



Preserving Christian Homes

March 2008



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- The month begins on **Saturday, March 1st** with the **Section 6 Ladies Conference**.
- 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 **March 7th** and the second gathering will occur on **Friday, March 21st**.
- 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, March 3rd @ 7pm**. **Mothers**, please bring your **daughters** and all female friends and family. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Sis Burns**.
- On 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 **March 7th and 21st**. On **Friday, March 14** there will be a **Youth Rally in Gallup, NM**. You are encouraged to bring your **friends** and **family**.
- **Sunday, March 9th Missionary Gary Reed** will minister during our **Morning Service**.
- Every month the **Men** participate in focused prayer. This display of unity is scheduled for **March 10th @ 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**.
- The **5th Annual Marriage Retreat** will be held **Friday, March 14th** through mid-day **Sunday March 16th**, in **Glorieta, NM**. Our **Special Speaker Rev. Robert Kurz** will return with us to minister **Sunday, March 16th** during the **Evening Service**.
- 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, March 17th @ 7pm**.
- Please bring Friends and Family to the **LWCA Easter Presentation**, during our **Evening Service, March 23rd**.
- **Sis Kleiman**, our **Music Director**, set aside the final Thursday (**March 27th**) 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

- **Date Night** is scheduled for **Friday, March 28th**. 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.



Bro Scott Handling the Big Rig

If you are able to dedicate a few hours on Saturday 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 **Church Building**.

Thank you to those who have graciously provided meals to the Workforce.

Bring the walls down in Rio Rancho.

Joshua 6:16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

Be a *Lion Chaser* and come walk with us on Saturday March 8, 2008, everyone is invited. We will meet at the New Church at 2 pm and walk the property perimeter 7 times and then let out a shout to bring “The Walls Down in Rio Rancho”.

Bro/Sis Hernandez



The Bible Quizzing Season gets underway



March Anniversaries



The Living Word Church wishes Bro/Sis Lanz and Bro/Sis Taylor a very Happy Anniversary.

Not Just Another Anniversary

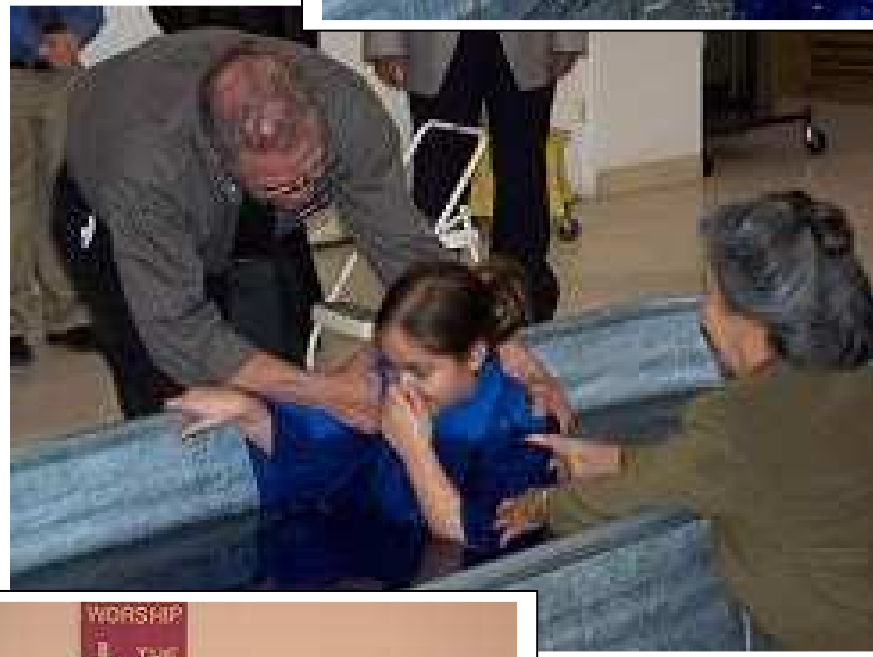
Each month we proudly list in this publication the couples that are celebrating another Wedding Anniversary. We look at the pictures and smile in acknowledgement. However, have we really grasped the significance of this event? There are various types of Anniversaries. There is our 10-year High School Reunion or the July 4th Anniversary when we celebrate our Nation's Independence. Anniversaries are sometimes thought to be analogues to Birthdays. Each year another rolls around. In the basic sense that may be true, but there is a clear difference. Birthdays occur each year whether you want them to or not as does Independence Day. Having another Wedding Anniversary doesn't just happen but is the result of a conscience effort. The recipe for a successful marriage begins long before the "I do".

2Co:6:14: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Someone once commented: Many marriages would be more successful if the couple put as much planning in the marriage as they do in the wedding. Each Anniversary is an accumulation of daily interactions between two people and more when children, relatives and others are involved. Each day decisions are made and feelings are felt. Sometimes the relationship is reinforced, and other times damaged. A healthy marriage, like a healthy body needs nourishment. Our Pastor clearly recognizes this and sets before us a buffet from which we can partake. He encourages Family Bible Study on a weekly basis. Every last Friday of the month we have Date Night where you can take advantage of the free childcare and spend an uninterrupted evening nurturing your marriage. Throughout the year we have many Family events. Each March we have a Marriage Retreat that allows an opportunity for couples to attend a "refresher course" mentored by experts in the field.

Again as you look at the photos of those celebrating another Anniversary, remember it didn't just happen. Two people who love the Lord and each other, worked together to make it happen.

Last month at the LWC



A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door.

It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man. Career and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jack moved clear across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Jack had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him.

Over the phone, his mother told him, 'Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday.' Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days. 'Jack, did you hear me?'

'Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago,' Jack said. 'Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it,' Mom told him. 'I loved that old house he lived in,' Jack said. 'You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life,' she said. 'He's the one who taught me carpentry,' he said. 'I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral,' Jack said. As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away. The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door, one more time. Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture.... Jack stopped suddenly. 'What's wrong, Jack?' his Mom asked. 'The box is gone,' he said. 'What box?' Mom asked. 'There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,' Jack said. It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it. 'Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him,' Jack said. 'I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom.'

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox 'Signature required on a package No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days,' the note read. Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. 'Mr. Harold Belser' it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside 'Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life.' A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, with tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: 'Jack, Thanks for your time! - Harold Belser.' 'The thing he valued most was...my time'

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. 'Why?' Janet, his assistant asked. 'I need some time to spend with my son,' he said. 'Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!'

'Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away,'

Contributed by **Bro Chapman**