministries focused on being a beacon of light to the voiceless, powerless, and the marginalized members of our community by providing assistance to meet human needs and by providing a place where people can grow in their relationship with **God.**