

## MCC REFRIGERATOR CARD

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It's A God Thing

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Psalm 47 & Luke 24:44-53

God who delights to see your children laugh, we thank you for loving us enough to make us both playful and prayerful. Keep us looking to use your gifts. AMEN It's a God thing. Q: What does Superman put in his beverages? A: Just ice. Here's the thing, we don't have to be Superman to be God's Child and to make a difference in the world. We do have to be willing to open our minds to the Spirit. A God thing is when modern day miracles happen to everyday people like you and me. They happen all the time – sometimes in big, big ways and sometimes in little, fun ways. Now I am not so arrogant as to think that God orders God's day around my life. I do, however, believe in the power of prayer, and I also believe that some of life's best moments, those wonderful serendipities that are so unexpected, are best not reasoned out, but instead with a grateful heart, we just call it a God thing. Just last week I mentioned in a sermon a God thing moment when at a conference of 300 or so people, I sat next to a woman from Colorado with a story she needed encouragement to tell – this woman who graduated from Davenport West High School three years after I did! So I encouraged her – she told her story - - and she encouraged me – it's a God thing! In our Wed. Spirit Group we often talk about ripples. One little drop of water hits the surface of another body of water and ripples are born – working themselves in concentric circles getting bigger and bigger as the impact of that one little droplet is felt for quite some distance. The ripple effects of our love for one another – whether it's because someone was somehow changed, or because someone paid it forward or because someone watching was just inspired – those ripple effects each and every one of them are very much a God thing. Those God things that keep us connected, keep us inspired, keep us paying it forward – those are because of Jesus' gift of the Spirit. It is the Spirit of life and the Spirit of God that keep one step ahead of us, but also remind us that God always goes with us and knows the territory so much better than we do and better than we know ourselves. It was a God thing that Sara Meyer contacted our denomination over 10 years ago to get someone to come here and do "I Do" ceremonies. It was a God thing because it was me who was called here to do them, and I'm STILL doing I Do ceremonies – only now I've got more paperwork I've got to turn in after "I DO" them! I call it a God thing whenever I'm walking and see the color purple, or a bird in flight. Some things are God things because we allow our mind to be opened to the experience. Are you under the influence? I'm almost always under the influence of God's spirit, full of the joy of life. Now, how about you? Take a few moments now and write on your participation card something that to you, qualifies as a God thing. It might be, "my Aunt Mavis" or "spiderwebs". These are ripples in the making. Share your It's a God thing moment with at least one other human being today. Remember, you may just be the It's a God Thing moment in someone else's life. As Christians, we can do no mighty deed unless we are properly clothed with the Spirit of God, which discloses our true spiritual selves and supplies the power to do wondrous things. Fortunately, we don't need phone booths and we don't even have to take off our clothes. Child of God, Superhuman, you are awesome.