



# The Encourager

NORTH WAY BIBLE CHURCH AND TEACHING CENTER

## OWNED BY GOD

The last few Sundays we have talked about ownership. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 tells us we are not our own we are bought with a price. We know **Jesus paid the highest price** for us, purchasing us with **His own blood**, Acts 20:28. This ownership of course has to be agreed to by us, as we know the Lord never forces us to do anything. Matthew 16:25 is the principle we follow, what you think you own and hold on to will be taken from you, what you willingly lose and give to Jesus you will retain in some form. You can possess all of Christ in so

much as Christ possesses all of you. As we cede ownership to Jesus we will know the extravagance of His economy and even if you don't know it in a financial way you will certainly know the extravagance of His presence. Some examples of ownership is first found in 1 Kings 17:7—16. This destitute widow was commanded by God to feed Elijah. As the story goes you will see she gave complete ownership of herself and her son to God by giving the prophet her last measure of meal.

Second, we see Hannah in 1 Samuel 1:11 asking for a man child and giving that child to

the Lord. This is total abandonment, Hannah didn't know she would receive any more children but she did because you can't out give the Lord.

Third, in the Song of Solomon we read the story of the Shulamite maiden progressively surrendering herself to her Lord and this is a type of us the individual church becoming more and more sold out to Jesus Christ. So let us follow these examples and others in the Bible who truly lost their lives and in the process found what true life was all about.

Written by Pastor Kelly Rumfield

## Do you "GET" it?

Wow, what a question. Do you GET it? Get what? What am I supposed to GET. This word GET is also translated OBTAIN. OBTAIN in the Greek, in some instances, means to begin to BUILD. It also means to SECURE something. Why are you being asked if you GET it.

I did a word study on Obtain in the Bible, and I was fascinated on how many things we OBTAIN IN CHRIST. I want

to OBTAIN, GET and SECURE all that CHRIST has for me. I want to build something for Christ that is worth something to him. We can help build ministries in the youth group, we can help develop children to be more like CHRIST. We can build up one another in Christ. We can OBTAIN what CHRIST has for us and our families. I want to encourage you to get a bible concordance and do your own word study of OBTAIN.

Finally, here are some things that you obtained when you came into CHRIST.

1. Favor - Proverbs 8:35
2. Encouragement and Hope - Isaiah 35:10, Isaiah 51:11
3. Mercy - Matthew 5:7
4. Preservation - 1 Thessalonians 5:9
5. Promise - Hebrews 6:15, Hebrews 11:33
6. Heaven - Luke 20:35

You do "GET" it!!!!

Written by Ray Perez

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### Church Services

*Sunday Morning Service*  
10:00 a.m.

*Sunday Evening Service*  
6:00 p.m.

*Generation Impact* 6:00 p.m.

*Kid's Class* 6:00 p.m.

*Wednesday Bible Study*  
7:00 p.m.

### Teachers for the Month of June, 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

# June 2009

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Ladies Fellowship 6:30 p.m. NWBC	6 Good Samaritan Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
7 Water Baptism 3:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 FLAG DAY 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Happy Father's Day 	22	23	24	25	26 Couples Night Out 6:30 p.m. at NWBC	27
28 Communion A.M.	29	30	<i>Summer begins June 21st</i>			



Happy Birthday!

Art Atkinson 9th  
 Janie Garza 9th  
 Irene Perez 10th  
 Ray Perez 12th  
 Aida Navarrette 6th  
 Hadassah Campbell 3rd birthday on 14th  
 Azenath Campbell 3rd birthday on 14th  
 Ida Perez 17th  
 Janie Villarreal 19th  
 Evalin Rumfield 20th  
 Jaime Navarrette 23rd  
 Jacob Chavez 13th birthday on 27th  
 Norma Terry 27th  
 Patty Chapa 15th birthday on 28th



Happy Anniversary

Adan & Frances Diaz 36th anniversary on 9th  
 Albino & Laura Vargas 3rd anniversary on 10th  
 Mario & Gizelle Hernandez 19th anniversary on 22nd  
 Jesse & Velma Martinez 2nd anniversary on 23rd  
 Rudy & Angie Garza 14th anniversary on 23rd

### Water Baptism

If you are interested in getting water baptized, please get with Pastor Kelly. Water baptism will be June 7th at 3:00 p.m. at Rudy & Angie Garza's home 5006 S Expressway 83 Maggie Lane, Harlingen, after Home Depot. Their phone # 793-4783 or 226-9658.

### When on Vacation

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.  
 The rest of summer be with us in person.

### COUPLES NIGHT OUT

Will be Friday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. at NWBC. Chuck & Kimberly Kilbourn will be hosting the evening. They will be serving brisket, potatoes salad, baked beans and dessert. Please call them at 440-7684 to RSVP.

**P.S. Guess who is having a 40th birthday this month!!!**

## Teacher Spot Light—Aida Navarrette

Aida Navarrette is our Spot Light Teacher. Aida is our new Sunday school teacher for the 2 & 3 year class. She is married to Jacob Navarrette; they have two children Micah & Lauren Navarrette.

“I was blessed by my mother-in-law, Ruby Navarrette who led me to the Lord in May 1997. I was also Baptized in the Holy Spirit and water baptized in 2000. I will forever be grateful for her faithfulness in the Lord”, says Aida.

Aida was prompted to work in the children’s ministry because she says, “I enjoy teaching the children the Word of God. I

have been truly blessed by them and find myself growing spiritually as I continue teaching Sunday school.

Aida was born and raised in Harlingen. “As a child my most memorable moments were spent in my father’s ranch in Mexico during summer vacation. I enjoy camping, fishing and just spending quality time with my family”, says Aida.

Aida is currently employed with Christian Quality Home Health Care (10 months).

Aida chose NWBC because, “I followed my husband, Jacob Navarrette”.

Written by Aida Navarrette



## Kid’s Spot Light—David Ezekiel Chapa

David Ezekiel Chapa is our spot light kid this month and he will celebrate his 2nd birthday July 6th. David is the son of Carlos & Vicky Chapa. David has one brother Carlos the 3rd, and 3 sisters, Marisol Torres, Patty Chapa and baby sister, Isabella Grace, who is on her way.

David enjoys throwing the football, running outside and riding his tricycle around the block.

From the time David was born and even now I have always been able to calm him down by singing “Come Away” says Vicky. He also loves listening to his toy bunny sing



“Jesus Loves Me”.

Carlos and Vicky are praying that David will be born of heaven and receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit early in age.

David doesn’t have a favorite bible lesson yet but the way he rough plays with his older brother it might be David and Goliath.

Vicky prays that David will serve the Lord with all of his heart and that his foot steps be direct of the Lord.

Vicky says “after 13 years of bareness, 2 miscarriages, several years of fertility treatment and doctors saying “it’s just not going to happen” the Lord said “Prophesy to your marriage and it will live”. David is the fruit of the new life God breathed into our marriage. David Ezekiel is truly a blessing to our family.

A living, breathing testimony of God’s love, grace and mercy on our family.

Written by Vicky Chapa

## Children’s Ministry

**CROCODILE DOCK**—We will be showing a DVD on the first Sunday in June. We have met with the teachers and craft leader. We will be meeting with all of our crew leaders in the very near future. We still have openings, if you are interested PLEASE sign up in the back.

### **MEETINGS:**

\*\*CREW LEADERS: Thurs., June 11th at 6 pm at NWBC.

### **\*\*WORK DAYS:**

Sat. June 20th at 10 am

Sat. June 27th at 10 am

Sat. July 11th at 10 am

Sat. July 18th at 10 am (Flyers at 9 am)

Sun. July 19th at 5:30 pm

Breakfast/Snacks will be provided for all meetings.

Please be in prayer even now for all the VBS staff. We have felt some attacks from the enemy even now. So, if you aren’t available to help PLEASE hold us up in prayer. I know the Lord will honor your prayers and we will have another successful VBS!!

Written by Diana Campbell



## GENERATION IMPACT

Generation Impact is excited to report that we raised a little over \$1,000 from March-May! We sure do appreciate all of the parents and volunteers who helped with the garage sale and also to our church family for buying the lunches. We are encouraged to keep praying and working hard to raise the rest of the funds for camp and missions during the month of June.

Speaking of food...the next luncheon will be Sunday, May 31 right after church. Also, anyone who missed this past yard sale, we have good news-- you will have another opportunity to donate your stuff! We are planning to have an-

other yard sale in a few weeks, so start cleaning out those closets. (For those who already cleaned out your closets, don't forget about the shed...)

Please pray for the youth group this month as we start the "True Love Waits" Bible study. We will meet Sunday mornings during June. The message of purity is so important, especially in the society we live in today that screams the opposite. At the end of the study, we will give the young people a chance to participate in the Promise Ring ceremony at church. We appreciate your prayers!!!

A reminder to parents, please confirm this

week if your teenager will be able to attend camp this year. The spaces are filling up fast.

Finally, all the youth are invited to hear Jeremy Camp in concert in Mercedes, Sunday, June 28. Tickets are \$20 and will be purchased the first week of June. We will be taking the church van.

We praise God for what He IS doing ...and what He WILL do in Generation Impact this summer.

"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap if we do not faint."

Written by Sharmayne Brooks

## The Devil & the Duck

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm.

He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods.

He practiced in the woods; but he could never hit the target.

Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck.

Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved!

In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile; only to see his Sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, 'Sally, let's wash the dishes'

But Sally said, 'Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen.'

Then she whispered to him, 'remember the duck?'

So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, 'I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper.'

Sally just smiled and said, 'well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help?' She whispered again, 'Remember the duck?' So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's; he finally couldn't stand it any longer.

He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck.

Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, 'Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you.'

Thought for the day and every day thereafter:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done...? And the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.)...whatever it is...You need to know that: God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing.

He has seen your whole life... He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness;

He not only forgives you, but He forgets.

It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today.

Share this with a friend and always remember: God is at the window!

When Jesus died on the cross; he was thinking of you!

## Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies fellowship is on Friday, June 5th at NWBC at 6:30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening will be Janie Garza, she will be speaking on her 40 years of marriage. The preparation, love, and commitment it takes to stay in the marriage.

Mario & Gizelle Hernandez will be preparing the meal. YEA!!! Frances Salazar

will be providing a Carrot Cake. Delicious!!!

Vicky Chapa will be singing, and Kimberly Kilbourn is helping directing the Ladies Fellowship.

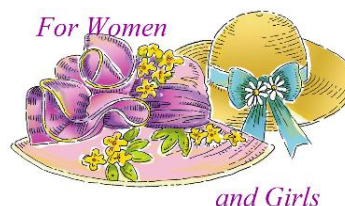
On behalf of the Ladies Fellowship and myself

we would like to invite Generation Impact young ladies and pre-teen ladies. Parents

I highly encourage you to bring your daughters with you.

Please R.S.V.P. you may call Velma at 244-1333 or Jane at 425-9107.

Written by Velma Martinez



**The Word Puzzles**  
1 King 17 (2)

1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7
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10				■	11			
■	12							
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18				■	19			20
21				■	22			
23			■	■	24			

**ACROSS**

- 1. Then he cried out to the \_\_\_\_
- 5. Dandy
- 8. Thought
- 9. At the bow of a vessel
- 10. June 6, 1944
- 11. Exude slowly
- 12. Grandeur
- 13. Elegant quality
- 18. Woman in Bible
- 19. Overhanging lower edge of a roof
- 21. Springing gait
- 22. Slanting
- 23. Even (poet.)
- 24. Withered

**DOWN**

- 1. Cover
- 2. Probability
- 3. Harvest
- 4. Daybreak
- 5. So there was \_\_\_\_ every day for Elijah
- 6. Rice like grains of pasta
- 7. Stare
- 9. Liking
- 13. Scottish Gaelic
- 14. Stringed instrument
- 15. English public school
- 16. Make a small \_\_\_\_ of bread for me
- 17. At any time
- 20. Female sheep

**Wiesel's Great Insight**

Holocaust survivor and Jewish author Elie Wiesel made a statement we all should remember when it comes to our judgment:

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.  
 The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference.  
 The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference.  
 And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.



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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS**

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

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## Great father ... Appreciative Son

An Arizona man named Ruff wrote to a newspaper to tell about his father. Ruff said his dad's first priority was to be a good father. He supported his children in their various activities: football or baseball games, scouting, school activities, etc.

Ruff said his dad, a heavy-equipment operator, was physically big but was also big-hearted. Ruff saw him help a dog that was hurt, and go out of his way to help the poor. He saw his father's eyes moisten when he held his baby granddaughter for the first time.

His father had taught him to drive, to use tools correctly, not to be greedy, and to be respectful of others. The good father had taught his son how to be a good man.

Ruff ended his letter to the paper with these words: "I guess ... I thought I'd reach a point in my life where I could be self-sufficient and not need him. That was a young man's thinking. Now that I'm over 40 and he is gone, I think about him every day and miss him. And

I need him.

"So for all the times I didn't say it: Dad, I love you."

—Adapted from a letter in The Arizona Republic

### A Father's Example

I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example.

—Mario Cuomo



*"Honour thy father  
as the LORD  
thy GOD hath  
commanded thee...."*

Deuteronomy 5:16

## Preparing for Dad's Day

Here are some things you can do for your father on Father's Day:

How about taking him out for breakfast before worship or for lunch after the service? Or both!

Consider starting a Memory Book for him. Collect papers such as his birth and baptism certificates, photos of him as a child, a student, a graduate, a groom, a father, at his job and so on. If your mother has any special letters from your father she would be willing to share with the family, put them in the scrapbook.

Some time during Father's Day, ask him to tell stories about his most exciting adventures, meaningful religious experiences, his greatest joys, etc. Record these wonderful memories and then share them again on future occasions such as his birthday, anniversaries, family gatherings, Thanksgiving, etc.