

THE FAITH TELEGRAM *Quarterly*

Family of Faith Worship Center



Facing the World of Habits

by Pastor Rubén Andrade , Jr.

Habits. The mention of this one word seems to bring negative thoughts. As a matter of fact, it seems strange to even use the word without preceding it with the word “bad.” Why is it that the word habit immediately attaches itself to the word “bad”? However, when we commit our lives to the discipline of good habits, bad habits quickly fade away. A child of God given to the reading of God’s Word rarely has time for ungodly publications. The faithful prayer warrior will not use the same tongue for dirty jokes or lying. Perhaps James said it best in the fourth chapter of his epistle, verse 17, “To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” The best way to overcome the bad habits in your life is to simply overwhelm them with good habits – read your Bible and Pray everyday!

God Bless,

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THE SHELF

Recommended Reading

The Journey: How to Live by Faith in an Uncertain World

By Billy Graham

In 30 extraordinary chapters readers are led on a journey in faith and are provided a glimpse into the spiritual life of one of the world’s most respected leaders. With insight that comes only from a life spent with God, The Journey is filled with wisdom, encouragement, hope and inspiration for anyone who wants to live a rewarding, joy-filled life.

The Power of a Focused Heart: 8 Life Lessons from the Beatitudes

By Mary Lou Redding

Scripture is not always easily translated into our daily lives. In The Power of a Focused Heart, the author challenges the reader to move beyond initial impressions and view the Beatitudes in such a way that the Scripture enhances each reader’s quality of life. Redding takes the familiar Beatitudes biblical text and illuminates new ways for the reader to explore their own spiritual gifts in scripture, with brief fifteen minutes chapters, followed by daily exercises in responding to the Scripture.

Welcome to Family of Faith Worship Center!

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!

Prayer Relay

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the Prayer Relay. The purpose of the Prayer Relay is to encourage everyone to pray for one another with the goal that each family in the church will be prayed for by a group of people each weekday. We have created five prayer groups, alphabetically based on their last name. This way, every group is being prayed for by name every weekday. For more information, pick up a Prayer Relay handout or speak with Pastor Ruben Andrade

-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 please call Sis. Eva Soza, Church Administrator, at 756-0900 or email her at esoza@familyoffaithwc.org to RSVP.



MEET OUR MEMBERS

SPOTLIGHT:

Rudy Soza, Worship Team

As drummer for the praise team at Family of Faith, music is obviously important to me. When I am not providing interventional care on the hearts of Central Texans or pursuing the girl of my dreams...you will find me near a radio, listening and learning from the greats of Christian music. At the end of a long day, music is my refuge...to really get away from everything for a moment, to reflect on my Creator and what he means to me. If you are shopping around for some quality Christian music, allow me to share what I feel is good out there. Any cd by Chris Tomlin is a winner. He sings "Holy is the Lord" and "How Great is our God". Also the "Undone" cd by Mercy Me has some really great songs. The cd "Strong Tower" by Kutless offers a variety of praise songs, many of which we sing, in a different style that you may not be used too....check it out. You make view these artist and many more at www.klove.com. One more thing, don't forget that Celebrate Freedom 2006 is only months away...Happy listening and God Bless.

Worship Services

Sunday

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

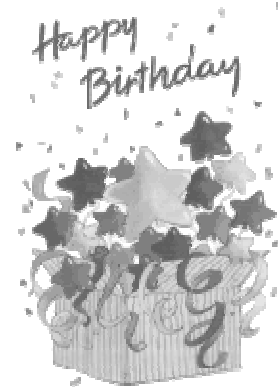
Evening Worship 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Family Night 7:00 p.m.

Church Ushers Needed

Additional Church Ushers are needed for the 9:30 and 4:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Services and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship Service. Please contact Pastor Ruben Andrade if interested in serving as an usher.



Last Sunday of the Month:

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

New Songs:

When I Think About the Lord
I Am a Friend of God
King of Glory
You Are Great
Holy and Anointed One

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Pew to Purpose Building Campaign

Our 2006 Pew to Purpose Building Campaign began in January, but we are still (& always) collecting pledges from members and visitors of Family of Faith Worship Center. If you have not yet made a pledge to the Pew to Purpose Building Campaign, please put this at the top of your "To Do" list. We need YOU to support Family of Faith in order to continue the many ministries of this church. Stewardship is not about paying dues. It's not about paying bills. It's about deliberately making deposits of our time, energy and resources into God's eternal business. *"It is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* I Corinthians 4:2



We're on the web!
www.familyoffaithwc.org

Men of Honor Bible Study

Director of Men's Ministry

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The Men's Life Group is a monthly opportunity for men to come together to discuss men's issues and how God's word is relevant to their needs. This is open to all men as we all have the same issues. Please bring your friend and neighbors and begin this journey with us as we build & foster the relationships that will make so much difference in our lives.

Contact Robert Gonzales, Director of Men's Ministry, at 752-8857 to reserve your seat or for more information.

What Is My Life Purpose?

Hope Gonzalez, Director of Women's Ministry

By Jo Ball

Why am I here?

If you haven't already asked this question, I'm sure you will. Sooner or later most of us do. It's not an easy question to answer. It's broad in terms of possibility. Right now you might be a go-getter in the city; but you could just as easily be a procrastinator in a suburb. Same question, different perception.

But whatever we're searching for in life, be it a bigger home, a wonderful relationship, a new car, top job with a superb salary, loving children or just a little peace in our hearts, it's clear to see we are all united in our search for one thing. But what is that thing?

It's a simple thing. It's at the heart of all of our decisions, yet it often passes us by too easily, too often. When we do catch it, it is a marvelous experience. I believe we're all searching for happiness and I believe the reason why we miss it so often is because of how we search for it. What do I mean?

We've been conditioned to want. Wanting creates "doing". We desire possessions and money and careers so that we feel or look good so we "do" the things that bring this to us. We attach our happiness to these objects and then somehow feel empty when we have them.

This is why so many people fell disillusioned, lost or confused about their path. This is why so many people are asking or will ask, "Why am I here?" I asked this question too. Many times, several years ago, I looked up to the sky and asked it. I'm not sure what I expected – perhaps a bolt of lightning striking the pavement before me or a boulder falling from the sky with the details engraved on it?

It didn't happen. Then I asked a more powerful question. "How do I discover why I am here?" Looking back now I can see there have been hints. In fact my whole life is littered with hints that can lead me closer to my truth.

But did I follow these hints? Not on your life. I wanted lightning and boulders and I got day to day life and opportunities dressed up as things I'd never done before. And then I heard someone say, 'If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got.' But when we stop the 'doing' of making money and objects and start to 'be' we can honestly see that God-given signs are unique to fairy-tales and Bible stories.

In real life we don't get a bolt of lightning, we get an email, a phone call or a meeting with an old friend and somewhere within this communication, if we're paying attention to being with the person with the message, we can find answers. We also don't get boulders dropping out of the blue in real life, we have an accident, a fall, a bump on the head or bereavement. It's called a wake up call! If we are 'being' we understand that call and will somehow know the answers to how and why will be repeated so that you can 'get' them.

Let me give you a hint now. Your life does have a purpose. To suggest anything else defies the very nature of our existence. You have been given unique gifts that you are not using. You need to find them and then understand what to do with them.

Good luck on your journey to happiness

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Family of Faith Worship Center 2225 Cumberland - Waco, Texas 76707 - (254) 235-4495			MAY 2006 ACTIVITY CALENDAR			Church Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMINDER Prayer is held in the Sanctuary 45min. prior to each service Every Wednesday 6pm-7pm Church Pantry Open	1 1Samuel 25:1-12 Summer Program Registration May 1- 31, 2006	2 1Samuel 25:23-33	3 Job 4:1-8 6pm Pantry Open 7pm Dir: Eva Soza	4 Job 6:22-30	5 Acts 9:36-43	6 Titus 3:1-7 FOCUS MENTOR PROGRAM MENTOR & MENTEE ACTIVITY 12noon CI CI's Pizza 1pm Skate Waco
7 Hebrews 11:1-6 9:30am Holy Communion Dir: Jessica Flores 4pm Dir: Mary Beverly	8 Deuteronomy 32:16-21 Church Cleaning Adam & Mary Alice Hidalgo Week of May 8th	9 Psalm 78:18-33	10 Matthew 6:30-34 5:30 pm The Gathering Hamburgers and fries 6pm Pantry Open 7pm Dir: Patricia Ramirez	11 Matthew 9: 18-29 FOCUS MENTOR PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 6pm - 7:30pm Family of Faith Worship Center (Refreshments Provided)	12 Romans 10:4-13 7pm Friday Night Prayer Meeting 2201 Wooded Acres	13 1Peter 1:3-9
14 Matthew 11:29 9:30am Mother's Day Service Dir: Minerva Navaja 4pm Dir: Angie Molina	15 Numbers 12:1-15	16 2 Samuel 16:5-12	17 Psalm 25:1-9 6pm PANTRY CLOSED 7pm Dir: Adam Hidalgo	18 Galatians 6:1-7 7pm Men's Bible Study at 1704 Holly Vista (Refreshments provided)	19 1Peter 3:1-7 FOCUS MENTOR PROGRAM 12noon Monthly Invoice Due 7pm Friday Night Prayer Meeting 2201 Wooded Acres	20 1Peter 3:13-18 9:30 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast
21 Galatians 5:16 9:30am Dir: Maria Mal 4pm Dir: Hope Gonzales	22 Genesis 39:5-12 Church Cleaning Robert & Mingo Gonzales Week of May 22nd	23 Nehemiah 4:16-23	24 Psalm 141:1-5 5:30 pm The Gathering Tacos, rice and beans 6pm Pantry Open 7pm Dir: Robert Gonzales	25 2 Corinthians 13:14-20 1Samuel 25:5-12	26 Philippians 4:4-9 7pm Friday Night Prayer Meeting 2201 Wooded Acres	27 2 Peter 1:3-11 9am-12noon CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY
28 John 14:15-26 9:30am Dir: Doug Mal 6pm YOUTH EXPLOSION LOTS OF FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP 139 Menphis Rd Dir: Adam Hidalgo	29 John 15:26,27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30 John 16:7-14	31 Acts 2:1-4 6pm Pantry Open 7pm FAMILY NIGHT Dir: Pastor Ruben Andrade May Birthday Recognition in Fellowship Hall			