

# The Refiner's Fire

Thanks to all who prayed for us while we were at winter camp. We had good times, wonderful worship, and a great speaker. We had a crazy snowboarding/skiing excursion and tried to master our skill of controlling our balance on boards and sticks. It was a good time. We pray that those who stayed behind learned a lot as well and will be able to come next year. Begin praying for next year—it will be greatly appreciated!

The “He Reigns” dance was an amazing success! We would like to take a moment to thank those who participated and made All Nation Sunday an wonderful day. The Refinery thanks you! We had so many wonderful representations of various cultures:-Hawaiian, Native American, African, etc.... The people who participated worked very hard. Thanks again for taking time out of your week-end to serve.



*Easter Breakfast* *Invite your family....*

Hey all! So Easter Sunday is April 4th! This is right around the corner. This is a time to bring out your family to the Easter service and the yummy breakfast that follows! The Refinery youth are going to be putting on this breakfast to fundraise for the youth group. The breakfast starts at 9:30am on the 4th. We need you guys to help serve the breakfast, fill water containers, and clean up after the breakfast. This is a good opportunity to give back to the Lord. If you cannot help out on Easter, we would love help setting up for the Easter breakfast. Set-up is on Friday, the 2nd, from 4pm-6pm. Meet at the church to help. Thanks to all those who are willing to help. It is always much appreciated!



# April Showers



So, I was thinking about the old saying: “April showers bring May flowers”. It made me realize that the deluge of rain that we seem to get in April actually produces some amazing things later on. After all the flooding subsides, there is an abundance of green lush earth and plants left in its place. The grass grows thicker and greener, the flowers spring up from the ground, and the sky seems clearer than ever before. Do you ever go through times in your life that feel like a flood has occurred? You get so much rain in your life that you cannot see in front of you? Life does feel like that at times. Some weeks feel endless—so much homework, parents are on your case, drama with friends, cannot seem to get out of your funk. Sometimes, life is just so...hard. But these times, if we handle them correctly, can be the time that will produce the most spiritual growth. We will have floods come to our lives, but what do we do? Do we start hanging out with our friends who are not going to give us good, godly advice? Do we go out and party? Or do we run to the Lord? Open the Word for comfort? Come before God during a time of worship? What you do in these times of trials will be different than the person next to you. When we come before the Father during the trials, we will be able to see the abundant blessings that He wants to bring to our lives after the storm. This time of trials will be a storm, but afterward we will be refined, stronger, and abundantly blessed! Get excited for what God wants to do in your life. In a wonderful Psalm I read, it praised God for His blessings during the trials of life. I encourage you to read the entire chapter of Psalm 66. It will encourage you in its praise to our amazing Father. Psalm 66:12 says *“You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.”* Allow God to give to you abundantly—and see the beautiful flowers grow!

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# APRIL 2010

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<p><b>Every Sunday</b>                  Service 8:30am                  &amp; 10:45am                  Meat &amp;                  Potatoes                  9:45am</p>				1	2 <i>Set up for Easter. 4-6pm</i>	3
4 <i>Easter Sunday!</i>	5	6 <b>Young Adult Group 730pm</b>	7 <i>Refinery 7pm</i>	8	9	10
11 <b>Youth Sunday</b>	12	13 <b>Young Adult Group 730pm</b>	14 <i>Refinery 7pm</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20 <b>Young Adult Group 730pm</b>	21 <i>Refinery 7pm</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27 <b>Young Adult Group 730pm</b>	28 <i>Refinery 7pm</i>	29	30 <i>P811's Event!</i>  <b>Man-Up Camping Trip Joshua Tree</b>	

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