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*Rick Whitter, Administrative Bishop*

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Never in our lives have we experienced change at the rate we are today. The transitions we are seeing are not by choice, much of this change is being forced upon us. Many aspects of our lives are drastically different now than they were just a few years ago.

Some folks adapt better to change than others. It seems that younger people have an easier time with modifications. Those of us who are more resistant to the shifting are having a hard time. It's easy to wonder where it all will stop, if it ever does.

Perhaps the most difficult changes for us are those that have come upon the church. The way we are accustomed to worshipping and ministering is, in many cases, being revised. For some churches, it is no longer a close physical gathering of anyone who wants to come, hugs and handshakes, potluck meals and uninterrupted service schedules. Pastors have adjusted their visitation habits and crowds aren't as large as they once were. These modifications are painful, to say the least.

These shifts have left some Believers discouraged. Others long for the way things used to be and many can't wait until things "return to normal."

But hear this: **The more things change, the more the solution remains the same.** While the world is changing at the speed of sound, and we cannot stop that, God does not change. Methods of ministry must change during this season. Our schedules have to be more flexible. We are expected to shift on the fly. But these realities do not impact the foundational truth that God remains the same, forever.

Rather than looking for security in the rapidly changing and ever flexible conditions of our society, we must hold to that which is stable. About 20 years ago, we sang a little chorus in our church that went like this: "I'm gonna hold to His hand, to God's unchanging hand, I'm gonna hold to His hand, to God's unchanging hand. I'm gonna build my life on things eternal. I'm gonna hold to God's unchanging hand." What a simple but life-transforming truth. Our lives and future are not determined at the whim of a rapidly changing world; God holds us with his eternal, unchanging hand. He is our security!

My advice is, don't fight change, it will win. Don't spend your limited time trying to prevent the world from these fluctuations. Jesus told us that these things are an indicator of things to come. Rather, we must determine to cling to the eternal.

Additionally, we must practice effective ministry in the middle of these chaotic times. Business as usual won't work. Stubbornly ignoring our hurting culture is not the answer. We must learn how to apply an unchanging Gospel to a changing world.

**God's love hasn't changed.**

**The Bible hasn't changed.**

**The power of prayer hasn't changed.**

**Our hope of eternity hasn't changed.**

**The soon return of Christ hasn't changed.**

**The more things change, the more the solution remains the same.**

Church, we've got this. Because God has promised to see us through, we can be confident and secure.

*Bishop Rick Whitter*

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*Ephesians 3:17*

*Date*  
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*Conference Cost*  
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*Guest Speaker*

**Amy McGlamery**  
Discipleship Pastor,  
Life Church, Huntsville, AL



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# STATISTICS

New Members
Carrier Mills
2
Honey Comb
2
Clinton
1
Danville
1

Tithe Breakers
Ridgway
\$6,224.00

	November	ON	OFF	MORNING	December	December
	TITHES	CAMPUS	CAMPUS	WORSHIP	MISSIONS	REBUILDING WALLS
Alton, R. Todd Shaw	\$ 5,392.00	0	0	69		\$
Alvin, Dan R. Hunt	13,726.35	78	0	107		150.00
Anna, Philip Rexing	730.00	10	0	13		
Benton, Jeremy M. Joplin	20,186.44	0	43	92	35.00	
Bethalto, Jacob Skelton	58,117.15	136	0	269		269.00
Bloomington, Aaron L. Stine	2,205.00	10	0	23	1585.00	23.00
Bourbonnais, Rick D. Sexton	3,294.50	8	0	67	500.88	
Brookport, Charles D. Tate	17,016.61	52	0	89	1,220.00	
Cahokia, Larry Ridenour	5,804.00	15	6	34	25.00	
Cambridge, Jerry Bosworth, Interim	240.00	0	0	8	50.00	
Carmi, Kenneth Rager	4,180.00	27	0	85		
Carrier Mills, Jonathan Stevens	2,153.00	16	0	49		
Centralia, Nathaniel LeCrone	1,987.00	0	0	13	100.03	
Champaign, Christopher Smithey	12,158.48	26	32	42	50.00	
Chauncey, Dwayne R. Sovdi	5,454.20	4	6	24		50.00
Clay City, Thomas Cody	1,065.00	0	9	39	250.00	
Clinton, Mark Cooper	2,764.00	11	0	32		32.00
Collinsville, Bryan Harris	2,344.00	0	0	26		
Columbia, Larry Ridenour	1,925.00	0	0	22	25.00	
Danville, David Moore	669.00	14	0	25		
DeKalb, Brandon Nelson	13,459.87	0	0	0	300.00	
East Alton, R. Todd Shaw, Interim	145.00	0	3	11		12.00
Eldorado, Brian Barrett	8,644.10	10	0	20	20.00	20.00
Equality, Peggy J. Winters	2,861.00	45	8	21	10.00	21.95
Fairfield, DuWayne Nobles	3,200.00	25	221	50	20.00	
Galesburg, Roman Krywyn	2,712.65	0	24	34		
Geneseo, Jerry Bosworth	670.00	0	0	5		
Granite City, Michael Mayberry	5,602.00	21	0	20	250.35	75.00
Harrisburg, Paul J. Taylor	1,349.00	9	7	6	100.00	
Herrin, Rod J. Joplin	3,569.00	66	0	44		44.00
Honey Comb, Harold E. Miller	8,364.07	67	15	46		100.00
Kincaid, Vance Massengill	12,489.41	56	0	74		125.00
LaSalle, Cres Rios	2,448.00	0	75	21		40.00
Lawrenceville, Thomas Cody	4,351.50	6	0	24		
Lincoln, Mike Lake	1,433.00	5	0	18		
Logan, Rick Fowler	6,891.50	22	0	34		
Manteno, David R. Hanners	3,452.00	10	6	30	45.00	
Marion-Arise, Jamie Karales	1,026.00	8	0	15		
Marion-All Nations, Bruce Fox	11,034.69	10	0	42	1,218.00	
McLeansboro, Terry Hall	1,508.00	140	1383	140		
Mt. Vernon-Harlan Road, Michel Campbell	6,344.00	0	0	40		40.00
Mt. Vernon-LifePointe, David Gregg	5,479.15	22	0	40		
Norris City, Charles W. Waggoner	4,837.00	24	0	19	20.00	19.00
Paris, Christian W. White	3,244.20	19	20	32		
Pekin, Rick Hill	8,254.01	41	2	77		30.00
Peoria, John Miller	N/R					
Plano, John Todd	4,577.00	0	0	0		
Ridgway, Jason W. Sork	6,224.00	60	0	12		
Robinson, Jake Popejoy	800.00	8	0	9		
Rochelle, Moises Serrano	1,510.00	0	0	15	10.00	
Salem, Brian Mixon	3,425.00	0	0	31		
Sesser, Walter Rexing	1,658.00	0	0	6		
Shawneetown, Randy Vaughn	1,410.00	30	8	40		
Taylorville, Jerry Thorpe	3,338.21	20	12	41		
Thompsonville, Brian Mixon	7,935.37	0	0	0		100.00
Washington, Matt Smith	3,850.00	15	0	21		
Waterloo, Justin Demers	4,305.00	10	0	23		23.00
Wayne City	N/R					
West City, Harol Whitlock	6,135.74	28	34	65	300.00	
West Frankfort, Tod W. Parchman	7,458.77	29	0	48	900.00	48.00
Wood River, Cory Kendall	2,933.00	70	0	87		





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