

NORTH WAY BIBLE CHURCH AND TEACHING CENTER

The Encourager

“Holy Warrior” Message from Oscar Brooks...

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Morning Service

10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Bible

Studies 6:00 p.m.

Generation Impact
(youth)

Kid's Church

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Several Sundays in April Oscar Brooks brought some timely messages on spiritual warfare. Beginning with one of the oldest themes in the Bible, facing the giants in our lives. Giants are symbols of those things in our lives that seem impossible to overcome, everyone has giants in their lives which like the giants of old defy and threaten us. Oscar spoke about four kinds of giants that all of us can relate to in some degree. He spoke about the *giant that sits on our fruit* this giant keeps us unproductive and tries to keep us from enjoying the things God provides us secondly the *giant that causes satisfaction*, where we have a feeling of being at ease which cannot be a part of a soldier's mentality. Third was the

giant that draws the line and says you can't go any further with God, of all of them this one I most identify with it is a common struggle of believers to cross the line that the enemy has set and show the victory of Jesus Christ in our lives. Last of all was the giant that was strange with 6 toes and 6 fingers. This one represents *those things that come to us in a strange way* some thing we are not familiar with, remember the enemy will sometimes bring things seemingly from left field so to speak, but whatever the attack the Victor and victory is always Jesus Christ. Oscar also spoke about Adino whose name means delicate or ornament, hardly a proper name for a mighty warrior, but Adino

overcame great obstacles to become one of David's mighty men who slew 800 men in battle by himself, in over coming he became a gift of God. We also can overcome great obstacles and giants in our lives to become a gift of God and a strength in the Body of Christ. Are you battle weary? or have you put down the sword and become distracted by other things? I encourage you today to keep looking to the Captain of our Salvation Jesus Christ who has already won the battle and can show us how to live in that victory daily, with man its impossible but with God all things are possible.

Written by Pastor Kelly Rumfield

TEACHERS

Nursery: Frances Diaz
and Rebecca Perez

2 & 3 year old class:
Diana Campbell

4 & 5 year old class:
Gabriel Gonzalez

1st -3rd grade class:
Angie Garza

4th-6th grade class:
Chuck Kilbourn

Adult Class:
Larry Johnson

Discipleship Class:
Ray Perez

A Mother's Day Prayer

On this day of celebrating Your love, we lift to You those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers. May your blessing pour out upon the woman who gave us birth, and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey.

We praise you, O God, for Your gift of motherly love, both gentle and fierce, both strong and humble, both

kind and true. Where we have been so blessed, we give our grateful praise, for You have provided loving hands that have worked so hard in raising us, cared enough to correct us, blessed us in ways we cannot have fully known as children. We call forth Your compassion upon every mother who has unknowingly caused pain and suffering. And, so we lift to You our mothers, so imperfect, also so wounded by this world. We bless our mothers this day, no matter what they have done or left undone. We do this

because we believe in Your healing, and we believe in Your love and we believe that You love every mother, good or bad; and we stand together with all mothers in solidarity, for we all are in need of Your grace. Where we have failed because we did not know better, help us to forgive ourselves. Where we have seen Your face in any woman who has been to us a mother, in her face we have seen Your light and Your love and we give thanks - for where they have loved, they have kept Your word and blessed us.

May 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12 US stamps going up to .42	13	14	15 Retama Home 10:00 am	16	17 Hgen. Nursing Home 10:00 am
18 Honoring Graduates	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Observed	27	28	29	30	31 Congratulation! Graduates!



Happy Anniversary!

LUPE & LUCY NAVARRETTE WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 33RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 9TH.
 JAMES & NORMA TERRY WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 9TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 15TH

Happy Birthday!

DIANA CAMPBELL WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 5TH
 ARNOLD CAMPOS WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON MAY 6TH
 JANE DELAUNAY WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 6TH
 KEVIN ROY WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON MAY 6TH
 NORMA ROY WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 6TH
 LORAIN CAMPOS WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 7TH
 ANGELA PEREZ WILL CELEBRATE HER 16TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 12TH
 MANUELA RODRIGUEZ WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 14TH
 LIONEL CAMPBELL WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON MAY 15TH
 CARMEN MCKINSTRY WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 18TH
 LENY NAVARRETTE WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON MAY 19TH
 ALMA LISA CAMPOS WILL CELEBRATE HER 10TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 19TH
 BERTHA GUTIERREZ WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 24TH
 EDDIE PEREZ WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY ON MAY 25TH
 DEBBIE HEARRON WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 27TH
 KALI WALLENTA WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 27TH
 TISHA GUTIERREZ WILL CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY ON MAY 28TH



Teacher Spotlight—Arnold & Loraine Campos

Arnold and Loraine Campos teach the 4 & 5 old Sunday school class. Loraine is the daughter of Lupe & Lucy Navarrette and sister to Leny Navarrette. Arnold and Loraine are uncle and aunt to Mia Marie Navarrette. Adan and Frances Diaz are uncle and aunt to Arnold and Loraine. Arnold and Loraine have been teaching the class for 7 years. They will be married 10 years in July and they both celebrate their birthdays in May.

Loraine:

"I was born again when I was 8 years old. I had been attending the church for awhile and I remember one Sunday night I felt His Spirit calling me and I decided to give my life to Christ and that was in 1984."

"I am Spirit-filled and usually pray in the spirit because I feel only God needs to know what I am praying for and that it is His will. I was very curious as a child and asked my Sunday school teacher, Yolanda Hinojosa, if she could give me the alphabet and basic words on how to pray in the Spirit. I didn't realize until I was a teenager during camp that the Holy Spirit came upon me, and I realized it was not a language that I could learn (as of when I thought as a child). Yes, I am water baptized since 1984."

"My dream as a child was to become a teacher and I have longed to have children since I can remember. I have a passion for children and Christ and therefore combining them both, I am able to teach these little ones about Him. I pray that what we teach them will not leave their hearts and will not go void".

"I am actually very well rounded (not just physically). I enjoy doing just about anything and everything. I enjoy sports and the outdoors very much but most of all, I enjoy spending time with my family and the ones I love. Spending time with them eating or talking brings me so much pleasure and it helps me realize there is a merciful God of miracles."

"I was born and raised in Harlingen and have lived here since then. One of my most memorable times as a child was when my father, mother, brother and I went camping but we stayed in the van and my father thought it would be smart to stay outside with all the food and guard us. In the middle of the night, the raccoons reminded him that a snoring man would not stop them from climbing up the table to where he was laying and start eating our food".

This is my first year as a 1st grade teacher at Rio Hondo Elementary. I plan to teach a few more years until I get my LPC and my Masters in Counseling so that I can work as a Christian Counselor helping families and children."

"NWBC is my home church because it is the church my family and I have attended since I was 7 years old. I have grown not just physically but spiritually and the people that attend have become my church family. Most importantly, my Pastor has taught me so much about Christ, His Spirit and His Word that I don't think I will call any other church my home."

Arnold:

Arnold was born again in May 2001. "It was a Sunday morning when Pastor Kelly had an altar call and I knew I was ready to give my life to the Lord. I have been water baptized April 2003. I was joined by my brother-in-law, Leny Navarrette."

"I was given the opportunity when my wife was asked and I enjoy helping her with the class while I am learning at the same time. I really enjoy the class because I was not brought up in the church and it blesses me to spend time with the children."

"I am 33 years old, happily married and I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I enjoy the outdoors like camping and sports. I have recently picked up and enjoyed riding my Harley with Loraine."

"I was born and raised in Harlingen. One of my most memorable times as a child was when I got lost at the Sun Valley Mall. I was 5 years old and I was found 4-5 hours later. I guess no one noticed I was gone (ha ha)."

"I have been employed with the City of Harlingen Traffic Signal Maintenance Department for 7 years."

"I choose NWBC because of its teaching and the way the services are conducted. I enjoy how Pastor Kelly preaches. I like the way I have been learning morally and spiritually."



Kid Spotlight—Alma Lisa Campos

Alma Lisa Campos is the daughter of Velma and Jesse Martinez and daughter of David Campos. Alma Lisa is celebrating her 10th birthday on May 19th.

Alma attends Aldine School District and is in the 4th grade in Houston, Texas.

Alma Lisa likes to run and play. She has made new friends that help

her with her school work.

She likes the song "Jesus Loves Me" and this song also helps her to claim down.

Alma Lisa was presented to her Lord Jesus Christ by her father and mother.

Alma's mother prays that she know the Lord, and is filled with the Holy Ghost even now as a child.

One of the verses that Velma likes to remind Alma Lisa is that (she can do all things through Christ that strengthens her).

Alma gives thanks to Jesus for her food, and after we pray she will say "Amen".

We continue to stand for Alma's wholeness in Jesus name.

My Testimony From the desk of Norma Roy

Sunday October 14th I went up to ask for prayer. I don't remember the exact words that Pastor Kelly prayed, but he touched on some of the things I had recently been praying for. He asked God to break this Bondage that had taken a hold of me for too long already. When he was praying for me **I knew from that moment on that I would pass my exam. I felt God's presence** from that moment till October 18th, the day I found out I passed my state board exam for Nursing.....

The church had been praying for me to pass my University Exit exam for a long time, then when I finally passed [after taking it 6 times] they moved on to praying for me to pass my State Board Exam, which was now scheduled on Oct. 18th 2008.

But this time it was different, a couple of weeks prior to Oct. 14th, I was praying, and felt that my prayer needed to be addressed as if my test, and my life as a student [now 2 years] was a bondage, a spiritual oppression that had to be broken. I was so tired of studying I nearly gave up my nursing career. From that day on I began to pray for The Lord to lift this burden.

My husband Kevin was extremely supportive, he continuously told me that when I went to take my state board exam, I needed to have faith, stay focused on what I went there for, and take my time answering each question. Well, this time [my 2nd time to take my state board exam] Kevin drove me to Corpus Christi. He kept me focused by bringing me back to reality when I started to doubt, he made sure I had a good night rest, and a stress free day before the exam. **I ended my day in prayer.**

Tuesday October 16th, The morning of the exam I started my day in prayer nervous, but with the assurance that I would pass. Kevin took me to the test center and dropped me off. I did everything slow [stomach cramps], but in the back of my head I just **knew JESUS was there.** They gave me the instructions, finger printed me and gave me a locker. Finally, I'm getting seated, in my mind I'm thinking #'s 5 & 7 are my favorite #'s, then they seat me at computer #3, and I said [in my head] JESUS is with me, I don't need lucky numbers. I sit, I go through the rules & practice tests & the real test begins.....**My heart was pounding,** I read the first question, I begin to answer, they seem somewhat easy, the #s are passing. I get a question I don't know the answer to, I begin to worry, I begin to doubt, suddenly I feel a warmth, a presence, a peace telling me, "use the strategies you learned", I get chills all over and realize, **I'm not alone.** JESUS was with me all the step of the way. It was amazing... **I wanted to cry,** cause I sorta knew I was going to pass but I kept going. I thought the computer was going to stop at #75 like it did the 1st time I took the test, but this time, I thought, I was going to pass. To my surprise, when I got to 75, the computer did turn off; then it came back on, and asked if I wanted to take a break. It was 11:30 and so I took a break. Came back kept going got to 100 & some and it stopped again & I thought, " oh, I'm done", and again asked if I wanted a break. This time it was 12:30pm and I was really hungry, didn't bring lunch [only a bag of peanuts], but went to snack room, quickly drank a soda with some nuts. I was so nervous I could not have eaten a meal even if I wanted. Got back started again and began to doubt. They only gave us 6 hours [including breaks, and you don't know how many ques-

tions you're suppose to get, it's between 75 and 265. By this time I began to think, " If this thing decides to go all the way to 265, there is no way I'll get done by 3:00 pm." Doubt and worry began to hit me hard. Then **a warmth** again along **with a peace** began at the top of my head **and enveloped me,** and again I knew, JESUS is here, have FAITH. So, I kept going, and at # 160, it stopped, and said thank you, I was so relieved, but nervous, scared, and sweating, it was 2 pm.

On Oct. 18th I went to the RAHC [medical library] to go online and find out if I passed my exam. I was so nervous, I couldn't even type. When I got to the page, it said my scores weren't ready.
AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHH.... I waited till 9:00 am since my exam started at that time, and sure enough, my scores were in. I didn't want to look, I covered the computer screen with my hand, then took it off and look. I started crying and crying and could stop I PASSED. I was so happy; words could not express the feelings. Tears rolling down my face, chills and goose bumps all over ... I got my phone and called KEVIN. He couldn't tell if I passed or failed cause I was crying so much. I had to just say, "YES" YES" I passed, " THANK YOU JESUS" ...

Ever since that day our lives have been blessed beyond belief...
I want to thank the congregation at North Way Bible Church for your Prayer.

Sorry it took me so long to write this down.

To My God All Glory and Honor and Praise.

Your sister in Christ,
Norma Roy, RN

On May 12th the price of stamps will go up to 42 cents. The following are suggestions to help alleviate the cost of stamps: 1. Make sure to pick up your newsletter, **or** 2. Have it emailed to you **or** 3. You can view it on our web site www.north-way.org Please call the office and let us know your preference.

"IF MY PEOPLE, who are called by MY name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek, and require of necessity MY face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14. Amplified

National Day of Prayer is on **May 1st.** Church building will be open for prayer at 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please come by and take time to pray for our nation, our leaders and the elections that are coming up in November.



Graduates will be honored on the 18th of May Sunday morning service. **Congratulations** to the following graduates Carlos Chapa III, Hannah Ray Linn and Lauren Woodard. If there is anyone else that we do not know about please call the office and let us know. Graduates are presented with a NKJ bible. Graduation is the 31st of May.



Kid's Church will have their last lesson May 18th and a celebration with pizza and water balloons. If your child is celebrating please have them come in clothes you don't mind them getting wet. The balloons will be the smallest balloons with little amounts of water.



GENERATION IMPACT

To all of our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God Bless You. It is always a great way to start off a conversation. “Hey, God Bless You, how are you doing?” It sets the tone of the conversation, and the spirit of the fellowship. Have you ever been in a conversation that would have been positive if you would have said this? Brothers and Sisters, we all have. All through the scriptures, the words, The Lord Bless you, Jesus our Savior Bless you, Be Blessed in the Lord, are written. It is an acknowledgement that our Lord and Savior, is in control of all things, even our conversation. I have seen it stop even the hardest heart that is full of resentment and bitterness. I have seen it open doors to spread the Gospel and talk about Jesus Christ, I have had it said me when I have been on the other side, God Bless You, there is hope for all, God Bless You, we are one body in Christ, God Bless You, love and forgiveness overcomes all things, God Bless You, I hope for only the best for you my friend. God Bless You, Our Savior lives, and one day through Him, I will see you in Heaven. God Bless You, there is a way, His Name is Jesus.

1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7 beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. 13 But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13 1-13. ASV

I have seen this *generation impact* those around them.
God Bless You, you are loved by the KING.
Generation Impact

Student Spot Light— Kristine Lopez



Kristine is the daughter of James and Norma Terry and daughter of Armando Lopez and has an older brother Alex Lopez and a younger sister Tyler Rose and a young brother Austin Terry. She is also the niece of Robert and Rossy Villarreal.

Kristine is a sophomore at Med Tech School in San Benito.

“I was born again at an ACTS retreat I went to in December with my friend Tyler Medill and it was a feeling of just like a rebirth or cleansing of your soul.”

“My favorite bible verse is “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” Matthew 5:8.

Kristine plans to go to college and she is not too sure what she wants to major in but she thinks at the moment she might want to be a pediatrician.

“My favorite sport is volleyball, and I’m not playing at my school. My Hobby would have to be photography and I also like to write poetry.”

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY...

Baby Boom: We have truly been blessed with an abundance of babies. Our main concern is the welfare and safety of the babies. We find that having 2 individuals is not always enough help in the nursery. At times, more help is needed. The nursery is in need of individuals to be on “stand by” in the event an extra pair of hands is needed. Please sign up in the nursery.

Student Information Needed: Each student will be given an information sheet that needs to be filled out by his/her parent(s). This will inform the teacher of any special needs or allergies a child may have. Your prompt return of this form will be greatly appreciated.

Power Lab VBS: There are still 6 openings for crew leaders. There is a sign up on the back bulletin board. If you are curiously interested, PLEASE talk to Diana or Lionel to get details. It is guaranteed to be a life changing experience!!

Ladies Fellowship was held April 4th and we had a very nice fellowship. We had so many ladies that we were not able to fellowship with everyone and the time went by so quickly. Ladies that attended were Norma Roy, Patricia Herrera, Roma Peace, Irene Perez, Lisa Johnson (Winner! Of travel pack), Patricia Atkinson, Alicia Alvarez (Winner! Of 3 photo frames), Janie Garza, Frances Salazar (Winner! Of 3 -CDs of praise music), Connie Flores, Hope Delaunay (Winner! Of photo album), Velma Martinez, Bertha Gutierrez, Loraine Campos, Eleanor Estrada (Winner! Of journal) and Jane Delaunay.

Our next fellowship will be June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the La Playa Mexican Café, 502 S 77 Sunshine Strip, Hgn. 421-2000. Please call Velma Martinez at 244-1333 to RSVP.

Women of Grace is having a “Times of Refreshing” Retreat on May 16th—18th there are flyers and registration forms on the table. For further information you may call 956-425-6794

CORRECTION: Adrian Chavez is the son of Lisa Chavez and the late Danny Chavez.

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

We are on web!
www.north-way.org

A HEART FOR MOM

Show mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.



What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or card stock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

- With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, on to the straight wire.
- Bend the wire into a heart shape.
- With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
- Tie ribbon to make a loop at top the of the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
- Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
- Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.



Just for **KIDS**

A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

Caring ___ Godly _____ Prepared
 ___ Hardworking ___ Hearty _____ Priceless
 _____ Kind