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The Murder of God

God entered our human frailty and made Himself vulnerable to our deepest evil. Jesus, innocent of any offense against us opened His arms and let us slaughter Him with all the vicious disdain of our primal imagination.

This is sin...it lies in the buried core of every heart. . .the craving to murder God.

We say, as though it were merely His duty, and only His idea, - having nothing to do with us—"He died on the cross to pay for our sins."

"How noble of Him. What price He paid!" Yet that is not the full story. It is about Him, but also, me.

The story is personal, grim and accusing.... "I was the one who murdered God because I secretly have hated Him. I hate Him for no other offense than this... He is God and I am not."

The Jews killed Jesus. The religious killed Jesus.

Roman soldiers killed Jesus. It was "they" who did it, but certainly not I.

No, give me sufficient pressure to the place of my fondest rights, give me enough fierce suffering,

and I would come out with nail and whip to tear my own Creator to shreds by the most agonizing death I could effect.

Every person ever born could murder with relish, the God who dreamed their being -for that very reason!

I am the one who mocks Him and dares Him to defy my killing. I am one who takes the last garments from His back to gamble with my soul. I am the one who killed Him.

"But I wasn't there! Prove I would have killed Him. It's not real to me."

To hate any person, made by God for God, is to hate Him. Including my "self."
(1 John 4:20)

Had the high priest not ordered it, I would have. Had the soldiers failed to beat Him, I would have. Had the centurion not driven the nails, I would have.

Jesus knew the thoughts of the Pharisee hypocrites. "you say, 'If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'

"So you testify against yourselves, that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers.

You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?" Matthew 23:30-33 NASB

This is iniquity. To kill God and believe I am innocent.

"If we Christians had lived in Jesus' day we would not have killed Him. 'They' did it. We are above the brutal murder of God's Son. Far too civilized. Much too knowledgeable now."

By that secret patronizing, we give proof that we are the same vicious murderers who ripped His flesh from His bones, and loved His bloody agony. We too, by false innocence, "testify against ourselves" by the blindness to our guilt, by our superiority to 'those-lesser-than-us' who killed our Blessed Savior.

There dwells in every descendant of Adam, the ambitious lust to be God and a madness of hatred because He is!

We are - by very nature - killers. Cains are we. We murder by words, by deeds, by thoughts that boil and spit in the angry cauldron of a primitive heart. "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?" Jer. 17:9 NASB

(See insert the rest of the write up.)

Church Services

Sunday Morning Service
10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service
6:00 p.m.

Generation Impact
6:00 p.m.

Kid's Church 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

Teachers for the Month of April, 2009

Nursery: Alicia Alvarez & Ida Perez

2 & 3 year old class:
Diana Campbell

4 & 5 year old class:
Tanya Vento

1st & 2nd grade:
Vicky Chapa

3rd & 4th grade:
Lionel Campbell

5th & 6th grade:
Eddie Perez

April 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Ladies Fellowship 6:30 p.m. at NWBC	4 Good Samaritan Nursing Home 10:00 a.m. Zoefest Boggus Stadium
5	6	7	8	9	10 Couples Night Out at Ray & Rebecca Perez Home 6:00 p.m.	11
12 No Evening Services	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>REJOICE! HE IS ALIVE!</i>						
19 Generation Impact leading Praise & Worship (luncheon pending)	20	21 Festival Meeting at 6:30 p.m. dinner will be served	22	23	24	25 Past Out Flyers 10:00 a.m. for festival
26 Communion Spring Festival 5:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30		May 2nd the children will be going to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home
<i>Happy Resurrection!</i>						



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Alicia Alvarez April 1st
 Payton Linn 16th birthday April 6th
 Rebecca Perez April 7th
 Carlo Vento 6th birthday April 7th
 Carlos Chapa III 20th birthday April 11th
 Adrian Chavez 10th birthday April 27th
 Ethan T. Estrada 3rd birthday April 28th

Spring Family Night Out



April 26th 5:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 2:00 p.m. Starting BBQ Pit for patties
- 3:00 p.m. Set Up Petting Zoo & Hay Ride & Music
- 3:30 p.m. Table and Food Prep
- 4:00 p.m. Crew Leader Check
- 5:00 p.m. Start Music and Welcome
- 5:30 p.m. Blessing of Food - Richard Linn & Dinner will be Served
- 5:50 p.m. Church Speakers
- 6:00 p.m. Petting Zoo, Hay Rides, Football
- 8:00 p.m. Pack it UP!

MENU

Hamburgers, Chips, Condiments, Dessert & Soft Drinks.

For more information contact: Carlos & Tanya Vento at 535-3300.

Kid Spot Light—Carlo Chase Vento

Carlo Chase Vento is our spot light kid this month and he celebrate his 6th birthday April 7th. Carlo is the son of Carlos & Tanya Vento and also brother to Trey Vento. Carlo attends Calvary Christian School and is in Kinder.

What is your favorite sport? **Baseball, But I really like tractors and outer space I like to go outside to work Hay Bailers and Haulers with my dad.**

What is your favorite bible song? **“He's got the Whole World in His Hands”**

When were you born again and give testimony of your experience? **When I was born I knew that Jesus was in my heart and He is my King.**

What is your favorite bible lesson?

“Noah and the Ark”



What are your favorite scriptures or memory verses? **Jesus answered, “I am the way the truth and the light.” John 14:6**

What do you want to be when you grow up and why? **Engineer for John Deere because I know it is the right choice for me and a Space**

fighter because I want to protect the Planet Earth.

Please share with us anything else that you would like for us to know about you. Or something the Lord has done for you. **I like church maybe one time I could help out. I have three dogs that are real nice and I like to take Cooter (new puppy) for walks. I like that my mom and Miss Deleine are my Sunday School teachers. I like to do lots of crafts at Sunday School. Jesus helps me when I am at school. Jesus loves each one of us. Jesus always takes care of me.**

By Carlo Vento



Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This month will begin the 2nd quarter of the year. At our last teachers' meeting we discussed different incentive ideas for the children. What we came up with was to begin an attendance, bible and memory incentive program. The children will be given a sticker on a chart for every week that they attend Sunday school, bring their bible to class and memorize their memory verse. The student/s with the most stickers will be rewarded with various prizes. Some of the prizes that were discussed were free VBS shirt and VBS

CD. We pray that the Lord would use this to motivate our children to attend Sunday school and bring their bible as well as memorize the scripture for that day. We have to train our children now that they are young. The teachers are very excited about this new incentive program. We encourage you parents to bring your children to Sunday school and remind them to bring their bibles. If they don't have a bible, please buy them one! As a parent, I will be buying 3 bibles for my girls.

We are in need of a teacher for the 2 & 3 year old class. That teacher will be alter-

nating with me and will begin in May. I won't lie to you, it is a task to keep the class interested and all focused, but at the end of each class you will see that it is well worth the effort. Please see me if you are interested!

VBS: We have put a sign up list on the back bulletin board. We are in need of an arts & crafts station leader, crew leaders and teachers. I know you hear us asking for volunteers ALL THE TIME, but we do need YOU! YOU are the one that is going to make a difference in a child's life!! By: Diana Campbell

Spring Family Night Out: We are gearing up for the 2009 Spring Family Night. Rain or shine it will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Spring Family Night will start at 5:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. We are happy to announce a new menu consisting of grilled Hamburgers, chips and our wonderful dessert table. Carlos and I will be heading up the family night and have great plans for entertainment, dinner and an opportunity to share the good news about Jesus and give new and returning guests a chance to know and learn about God through Jesus Christ. As a servant of God I ask everyone from young to young at heart to volunteer for this special event. Without all the volunteers events like this would not happen. The fall family night was a success and I believe that if we do our best for Christ we will have an awesome night and with YOUR help all the more better.

Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. Acts 3: 6 God bless your Family Carlos and Tanya Vento

GENERATION I IMPACT

If you saw the video Nason put together from Acquire the Fire last month in San Antonio, I don't need to tell you that we had a really great time! The preaching and dramas were relevant to what Christian teens are facing today and challenging to live a life of passion for God, dedication and purity. Praise God, several of our youth rededicated their lives to the Lord. It was quite an intense weekend with service on Friday night and literally, all day Saturday. We were also blessed to visit Hannah Linn's church Sunday morning where we participated in communion. It was such an awesome way to end the trip. Thank you for praying for the safety and finances of the trip-- and especially for God to touch hearts. He did

just that!

Well, spring time means it's almost time for the Generation Impact annual summer mission trip! The very tentative dates are July 6-11. (Definitely subject to change) For the next three months we will be fasting, praying, having fundraisers, and believing God to bring in the needed funds. Please stay tuned for more details on how you can help be a part of this year's mission outreach.

It is so good to see more youth coming to Bible Study on Sunday night. Don't forget to invite a friend! A special thank you to Vicky for taking the time to teach on spiritual warfare the past few Sundays. We have all learned a lot about this vital topic. In a few weeks we will

begin a series of lessons based on "True Love Waits." So bring all your dating and relationship questions--it's gonna get interesting....!

Let us not be weary in well doing--keep pushing forward. Greater things are yet to come~

***Dates to remember:**

Tuesdays - Fasting day (come to Bible study to learn more)

April 4- Zoefest @ Boggus stadium

April 19 - Youth serving dinner after morning service (pending)

April 19- Youth leading praise and worship

Written by Sharmayne Brooks

Acquire of the Fire Conference



February 28, 2009



Sharmayne & I at the end of it all...

GENERATION I IMPACT

Parking Lot: Please park on one space only.

Building Pledge Update: Total to date is \$22,274.00. Thank you for your comment in fulfilling the obligation.

A SPECIAL THANKS! Starla & Evan Linn, Jacob & Nason Rumfield, Vicky Chapa and Adan Diaz. Our Praise Team!

This should be posted in all schools and work places:

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not, and will not learn in school.

He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your 'self-esteem'. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn

both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in

your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time..

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

“LOVE IS IN THE AIR”

Hey couples, how is your marriage today? Hopefully your marriage is doing well and all is great, however for some marriages it is more of struggle from day to day. That’s why we decided to start having couples night out. This night out is not like other nights. The kids can’t come with you, we really talk grown-up stuff, like... “How do you...?????” Just add what you like, somebody at couple’s night out will have an answer. I’m also doing a small study on how to read your partner, plus fun and games, so don’t miss it. I’m inviting all couples to my house on the 10th of April. Arrive around 6PM and we’ll eat at 7PM. We definitely need a head count cause I’m cooking BBQ chicken and sausage and we want to have plenty for all the hungry husbands like myself. We decided on a 5-dollar charge per couple to help with the chicken and sausage and the ladies can get together to bring over stuff. Love is in the air because it’s RESURRECTION TIME and we know that JESUS IS LOVE. GOD BLESS YOU! Ray and Rebecca Perez

Ladies Fellowship

Hello sisters in Christ Jesus our next Ladies fellowship will be at N.W.B.C. on April 3rd, at 6:30pm.

We will be serving chicken wings with toss salad, corn, and potato salad. We will also serve ice tea/water. I do encourage you ladies that have not come to join us for dinner and fellowship with one another it's wonderful! Please call Jane at 425-9107 or me (Velma) at 244-1333, as soon as you can.

1 John 1:3, 6, and 7

3. That which we seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

6. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Written by Velma Martinez

**CONGRAULATION!
JOHN & JANIE GARZA**



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"Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward."
Deuteronomy 2: 3

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Praise be for ONE Smart Judge!!!

Subject: FLORDIA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

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In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized Days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the

passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your

client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14: 1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.