

# from the Heart

Thom Rainer, the head of our LifeWay Christian Resources, has written a book describing healthy churches and healthy church members. The title of the book is, "I Will." I'm looking forward to sharing this resource with you in

the future. But, for now, let me share nine "I Will's" from Rainer's book, asking you to join me in examining our own lives to see how healthy we are!

Some highlights include:

- Church membership is more about how you can serve than how you can be served.
- If you're not in a small group, you're not a fully functioning member of the body of Christ.
- The entire idea behind *I Will* is to get members focused outwardly.
- Giving is one of the key indicators for being an outwardly focused church member.
- You can tell a person's commitment to their church by looking at their giving statements.
- Traditions are ok, but not when they become an idol in a church.
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The nine "I Will" statements are:

1. **I Will Move from "I Am" to "I Will"**
2. **I Will Worship with Others**
3. **I Will Grow Together with Others**
4. **I Will Serve**
5. **I Will Go**
6. **I Will Give Generously**
7. **I Will Not Be a Church Dropout**
8. **I Will Avoid the Traps of Churchianity**
9. **I Will Make a Difference**

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## LIFE After Death

**Message Series:** I am continuing to preach a series of messages from 1 Corinthians 15 that I am calling, "Life after Death". This Sunday we will explore "**LIVING WITH THE END IN VIEW**" as we see that the Resurrection should continue to have impact in the lives of believers, including me and you!



Pictured: Pastor Marvin, Sally, Pastor Marc Louis, Katie

Thank you also for your warm welcome to the Hispanic church, La Cosecha, who are meeting in our facilities for at least a few weeks. Our deacons, ushers, greeters, and members made them feel welcome last Sunday. Keep

up the good work in the future. We are praying that God is going to meet the need for a Hispanic outreach to our soccer friends on Sunday, as well as for the Hispanic community living in northern Durham.


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On the horizon: Growth Intensives, Laughter & Latte, Senior Adult recognition, Mother’s Day, church night at the Durham Bulls, Memorial Day weekend fellowship & so much more.

There is something here for each member of your family – as well as your friends and family who are searching for a church home, and / or who may not know Jesus.

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Don’t forget to cheer for our own Katie Basden on “**The Voice**”! Katie sings with our Exalt band during our 10:45 service on Sundays when she is available. Pray for God to use Katie for His glory!

Adult Bible Study ♦ Prayer ♦ Fellowship

# ENGAGE

Wednesdays @7 PM in Room 509

**Join Us Wednesday!!**

During his time overseas, Craig Phelps developed a discipleship series to lay a biblical foundation for believers, new and old alike. In it he brings together key ideas in the Old and New Testament which provide a unique insight and understanding of God's plan for our lives and how that plan unfolds in the Bible. Craig will be leading this series and will provide you with a framework for greater understanding of the rest of the Bible, enhancing your personal study, and hopefully impact how you view your daily walk with the Lord and your interaction with other people. Everyone is invited to attend.

Let's make sure the whole world knows!

**Pastor Marc**