

THE FAITH TELEGRAM

Monthly

Family of Faith Worship Center



To Seek Him

by Pastor Rubén Andrade , Jr.

Jesus taught us, “the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” We must “ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:37,38). The past eight months are historic times for Family of Faith, as God is calling us to prayer and fasting. We must hear from God if we are to be salt and light, and reach the lost in our city. In Mark 11:24 it reminds us, “Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” If we are to experience God’s glory we must daily seek an intimate relationship with Him. I commend Sis. Hope Gonzales, Director of Women’s Ministries, for motivating the women at Family of Faith to begin a prayer group by establishing Prayer Partners bimonthly.

Prayer is essential in our lives and we can not survive spiritually without it. Therefore, beginning this Sunday, February 5th, the doors of the church will open 1 hour prior to each service for anyone wanting to pray. Those able to fast one day out of the week are encouraged to do so as well. It’s time to win the spiritual battle that can only be won with prayer. I believe a congregation that seeks Him is a congregation that knows His power.

I leave you with a scripture found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, “If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

God Bless,

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THE SHELF

God is My Success

Larry Julian, author of *God Is My CEO*

God is My Success is a self-help book . . . without the ‘self.’ It reveals that God doesn’t promise a life free of adversity, but instead promises to be with us in our adversity. The author reveals that as we partner with God to overcome our obstacles we discover that ultimately, God Himself is our success. This is not ‘self-help’; this is ‘God helps you.’ Each chapter is designed as a self-paced personal training and coaching module. Our coach Larry Julian, prompts readers to discover these issues in their own lives and offers practical life applications to

help them overcome in the following areas: pain, financial slavery, lack of confidence, distractions, fear and worry. Grounding real life strategies with biblical principles, readers will find the knowledge imparted usable and filled with spiritual integrity. You will also learn when to assume a “take charge posture” and when to assume a “surrender posture,” allowing God to show himself faithful in challenging times.

Welcome to Family of Faith Worship

We welcome you to Family of Faith Worship Center! We hope to acquaint you with the life and character of this family-oriented church and issue an invitation to join us as we seek to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We regard Family of Faith as a place where individuals and families can grow and flourish in faith and discover God's purpose for their lives. Please accept our invitation to come and experience the Good News of God's Grace in Jesus Christ during our Sunday Worship Services or Wednesday Night Life Group. I promise you will be blessed! If there is anything we can assist you with, please feel free to contact our church office at 235-4495.

May God bless you and again, welcome to Family of Faith!

-The Gathering at Family of Faith-

Mary Beverly, Director of Fellowship Hall

The Gathering is something different. It's a place for everyone to enjoy Christian fellowship and a home-style cooked meal prior to our Wednesday Evening Worship Service. We recognized the hectic schedules families face on Wednesday with work, school, cooking dinner and preparing for church service. That's why we created *The Gathering* especially for families.

If you would like to order dinner for you and your family on Feb. 8th or 22nd please call Sis. Eva Soza, Church Administrator, at 756-0900 or email her at esoza@familyoffaithwc.org to RSVP.

This Month's Menu:

:February 8th: Tacos, rice, and refried beans

\$3.00 per plate

February 22nd: Chopped brisket with all the trimmings

\$3.00 per plate

MEET OUR MEMBERS

SPOTLIGHT:

Doug Mai, Director of Music,
IT/Multimedia



On behalf of the worship team at Family of Faith, we invite you to join us in song as we lift up the name of Jesus. In the coming weeks, we will begin using the projector to display lyrics at the front of the sanctuary so that we can do away with the song books, and you can use your hands to clap, or lift up in praise to God. Exciting things are happening with the worship team as we practice new material and add some different twists to some of the older songs. Another thing we will begin in the near future is recording messages. We have the capability to do this with our sound equipment and the ability to copy messages to CD. There are many possibilities as we have truly been blessed by God. We encourage you to come with an open heart, expecting to receive blessings from each service.

Worship Services

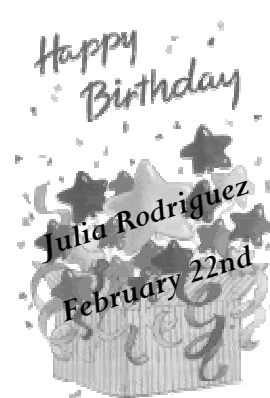
Sunday

Morning Worship/ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Life Group 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, February 26th

Special Recognition of
February Birthdays and
Wedding Anniversaries Come
celebrate with us as we give
thanks to God for all of His
blessings!

New Songs This Month:

How Great Is Our God

We Welcome You

Come and Fill Me Up

Holiness

Holy is the Lord

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PASTOR'S

**BEST-SELLER
LIST**

*The Purpose Driven
Life - Rick Warren
(Zondervan)*

*Your Best Life Now -
Joel Osteen (Warner
Faith)*

*Battlefield Of The
Mind - Joyce Meyer
(Warner Faith)*

*Wild At Heart - John
Eldredge (Nelson
Books)*



We're on the web!

www.familyoffaithwc.org

Coming Soon!

Wonder what happened to those pictures taken at FOFWC? CDs will soon be available for checkout for a small fee to support the multimedia fund. Checkout available only to members.

**Men of Honor
Bible Study**

by Robert Gonzales,
Director of Men's Ministry

You can't climb the mountain of manhood disconnected from other men. Today, more than ever, men need to be connected...to be challenged...and to be uplifted.

The Men's Ministry at Family of Faith equips and empowers men to live lives of authentic manhood; as husbands, fathers, employees, and spiritual leaders in the home. Join us on Thursday, February 16th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Compass Bookstore for our Men of Honor Bible Study. Contact Robert Gonzales, Director of Men's Ministry, at 752-8857 to reserve your seat or for more information.

Women of Faith

by Hope Gonzalez, Director of Women's Ministry

How did Jesus view women? How did He treat women? How did they respond to Him? The Gospel of Luke provides the answers to these questions. Twenty-four times in Luke, Jesus either met a woman, talked about a woman, or mentioned a woman in a parable. All of these 24 times are instructive and positive. The words accepting, sensitive, and affirming sum up what Luke and the example of Jesus Christ teaches us about Jesus and women. On Saturday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m. the women of Family of Faith will host a luncheon at Ryan's Steakhouse. Come fellowship, enjoy a delicious meal and leave with essential tools that will build a stronger relationship with God. For information or to ask questions, please contact Hope Gonzales, Director of Women's Ministry, at 714-0117.

The Bottom Line: A Joshua Generation

by Jessica Flores, Director of Children / Youth Ministries

Let's reach kids. Let's build relationships. Our bottom line is to reach children and youth who do not know Jesus. It is to build life long leaders and to bring hope and direction to this generation, a Joshua Generation. Every child that enters our church fellowship is a person with potential; a person with their own unique challenges; and a person who is loved by God. Today's children and youth might be slow to buy into the message of Jesus Christ because they hear so many messages in their world, but I pray that God remind us of the bottom line: to reach children and youth and build relationships so God can rock their world.

Join us on Saturday, February 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a Community Outreach called, "Friend-2-Friend" which will be held on our church parking lot. Our goal is to reach children and youth throughout Waco, but especially from area neighborhoods that surround our church. If you would like to help make this event a success and touch a child's life, contact Jessica Flores, Director of Church Ministries at 723-7605 or email her at jflores@familyoffaithwc.org.

WILL YOU MENTOR ME?

A teenager holds up a picture she printed from the Internet. It is the mug shot of a prisoner from the state penitentiary. She has not seen the man since she was 2. The man in the photo is her dad. Children who have incarcerated parents are seven times more likely to be incarcerated at some time in their lives. In fact, they are the most vulnerable children in our community. You can help break the cycle of incarceration by becoming a positive mentor and role model for these children.

As a mentor, your friendship can change the odds for a child, and bring special moments into your own life. Being a mentor



doesn't mean being a perfect role model. It means being you, and sharing the best part of yourself

with a new friend. Each of us had a special person in our life that opened the doors and widened our horizons on the world. As a mentor, you can do the same for a child. For information on becoming involved in our church's Mentoring Program, please contact Pastor Ruben Andrade, Jr. at 753-3188 or email him at pastor@familyoffaithwc.org.



Love

Spring 1991 faculty preaching series on the fruit of the Spirit, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

By James D. Hernando

http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/top/fruit1_love.cfm

Love is one of the most often used, misapplied, and misunderstood words in the English language. Its usage is nearly limitless. People say they love everything from peanut butter to pork rinds, fireworks to Ferraris, lilies to literature. The semantic range is so broad and flexible as to render the word almost meaningless; for when a word is used to mean almost anything, it means almost nothing.

How then do we go about discussing the meaning of love from the New Testament perspective as a fruit of the Spirit? Despite the colloquial misunderstanding and misuse of the term, **love** is one of the most important and fundamental concepts in the New Testament. The word used in Galatians 5:22 is **agape**.¹

To begin, let us say love is a divine attribute (1 John 4:8--"The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love")² that is best understood as the motivation behind redemption (John 3:16--"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life"), best revealed in the person and work of Christ (1 John 3:16--"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us"), and best expressed by Christian love within the body of Christ (John 13:35--"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another").

Essentially, it is a relational term that, within the context

of redemption, defines our relationship to **ourselves** (1 John 3:2), to **God** (Matthew 22:37), to our neighbor (Matthew 22:39), and to the **members of Christ's body** (John 13:35).

The last aspect of God's love mentioned above is the most relevant and important one to the Christian experience. The apostle John writes, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and every one who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7,8). This dimension of love is what I choose to call "covenant love." It is the love of God that stands **behind, in, and through** His redemption in Jesus Christ. It is a love born in the heart of God for lost humanity, revealed in His redemptive acts throughout history, culminating in the sending of Jesus into the world as an offering for sin. It is a love incarnated in His Son Jesus, the Christ (John 14:8), but also a love that continues to be incarnated in the lives of His disciples.

Christians are called to "walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:6) and so model and manifest Christ's love. But what is Christ's love like? In the life and ministry of Jesus we possess the clearest revelation of God's love (John 1:18).



Valentine's Banquet

Family of Faith Worship Center would like to share the love of Christ by extending an invitation to you to come enjoy a Valentine's Banquet on Saturday, February 11th, at 7:00 p.m. A program and meal will be provided. Spaces are limited to 25 couples and reservations are required. Call Jessica Flores at 723-7605 for more information or to reserve your spot by Wednesday, February 8th. There is no charge for this event.