

The Encourager

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

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

KEEP ASKING

Last Sunday night was a blessed time of approaching God's throne in prayer and supplication. We were crying out to the Lord for various things and interceding for our nation. A prophecy of edification and exhortation came forth saying: "Call unto **ME** and **I** will answer thee have **I** not said that ye ask not, so **I** say ask, ask of **ME** and speak the desires of your heart. **I** will reveal **Myself** and bring revelation, **I** will answer questions that you have had and silence the accusations of the enemy. So **I** say call unto **ME** says the **Lord**." The Lord encouraged our hearts that night to

ask of Him, I think of the Amplified Version of Luke 1:9. Where it says ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking knock and keep on knocking. The idea is to continue to pray, Jesus told us in the parable of the unjust judge that men ought always to pray and faint not. **I** encourage you to ask and keep on asking, is there a prayer of yours that has not been answered? Is there some unsaved loved one? Is there sickness? Is there besetting sins that keep dogging your life? Then ask and keep on asking keep approaching the throne of God and receive what you need. **I** love what Tanya Vento testified about last Sun-

day morning she said; "Praise has a way of washing away the things that don't need to be in our life" **I** can testify to this truth and add that prayer also does this and of course reading and hearing God's Word washes away the bad and replaces it with the good (Eph. 5:26 and James 1:21). So brothers and sisters in Christ never stop asking. Remember to call unto God and **I** will answer you Jeremiah 33:3.

Written by
Pastor Kelly Rumfield

A Word from the Lord!

Sunday night while we were praying together, the Lord said, Just as the Israelites were crying out, for the Pharaoh to set them free from bondage from Egypt so are the unborn babies crying LET MY PEOPLE GO!!! It was from way down deep in my spirit, that

we were demanding this Pharaoh LET MY PEOPLE GO!!!






Written by Patty Edwards



A Word from the Lord!

The prayer was in the middle of other prayers. Basically during the time I was praying, I quoted the verse in Exodus 1:8, that there arose a king who knew not Joseph. This by interpretation from my prayer was understood to mean, that the government does not know the Church. Written by Ray Perez

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth Group Fund Raiser Luncheon/ Bring cans!	2	3	4	5 Home Schoolers 10:00-11:30	6 Ladies Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	7 Youth Confer- ence Weslaco 9:00 Good Samaritan 10:00 am
8	9	10	11	12 	13	14 
15	16 	17	18	19	20 Couples Night Out 7:00 P.M.	21 Mexico Outreach 3:30 p.m.
22 Commun- ion 	23	24 	25	26	27 Acquire the Fire Youth Conf.	28



KEVIN & NORMA ROY WILL CELEBRATE THEIR **13TH** ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 3RD.
FRANK & JANIE VILLARREAL WILL CELEBRATE THEIR **39TH** ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 7TH.
ELIAS & NORMA ORTEGA WILL CELEBRATE THEIR **22ND** ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 14TH



FRANCES DIAZ WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 2ND.
EVELYN LACHICO WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 14TH.
ISABEL GONZALEZ WILL CELEBRATE HER **2ND** BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 16TH.
KONNOR ROY WILL CELEBRATE HIS **5TH** BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 17TH.
NASON RUMFIELD WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 18TH.
MARY HIRSCHMANN WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 20TH.
KRISTINE LOPEZ WILL CELEBRATE HER **17TH** BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 20TH.
DEBRA LACHICO WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 21ST.
FORREST HARGROVE III WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 22ND.
GABRIEL HIRSCHMANN WILL CELEBRATE HIS **10TH** BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 25TH.
RICHARD LINN WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 25TH.

Kid Spot Light — Gresham Konnor Roy

Gresham Konnor Roy is our spot light kid this month and he will celebrate his 5th birthday February 17th. Konnor is the son of Kevin and Norma Roy and is brother to Kaleb Roy. Konnor attends Day Care and will start kinder in August 2009.

Konnor's favorite sport is football and his favorite bible song is "Jesus Loves the Little Children". At three years old I told Gresham "Jesus protects you if you want Him to live in your heart" and Gresham said yes. "Jesus I want you to live in my heart" Gresham prayed. Gresham favorite verse is

"Jesus lives in my heart and He protects me."
Gresham wants to grow up to be strong like his dad and be like Jesus.



His mother says "Gresham has so much faith, that when anything goes wrong he just puts his head down and starts praying. When I get after him he apologizes right

away then he prays,
"Jesus please don't let momma be mean no more."

Norma says "Konnor doesn't go to sleep without singing his favorite song. He prays even the shortest prayer but with so much feeling that I know he is going to be a prayer warrior."

Thank you! LORD for the little children!

Written Norma Roy



News from the Children's Ministry...

VACATIONBIBLE

SCHOOL: We are now planning for our 2009 Vacation Bible School. The curriculum that has been selected is "Crocodile Dock -Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light." We are now praying for teachers, crew leaders, station leaders and other positions needed. We ask that you join us in praying. Last year we had 53 children come up and receive Jesus as their savior. It is always touching to see the children come up when invited

to receive Jesus. If you have never been involved in VBS, we invite you to come and get involved this year. You will not regret it and you will definitely be back another year!

On a personal note, Lionel and I have been involved with VBS for 8 years, directors for 6 years. We enjoy working with all the VBS staff and especially seeing the results of all the hard work that is put in every year. It takes a lot of prayers, man power and finances to have a VBS

every year. Praise God! We have always had enough of those things to have very successful VBS every year. The Lord always provides the man power and finances for us through your prayers. So, again we are trusting in the Lord for another successful VBS!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Thank you: We would like to thank the teachers for calling in when they are unable to make it to class. It is so helpful so that we can contact the substitute in time.

MEETINGS:For Sunday School teachers: We have scheduled our quarterly Sunday School Teachers' meeting for March 12, 2009. If you have items that would like to be discussed, please let us know so that we can up them on the agenda.

For VBS teachers: There will be a teachers' meeting on March 26, 2009. Please make plans to attend. Your lesson will be handed out at that time.

Submitted by: Diana Campbell

GENERATION IMPACT

Upcoming Youth Activities Feb 2009



Youth Conference in Weslaco – Sat. Feb 7

Mark your calendar for the annual valley-wide youth conference in Weslaco, Sat, Feb 7. We will meet at North Way at 9 a.m. and be back at the church at 10 p.m. This is a time of fellowship, great services, and fun activities with youth from around the valley. Last year over 600 young people attended!

Outreach in Mexico – Sat., Feb 21

Pastor Kelly will be taking a group from the church across the border at Los Indios to minister at an outreach in Mexico. The youth will be participating by doing 2 dramas. We will meet at the church at 2:30 pm Feb 21 to practice one more time and leave for Mexico at 3:30.

Please be sure to come to Sunday night youth group each week at 6 pm so we can practice the skits!!

Acquire the Fire – San Antonio, Feb. 27 & 28

Please let Sharmayne know if you are interested in attending “Acquire the Fire in San Antonio.” (It is a huge gathering of youth with powerful speakers and special singers.) Right now the cost for tickets and one night hotel is estimated at \$75 per person*. Each person should also bring extra \$ for food and souvenirs. The earlier we get the tickets, the cheaper they are. Visit the website:

www.acquirethefire.org for more info on the event.

*A fundraiser is being planned that will help offset the cost of the trip so more details on that soon to be announced. We have more outreaches and fun activities planned for the coming months. Let's be faithful to attend youth Bible studies and continue to pray for a great new year!

Written by Sharmayne Brooks

Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship will be on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm at North Way Bible Church.

This month's bible message will be on:

John 13:24-35, Matthew 7:20 along with John 13:34-35, and Galatians 6:1-2.

Please bring your bible and feel free to bring a friend, or family member. If you have any questions call me at (956) 244-1333.

The word of God in 1 John 3:11 says, "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another..." If you have time, read the rest of the verses, and let the Lord Jesus speak to your heart. RSVP to Velma Martinez 244-1333.



Couples Night Out

Carlos and Tanya Vento have big plans for Couples Night Out. Come join the fun and fellowship! The big day is Friday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be at the Lone Star Restaurant on 4201 W Bus Hwy 83. RSVP Tanya at 535-3300.



Cross the Boarder Mission Trip

A trip is planned for Saturday, February 21st to cross the Los Indios bridge into a small community in Mexico. It's 30 minutes from Harlingen; we depart at 3:30 p.m.

A message about Jesus Christ and His love will be presented to the people. There will be a drama and music for the people. The sick and discouraged will be prayed for. Bags of food will be handed out to them. If you would like to give an offering toward the food please enclose in an offering envelope; please write food for Mexico. Food has to be bought in Mexico it is not allowed to be crossed.

For more information please get with the pastor.

Mission Trip



Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd = That's Relationship!



shall not want = That's Supply!



He maketh me to lie down in green pastures = That's Rest!



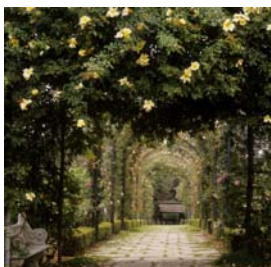
He leadeth me beside the still waters = That's Refreshment!



He restoreth my soul = That's Healing!



He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness = That's Guidance!



For His name sake = That's Purpose!



Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = That's Testing!



I will fear no evil = That's Protection!



For Thou art with me = That's Faithfulness!



Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me = That's Discipline!



Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies = That's Hope!



Thou annointest my head with oil = That's Consecration!



My cup runneth over = That's Abundance!



Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life = That's Blessing!



And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = That's Security!



Forever = That's Eternity!

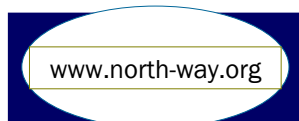


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"Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward." Deuteronomy 2:3

North Way Bible Church and Teaching Center

Started in 1980 and our mission is to reach souls for Christ and teach families and individuals the truth of God's Word and applying it to their daily lives.

Why Lincoln Stood

When it came time for the pastoral prayer at the church Abraham Lincoln



attended, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D.C., the president stood up. Because most of the worshipers remained seated, someone asked the president why he stood. The president responded, "When my generals come into the Oval Office, they stand for their commander-in-chief. Isn't it proper then, that I stand for my commander-in-chief?"

The Original "American Idol"

Historic dates, like stepping stones, create a footpath through our heritage. Experienced by one generation and recalled by those to come, it is through these annual recollections that our heritage is honored. In 1879 the Forty-fifth Congress deemed George Washington's birth date, February 22, a historic date worthy of holiday recognition.

Washington was a man of his time: a farmer, a soldier, and an owner of slaves. Named commander-in-chief of the American Continental army, he led the colonies to victory over England, securing independence for an infant nation. His political leadership led to his election as president of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Once the states ratified the Constitution, he was elected the first President of the United States, completing two terms.

Everything about George Washington was entwined with the evolution of a young nation. His name was associated with virtue, honesty, strength, courage, and patriarchal leadership. Schools, bridges, towns, the national capital, and even a state were named in his honor.

His likeness graced currency, stamps, sculptures, and paintings. Manufacturers deemed his image as public property. Historian William Ayres has stated that Washington must "surely hold the record for the number of times the image of a historical figure appeared on goods made for the American home."

At six-feet, two and a half inches tall, Washington's presence enhanced his political stature. Succeeding generations found significant ways to periodically resurrect his memory, including the centennial birthday celebration of 1832 and the laying of the Washington Monument's cornerstone sixteen years later (1848). Close on the heels of the national centennial celebration of 1876, a patriotic colonial revival followed and, before the end of the century, a centennial observance of his death in 1899. With the 1930s carving of his likeness in stone on Mount Rushmore and the posthumous promotion to the rank of six-star General of the Armies in 1976, the numerous tributes continued to reaffirm George Washington's place as the original "American Idol."

