

Exodus 17: 8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up-one on one side, one on the other-so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekites army with the sword.

Having been here a month already, it's great to see what God is doing at CBC. Seven of our youth will be baptized on March 8th. Our SOS group is well on its way to unity. A couple of people have joined by letter to our church and every Sunday we see new faces.

As in the text, if we work together, we will grow not just numerically but more importantly in a spiritual sense. After all that is the goal of worship to change us, to become more like Him.

I hope that you will help me in several ways as I lead our church into a closer walk with God.

1. Pray
2. Invite
3. Change
4. Serve

1. The power of prayer is a weapon that has been given to us to communicate with God and to fulfill the mission God has given this church in our community. Pray for our church and for the lost.
2. Invite friends to church with you. We are not looking for those that are currently going to church but for those who need to experience the love of God, who are not attending church. We all have friends and family who have been lax in their spiritual walk and we need to help them to begin or renew their walk with God.
3. Change your heart and mind about the way you worship. Come four weeks in a row and see what God can do for you. As you listen to the Word of God and as you put it into action you will see what God can do for you. Change is good as long as it is good change.
4. In some way serve God through the church. We all have gifts and talents given to us by God to be used for His church. Find some way to serve God.
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This is a great church with great people and I have no doubt that we will grow. Be we must work for that with the right reason. We want to grow the Kingdom of God here at CBC.

Will you help?"

**God hopes so,
Pastor Steve**