

## Phil Hamman Jan 25th

Phil Hamman will be sharing an inspirational message related to his two powerful memoirs *Under the Influence* and *disORDER* on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and 11AM. He has been a teacher in Sioux City since 1986. He wrote the first story that sparked these books in order to motivate his students to write a personal narrative. The stories proved so popular with the students that eventually the first book evolved from the mass of tales! The books chronicle his childhood growing up in a violent, impoverished neighborhood. He learned to navigate dangerous streets where bullies ruled, fist fights were common, and many kids learned harsh lessons raising themselves with little supervision. The books profile the murder of his best friend as well as the dark road he was on involving clashes with the police and numerous arrests. They also tell the story of the people who influenced a change in his life that resulted in a 30-year career of working with troubled teens and Phil's road to Christianity.

Phil shares a powerful message of not only how to avoid negative influences but also simple steps to become a person who is a positive influence to others. He focuses on how poor choices and negative peer groups can lead to lifelong, harmful results. The first book was an instant hit with students and adults which resulted in a sequel. Electio Publishing, a major Christian publishing company, contracted with Phil to distribute these books worldwide. They are not self-published books.

They are available on Amazon in paperback and as eBooks if you want to read them prior to hearing the message. Phil will also have copies of his books available for \$10 each and will be signing them before and after the service. A portion of the proceeds goes to The Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Check out a synopsis of the books on his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/phil.hamman.author](http://www.facebook.com/phil.hamman.author).



*You're Invited!*

Looking for something to do January 14th?

**2nd Annual after Christmas Music Party and Supper at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Please join your church family in a time of fellowship and a meal. The choir and praise band invite you. Who knows, we may even sing some Christmas Carols :) This is a great way to meet our choir members and praise band members! (This replaces choir and praise band practice.)



Brian and I send a "Christmas Thank You" to all the wonderful people of Wesley for your kind and affirming words that were sent to us in cards, for the thoughtful gifts of food, etc., and for the monetary gifts you so generously gave to us. The words will be treasured, the food we will wear upon our waists proudly, and the monetary gifts used for the glory of God. If I haven't told you before, "I love it at Wesley!" I believe you are an amazing church showing outstanding potential to serve God through your service to others. And an added plus is that you have fun doing it! We are on an adventure... God has called us together for this time and place of transition. Let's make the most of it and in this New Year, let us give it our all and just see where God will take us from here!

– In His Love, Pastor Sheryl

A Special thanks to the members of Celebration Choir & Praise Band for their dedication not only Christmas

Eve; but for all our volunteer musicians within our congregation for all through the year.

Know that you are always welcome!! Looking forward to another great year in 2015!!

**Thank you!**

