

# Renew Us Oh God!

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It's a new year, which for many of us means something has got to change. This is the time each year when many of us look at ourselves and think about all the things in our lives we need to change. Whether we make our resolutions public or not, we all have a few things we'd like to change about ourselves this New Year.

As Christians, maybe we don't need to change as much as we need to renew. The word renew means, "To restore, renovate or repair." I am sure most of us can think of areas of our service to God that need some renewal. That's why this year the Student Ministry at Karns will focus on areas of our lives we want to renew to our heavenly Father.

One of the areas we will be placing a lot of emphasis on is the family. I want to challenge not only our young people and their families, but each and every family represented at Karns to make 2014 a year where we renew our relationship as a physical family. Let's challenge ourselves to spend more time together doing things that matter, not just the trivial things which occupy our day-to-day life.

To help us all in this area, the young people and their families have been challenged to participate in the following:

- 1) Family Service Project. Once a month families are going to participate in an activity which allows them to serve someone in need.
- 2) Family Devotionals. Once a week families are committing to having a time set aside to gather together and study God's Holy Word.
- 3) Family Prayer Time. Once a day families are going to spend time together in prayer; more than just a simple prayer before a meal.

Each family has been given tools to log their service projects and devotionals together. If you and your family would like to participate in this year-long challenge, information can be found on the youth tables in the lobby.

Let's make 2014 the best year it can be by renewing our spiritual devotion to our families.