



## QUEST NEWS

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# Welcome!

by Micah Clifton: Director of Outreach and Communication

Is it really December already?! Wow, I say this every year, but this year really flew. As I reflect on the Thanksgiving holiday last week, I'm truly humbled and overwhelmed with all of the blessings in my life. We hosted dinner at our house this year and my family truly is wonderful. My children have cousins their exact same ages and Andrew's family and mine both came together for Thanksgiving this year. Just before the holiday, having recently celebrated our five year anniversary, Andrew and I were able to spend a few days in Nashville. We enjoyed live music and each other's company, thankful to have a little time without the kids. Speaking of kids, our children are beautiful gifts from God and I don't say that lightly. My heart bursts with joy when I think about them! They are so precious in the full sense of the word.

My thankfulness goes beyond just my family, however. From the very bottom of my heart, I thank God every day for the blessing of Quest in my life. I've come so far since becoming involved with Quest and my mind has been opened to experience God in a much fuller, much more complete way. Through Quest, I've developed irreplaceable relationships that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I'm so very thankful for the people God put in my life on this journey.

Continuing on, my thankfulness extends even beyond my personal experience with Quest. My thankfulness encompasses all that Quest is and is becoming. We've had a lot of changes over the last few months and I can't help but fall to my knees in thanksgiving for the commitment to the mission of Quest that I've seen maintained.

You see, at Quest, we are on a mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the world. Nothing gets in the way of that. It's not about me, it's not about us, it's not about our location, our size, or even our pastor. (By the way, please help me welcome [Corey McDonald](#) as lead pastor at Quest!) **It's about Jesus.** That's it! I'm so thankful for the ability of our leaders to stick to that focus when things become overwhelming or overly exciting.

Nothing I could ever type here could fully encompass my heart's joy and thanksgiving for all of the blessings in my life and in the life of Quest. My prayer is that you are feeling blessed, as well. If for any reason you aren't, please let us know. We want to help you, our dear family. You belong here and we truly care about you. Submit a prayer request at any time by [clicking this link](#).



### Join Us This Sunday

Join us after church on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> as we take all kids who wish to participate shopping at WalMart. Each child will be paired with an adult to shop for another child his or her same age. Quest will purchase the items chosen and donate them to a toy bin for Toys for Tots. This is an excellent opportunity to instill in our children an awareness for others.



### Christmas Party Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

Do not miss this year's Christmas party at Quest! On Friday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, we'll take the Minute to Win It challenge to see who will be crowned game champion. We'll find that tasks using household items with a 60-second time limit are not as easy as they seem! Join in the fun or watch others compete, bring a finger food snack to share and enjoy the fun evening with us! All are welcome, please invite your friends and family!

# New Pastor at Quest

November 20, 2011 marked an immensely exciting day for Quest. Since its birth, Quest has known that founding pastor Mike Hartzheim would retire as lead pastor when the time was right. Strong in prayer and versed in the needs of the church, Pastor Mike stayed in tune with the spirit and met with several Quest members to discuss Corey McDonald's ordination and installation as lead pastor of Quest.

Corey is a genuine man of God. In his own words, he's a "loud-mouthed lover of the Lord." I hope you've had a chance to meet Corey, as he's a shining example of Christ's love. He's engaging, inspiring, energetic and incredibly, incredibly kind.

God has had big plans for Quest all along and Corey is working on some big changes to be announced soon. Your prayers are always welcomed and appreciated as we work out the kinks associated with this change. We cannot wait to experience what God has in store!





### Serving Lunch at the NICU

A group of Quest volunteers, led by Lisa King will be serving a holiday lunch to the NICU families on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep these families in your prayers as they endure the holiday season with a newborn in the hospital.



### Don't Forget Our New Website!

Please check out and use our new website! Go to [www.quest2819.org](http://www.quest2819.org) to find it and stay updated on all the latest happenings.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Remember you can submit prayer requests on the website or email us at the addresses below. Have a great day!

Quest meets at 10:30am Sunday mornings. We also have Qexchange every Tuesday at 7pm. Join us as we discuss mind-opening and brain-bending topics and books. Email Micah for more information.

Pastor: [Corey McDonald](#)

Worship Director: [Mike Rhodelander](#)

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Quest will be having a special Christmas Eve service at 5pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we celebrate this holiday together! There will be no service on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope you have a wonderful day with your families.

