



Preserving Christian Homes

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Welcome to the 1st Preserving Christian Homes Newsletter for 2008

- Don't forget about **Power Prayer** every **1st and 3rd Friday** of each month. This allows us to have focused prayer as a **Church Family**. We have received wonderful Praise Reports as a result of our faithfulness. The first is scheduled for **January 4th** and the second gathering will occur on **Friday, January 18th**.
- Each 1st Monday of the month, the **Women** of the Church come together to pray and talk about issues relevant in the Christian Home. These teachings run concurrently with our **Daughter Of Zion (DOZ)** sessions. This will occur on **Monday, January 7th @ 7pm**. **Mothers**, please bring your **daughters** and all female friends and **family**. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Sis Burns**.
- Each and every Friday night with the exception of "**Date Night**", the Church will sponsor **Youth activities**. This is an opportunity for your kids and their friends to fellowship at the **Family Life Center** and play games. This month we will have **Youth Activity** on **January 4th, 11th and 18th**. You are encouraged to bring your **friends and family**.
- Every month the **Men** participate in focused prayer. This display of unity is scheduled for **January 14th @ 7pm**, and usually lasts an hour. If you as a man feel it is time to step up and "**man the wall**", you need to be in attendance as we gather. Led by **Bro Rinaldi**, each month the **Men** bring their **Sons** and we encourage you to continue as we have a glorious season of **Praise and Worship**.
- Also on our monthly calendar is **Single's Prayer**. This is an opportunity for our **Singles** (and anyone else who wishes to participate) to gather for prayer. This session occurs the **Monday** following **Men's Prayer** each month. This month, **Single's Prayer** is scheduled for **Monday, January 21st @ 7pm**.
- **Date Night** is scheduled for **Friday, January 25th**. This is an excellent time for you and your spouse to get away and spend some time together. As always, "**free childcare**" will be provided from **6:30 to 10pm** so that you and your spouse can focus on each other without distraction. Those who chose to share the family oriented portions of their date, will compete for a free dinner at a nice restaurant. Simply submit the details in writing to our Pastor. **Pastor and Sis. Burns** will then peruse the entries and select the most original and creative.
- **Sis Kleiman**, our **Music Director**, set aside the final Thursday (**January 31st**) of the month for **Choir Practice**. The great job each member of the **Choir** and the **Music Staff** is doing continues to be a huge blessing to the church

- If you are able to dedicate a few hours on Saturday mornings at the **new Church site**, please join **Bro Trowbridge** and his crew. Every hour you donate brings us much closer to moving into the **new building**. **Thank you to those who have graciously provided meals to the Workforce.**

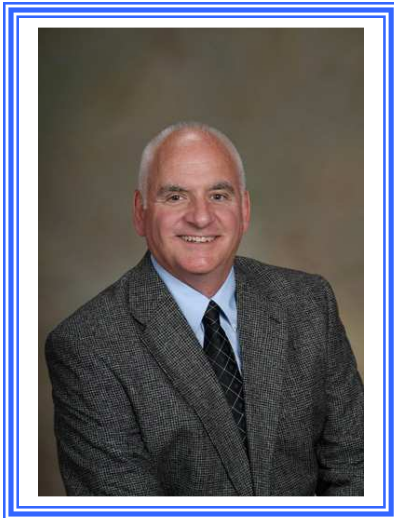
January Anniversaries



***The Living Word Church wishes Bro/Sis Rael,
Bro/Sis Johnson and Bro/Sis Trowbridge a very
Happy Anniversary!***

LWC Annual Glorieta Marriage Retreat

*The time has come to place your reservation for the 5th Annual Living Word Church **Marriage Retreat** weekend in Glorieta, NM. The event will occur 14 – 16 March 2008. The total cost is \$214 for the weekend. A \$50 deposit must be paid by 13 February to secure your reservation. This year we are blessed to have **Rev. Robert Kurz** as our Seminar Leader. Pastor and Sister Burns have once again secured a dynamic and knowledgeable Speaker who will ensure a successful event. If you need additional details, or wish to confirm your reservation, please contact **Bro/Sis Johnson**.*



Robert Kurz is an ordained minister with the United Pentecostal Church. He travels extensively conducting family seminars, marriage retreats, leadership training and men's conferences. He holds a master's degree in Christian Family Counseling, has established a home missions church and served as a Christian school principal for many years. He is presently the director of New Heights Counseling Center in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Under the banner of "Training for Life Ministries" he has authored numerous seminar workbooks and training manuals, including an extensive pastoral counseling resource entitled "The Helping Series." He is also a contributing author for United Pentecostal Church publications.

Parenting is not for Whimps!

The world says love is a wonderful thing. However, John 4:8 says, "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." At first, we often see only love's pleasant and benign side. However, Romans 11:22 says, "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God; on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off." Hebrews 12:6-7 adds, "For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.' If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?" **God is the author of "tough love."** For God to permit His sinning children to be pampered by escaping punishment would not be love, and God would prove untrue to His nature. Though it is not an easy task to ensure a suitable punishment is given to our children when they disobey, it is an act of love. Let's choose to love our children—even if it's tough.

Contributed by: Sis Anita Lanz

Living Word Church Music Department

LWC is blessed to have such an anointed Music Department. Directed by Sis Kleiman, they have dedicated themselves to Praise and Worship through music and song.

