



## REAL LIFE: STRUGGLES STRENGTHEN

Dec 11, 2011 • Pastor Gregg Matte • John 15:18-21

Section	Relationship	Key Term	Emphasis
John 15:1-11	Believer with Christ	"Abide" (10 times in 11 verses)	Union
John 15:12-17	Believer with believer	"Love" (4 times in 6 verses)	Communion
John 15:18-27	Believer with the world	"Hate" (7 times in 10 verses)	Persecution

*Chuck Swindoll's New Testament Insights on John; Page 255*

▶ **Abide to please God instead of man.**

*Galatians 5:22; Hebrews 10:32-34; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Ephesians 5:8*

▶ **Struggle strengthens.**

*Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 4:12; 1 Peter 2:23*

▶ **Abide to endure.**

*Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Revelation 2:2-3*

**MEMORIZE** John 14:27

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE



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#### Pastoral Care

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#### Facilities

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### FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET TEAM

#### The Faith Center

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#### Adult Enrichment

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### ENRICHMENT TEAM

#### Married Young Adults

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## SYMPATHIES

- Glenn Lippman in the death of his wife, Marcy Lippman
- Bill May in the death of his wife, Beverly May



## DECISIONS DEC 4, 2011

### For Baptism

Lauren Bradshaw

Beny Rouse

Jason Rodger

### By Statement

Travis Hayes

Elizabeth Qualls

### From Other Fellowships

Heidi-Marie Carroll

Flamur Hoxha

David Hawkins

Rishma Tidwell

Kelly Hoxha

Steve Tidwell



## ATTENDANCE DEC 4, 2011

Life Bible Study	4,049
Mission Bible Study	446
Weekday Bible Study	364
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>4,859</b>



## GIVING — WEEK ENDING DEC 4, 2011

<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$515,832
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	\$180,077
Designated Gifts	\$211,503
Over/(Under) for Dec	\$180,077
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$104,975)
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	
Donations Received	\$16,285
Total Received	\$26,279,601

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