



# The Encourager

## The New Year

### Teacher's Schedule for the month of January

**Nursery: Frances Diaz &  
Rebecca Perez**

**2 & 3 year old class:  
Kimberly Kilbourn**

**4 & 5 year old class:  
Deleine Chavira**

**1st & 2nd grade class:  
Angie Garza**

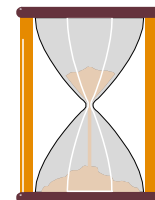
**3rd & 4th grade class:  
Charles Kilbourn Jr.**

**5th & 6th grade class:  
Class will stay in the  
Service**

Another New Year is here and it is time to thank God for another year of life and another year of opportunity. The World's news says its going to be a grim year economically with uncertainty around the world about peace that is fragile. As believers Jesus told us in John 14:27 to not let our hearts be troubled and neither be afraid. In John 16:33 Jesus said "in the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer I have overcome the world." I truly believe it is our choice we have a will and we can choose to believe the world or believe Jesus. When our trust is in things like money or person-

alities or the fading fashion of this would we will certainly be disappointed all these things will fail, but obey the exhortation, in Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. In this **New Year make a decision to know and obey the will of God** more completely stretch your faith by acting on verses you have let slip away and see how Jesus will meet you in signs and wonders following. The challenge is ever before us, what kind of ambassador will you be? We don't have to go through an-

other year of bondage to besetting sin and we can exercise our faith for healing and believe for spiritual break through for unsaved loved ones. 2009 brings many opportunities to overcome and as it says in 1 Peter 2:9 to show forth His praises or His virtues who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Be encouraged and take a stand, I know our God is mighty to save and deliver.



Written by  
Pastor Kelly  
Rumfield

### 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.**

## A Note of Thanks and Prayer

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your labor of love that you've bestowed on NWBC. I thank the Lord Jesus for all the teachers of Sunday School and Kids Church, the Praise team, ushers and greeters and all the ministry of helps, that every church must have to function. I also want to thank everyone who has prayed and financially sup-

ported this ministry May God richly bless you and prosper you in the New Year. Lord Jesus, I pray for all the members of North Way and their extended families. I ask that you bring a greater revelation of Yourself into every family and draw those of our unsaved loved ones to the cross and repentance. I ask that You fill those who are empty, heal those


that are sick, encourage the faint of heart and bring a fresh vision to us that we may see through Your eyes those that are in so much need around us. Lord make Your face to shine upon us and lead us daily by Your Spirit. Amen

Written by  
Pastor Kelly Rumfield

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Good Samaritan Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
4 Kid's Church Begins	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Inauguration Day	21	22 Cultured Milk at 6:30 p.m. will meet NWBC given by Kim Kilbourn	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# Happy New Year!




Birthday

Wishes to:

Lina Villarreal will celebrate her birthday January 3rd.  
 Hope Delaunay will celebrate her birthday January 5th.  
 Noah Perez will celebrate his 10th birthday January 8th.  
 Philip Anderson will celebrate his birthday January 10th.  
 Joshua Ortega will celebrate his 19th birthday January 10th.  
 Velma Martinez will celebrate her birthday January 11th.  
 Oscar Brooks will celebrate his birthday January 12th.  
 Ashya Hernandez will celebrate her 17th birthday January 16th.  
 Eloise Padron will celebrate her birthday January 24th.  
 Frank Villarreal will celebrate his birthday January 28th.

Happy Birthday





## Teacher Spot Light—Deleine Chavira



Deleine Chavira is our Spot Light teacher for the month of January. Deleine is the a teacher to the 4 & 5 year old class. Deleine attends UTB and is in the nursing program. Deleine also works part time at the Dollar General.

“I was born again on my twelfth birthday at my pastor’s house; even though it was over eight years ago I still remember it as if it had been yesterday. I remember I was sitting on the

ground and I was led to say the prayer of salvation. Immediately I felt the grace of God and the forgiveness flowing to my heart from my Savior Jesus. It was the most amazing thing that has ever happened to me, even to this day,” says Deleine.

“I was spirit filled about a week after I became saved, in the bible it says “to Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, but specially that you may prophesy, for he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God” (1 Corinthians 14:1, 2), so after first reading that passage I asked my pastor what it meant, and was filled with the spirit that same day.”

“I have always been fond of children. In the Gospels Christ

makes an allusion to children being precious to Him. To be able to teach the little ones and be a part of their lives is a great blessing,” says Deleine.

“For now I am focused mostly on the nursing program so I really do not have much time for anything. When I have free time, I enjoy reading, writing, painting, drawing, and designing. I also am dedicated to spreading the message of salvation and I am an avid pro-life supporter. I simply think everyone out there ought to know the truth and recognize abortion is just plain out evil. In the Bible it says to protect the weak, unborn children fall in the category” says Deleine.

I was born and raised in Mexico and came to the United States when I turned fifteen. I think that is one of the most memorable events in my life, the cultural shock was overwhelming and I thank God for caring through for me at that very difficult time in my life. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

My parents had attended NWBC for a while and decided to bring me with them one day and I have felt at home since” says Deleine.

Written by Deleine Chavira

## Kid Spot Light— Noah Joshua Perez

Noah Perez is our spot light kid this month and he will celebrate his 10th birthday on January 8th. Noah is the son of Ray and Rebecca Perez and is brother to Miriam and Sarah Perez. Jesse & Irene Perez and Alicia Alvarez are grandparents to Noah. Noah attends Calvary Christian School and he is in the 4th grade.

Noah’s favorite sports are basketball, football and track.

His favorite bible song is

“Beautiful One”.

Noah says he was born again when he was 3 years old. His mom prayed with him in his bedroom.

Noah says he is not baptized in the Holy Spirit, “not yet, but I got baptized in water when I was eight at Mrs. Roma’s.

“David and Goliath is Noah’s favorite bible lesson because, “It reminds me that God gives me strength even though I’m little when people think I

can’t,” says Noah.

His favorite scriptures are Mathew 5:1-12 the Beatitudes

Noah wants to be like his dad a pharmacy rep because, “I want to be like my dad or a basketball player.”

Noah gives glory to God because, “he has given me lots of talents like running and I’m not shy about God. He also heals me when I get sick from the flu.”



### Coming in July....



*News from the Children’s Ministry...A NEW ADDITION:* We are so happy to announce Deleine Chavira will be one of our teachers for the 4 & 5 year old class. We had been announcing the need for a teacher, but no response. Then finally I felt led to bring that class up front to show the congregation who they would be teaching. That morning, Deleine came to the back and offered to teach the class. She shared with me that she had been praying for the Lord to show her what He wanted her to do, but that He would have to put it right in front of her face. The Lord sure did answer her prayer and at the same time filled our need. Isn’t God great???? We praise God for Deleine and all of our other teachers. Please remember to keep them all in your prayers so that they do not suffer “burn out.” We have an AWESOME group of teachers at this time.....PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!!

Written by Diana Campbell



A tribute to Jesse Lachico

### What Matters

Ready or not, someday it all comes to an end. There are no more sunrises no more minutes, hours or days. All the things collected, treasured or forgotten, pass to someone else. Wealth, fame, and power shrivel to irrelevance. It matters not what was owned or owed. Frustrations, jealousies, finally disappear. Hopes, ambitions, plans and to do lists expire. It no longer matters where you come from or what side of the tracks you lived. No matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Gender or skin color are irrelevant. Wins and losses no longer matter.....

So what matters?

How is the value of our days measured?

This is what mattered to my dad

What matters is not what he bought, but what he built; not what he got but what he gave.

What matters is not his success but his significance.

What matters is not what he learnt but what he taught.

What matters is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate his example.

What matters is not his competence, but his character.

What matters is not how many people he knew, but how many people will feel a lasting loss when he is gone.

What matters is not his memories, but the memories that lived in those who loved him.

What matters is how long he will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident, it's not a matter of circumstance, but a matter of choice.

My father's life mattered

Written by Jesse Lachico Jr.

### Stand for the Unborn!

With a sad heart there is an anniversary that is coming up; it is on January 22nd, thirty six years ago on this date the Supreme Court made the worse decision that the Court has ever made on this date the decision was made that unborn babies had no rights and it was up to the mother to make a decision that should have never been left up to a human to make.!! In result of this horrific act there have been 1.5 million children killed every year!! The decision was called Roe V Wade. The mother that brought this to the court did have her child before the decision was made, also later in her life she came to know the Lord Jesus and now is doing everything she can to come against Roe V Wade.

In the name of Jesus we come against this holocaust!! What can we do Christians? Every Saturday we stand in front of the abortion clinic and tell the mothers the facts about their baby and what Jesus has plans for their lives good plans. We meet at 6:45 a.m. and stay till around 9:30a.m. Also you can write letters to the editor to let readers know the truth about abortions! Write to your senators, representatives, and the governor. Whatever you can do please stand and intercede for our brothers and sisters in Christ! Proverbs 24:11-12 "Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter".

Above all STAND ! In Christ Service, Patty Edwards

### Ladies Fellowship

Thank you Lord, we had a wonderful Ladies Fellowship. Pat Atkinson, Vicky Chapa, Janie Garza, Frances Salazar, Bertha Gutierrez, Lisa Johnson, Kimberly Kilbourn, Kali Wallenta, Lucy Navarrette, Eloise Padron, Irene Perez, Velma Martinez, Carmen, Maria, and Mayela.

The Ladies said, "that they would like to join at Church for our next Fellowship at (N.W.B.C.)" on Friday February 06,

2009 at 6:30 p.m. John 15:12 reads, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." And just go a few verses down to: John 15:17 "These things I command you, that you love one another." Now in, 1John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." Now there are a lot of verses on love, and God Is perfect so when

He commands use to love one another. Because He is love and every one that loves is born of God, and knoweth God. We have to obey Him.

Now if you are lacking love for your brother or sister. Ask our Lord, and I know that Jesus Christ will help.

Written by Velma Martinez



**\$18,124.00** of the **Building Pledge** is in. Thank you to everyone that has been faithful to their commitment. May our Lord continue to bless you and your family in the coming year.

## It All Happened in the Country

I would like to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for a successful musical comedy. Thank you to all cast members, and all the special people that took time to make this musical not only a success, they made it fun and exciting. I wanted to let North Way know that the flawless production of this play came about from the obedience to Jesus. Practices were held twice a week from the middle of October to the day of the musical. To the parents of the cast: thank you for bringing your children to practice. I know it was very difficult with all the activities happening in December. A Special thank you to Forest Hargrove who overcame fever and illness to continue on with the Lord's work. Forrest Hargrove, Carlos

Vento, and Starla Linn set up the stage it was beautiful. We had approximated 150 people who attended the musical what a blessing. All the cast members and choir (Kid's Church) received a hygiene kit provided by Richard Linn (Central Ready Mix), Tammy Garza (Rudy Garza Funeral Home) Chuck Kilbourn (Tri Pak), Steve Krenik (Rocking K Realty), Dr. Linda Burke (Burke Dentistry), Janie Diaz (Panchitos), Tito Resendez (State Farm Insurance and Ray Ascota (Rio Grande Pharmacy. Kimberly Kilbourn also provided small gifts of appreciation to our cast members. The Christmas dinner was headed by Eddie and Ida Perez, and Alicia Alvarez. Special thanks to Mario Hernandez

and everyone who made it possible to accommodate all our guests and Church members. In my personal reflection, I know that our church opened a door for people to realize that Jesus is alive. This was not just a musical; people from many places knew what we were doing and who we were doing it for JESUS! I thank God, my husband Carlos and boys for giving me an opportunity to be a part of these life changing events that are happening at North Way. THANK YOU to everyone who participated. This was an awesome event.

May God Bless you and your family. Tanya Vento



## Christmas Choir

I am very proud of this year's choir performance. The children's behavior was outstanding and for that they should be praised. The KID'S Church Choir had to learn several new songs and did very well. They also dressed in cowboy hats and

jeans and looked great. I am looking forward to their next program and a new way to glorify the Lord. We praise God that so many parents were able to attend and see their child's hard work.

Written by Vicky Chapa



## Ways to start off the New Year

According to historians, the celebration of the New Year is the oldest holiday. Ancient Babylonians first observed it in the spring about 4,000 years ago. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared January 1 as New Year's Day.

The early church started to hold religious observances that coincided with pagan celebrations. Some denominations still

mark Christ's circumcision on New Year's.

The tradition of making resolutions dates back to the Babylonians, who often promised to return borrowed farm equipment. Using a baby to symbolize rebirth and the New Year dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Modern-day New Year's customs often focus on prosperity. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at

midnight, hoping to have 12 happy months to come. The Dutch eat donuts because another year has come full circle.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for his guidance in the one to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.

**Thank you! For the Christmas Float, Christmas Program and Christmas Dinner. Everything was wonderful. All glory to our LORD!**



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

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# WE CAUGHT THE BIG ONE

Well, maybe the big red fish got away this time, but the souls that were reeled in for the kingdom of GOD in the Christmas parade did not. This spectacular float grabbed the attention of anyone within distance to get a glimpse of an eight foot lit up cross and more than 20 people fishing on the sides of the float. It was truly spectacular. I have many people to thank, but first let me give you the birth of the idea. North Way wanted a way to use the parade to evangelize, and get the word out for KIDS CHURCH. Due to the parade rules of no handouts giving from float, we went for evangelizing. GOD was doing a work in all of NORTH WAY to be mindful of getting the GOSPEL out. In come the people I NEED to thank. The idea was birthed with Forrest and Heather Hargrove, and carried forward with Carlos and Tanya Vento (donated wood). I was merely a spectator, and I enjoyed every minute of it. I was overjoyed with the enthusiasm shown by all who helped. Other people that made a big impact on the work day were Chuck and Kim Kilbourn (donated wood), Carlos and Patty Chapa, along with all the kids who helped.

I know that our float caught the attention of souls for the kingdom of GOD. I still don't know who won, but I know the souls that were caught, WON. Hopefully the souls that were caught gained and WON eternal life. May JESUS bless you all who participated in this enjoyable event!!!

GOD BLESS YOU.  
Ray and Rebecca Perez

