

The Encourager

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Church Services

Sunday Morning Service
10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service
6:00 p.m.

Kid's Church 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

Teachers

Nursery Frances Diaz
& Rebecca Perez

2 & 3 yr old class
Kimberly Kilbourn

4 & 5 yr old class
Tanya Vento

1st & 2nd grade class
Angie Garza

3rd & 4th grade class
Chuck Kilbourn

5th & 6th will stay in
The Sunday Service

The Fear of the Lord

We have been looking at the Fear of God, which the Bible says is the greatest part of knowledge. Men have always sought knowledge but knowledge alone puffs up the pride of Man (1 Corinthians 8:1). It was a temptation of more knowledge that caused man to fall (Genesis 3:5-6). Knowledge is a good thing but it has to be coupled with the fear of God for it to be productive and cause a blessing. The fear of the Lord is usually defined as reverence but its much more than that, it has the idea of fearful trembling, trembling in terror. The terror here is a terror of being separated from God, Paul said knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men (2 Corinthians 5:11). Isaiah 66:2 says that God looks to the man that humbles himself and trembles at His Word, we know that we live by every word that proceeds from His

mouth.

Here are 4 verses about the fear of the Lord that have long blessed my life take some time to meditate on them and I'm sure they will bless your life.

1. Proverbs 1:7 the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and in some versions it says the greatest part of knowledge.
2. Proverbs 8:13 this verse is truly a Biblical definition of the fear of the Lord—really think on this one,
3. Proverbs 6:6 if this verse is true which it is then you can see how important the Fear of the Lord is.
4. Philippians 2:12 (Amplified Version) This verse is a new testament definition of the fear of

the Lord. Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).

Lord help us to understand more perfectly the fear of the Lord, let it be an ever growing revelation in our lives. Amen!

Written by
Pastor Kelly Rumfield

Committed Christian for Life



Praise the Lord there were at least 3 babies saved in the month of August. Please be praying for Tanya, Mara and Felicia, they chose to give life to their babies!!!!!! Please if the Lord directs you to be the voice for the unborn we are in

front of the abortion clinic every Saturday from 6:45 till 9:30. Especially it would be great for the youth to come out as many of their peers are making the biggest mistake of their lives. Sometimes if they see someone cares enough to talk to

them babies have been saved. Also be praying for the Life Chain on October 26th. Babies have been saved because God's servants have shown up to battle against the enemy. In Christ Service,
Patty Edwards

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5 Ladies Fellowship at Calesa European & Asian Cuisine 7:00 pm call Velma 244-1333	6 Good Samaritan Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
7 Kid's Church begins 6:00 p.m. Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11	12	13 Pending trip to Monterrey, Mexico to visit the orphanage
14	15	16	17	18 Retama Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.	19	20 Harlingen Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.
21	22 Autumn Begins 	23	24 	25 Bread Making Class @ 6:30 p.m. by Linda Chase Questions & RSVP Kim Kilbourn 440-7684	26 Couples Night Out Calesa European & Asian Cuisine 7:00 p.m. call Tanya Vento 535-3300	27
28	29	30			Call Tanya a week ahead of time for reservations.	6 Men's Out Door Work Day Saturday 7:30 am to 10:00 am

Evan Linn will celebrate his 17th birthday September 1st.
 Connie Flores will celebrate her birthday September 2nd
 Roma Peace will celebrate her birthday September 3rd.
 Tyler Rose Terry will celebrate her birthday September 3rd.
 Miriam Perez will celebrate her 11th birthday September 4th.
 Lindsey Woodard will celebrate her 16th birthday September 5th.
 Carlos Chapa will celebrate his birthday September 10th.
 Mario Hernandez will celebrate his birthday September 10th.
 Jackie Woodard will celebrate her birthday September 12th.
 Adan Diaz will celebrate his birthday September 13th.
 Fred Hirschmann will celebrate his birthday September 17th.
 Pastor Kelly will celebrate his birthday September 18th.
 Delaine Chavira will celebrate her birthday September 21st.
 Jesse Martinez will celebrate his birthday September 21st.
 Patty Edwards will celebrate her birthday September 29th.
 Jacob Micha Navarrette will celebrate his 11th birthday September 29th.
 Mary Lou Vasquez will celebrate her birthday September 29th.



Teacher Spot Light— Tanya Vento



Tanya Vento is our 4 & 5 year old class teacher. Tanya is married to Carlos Vento and they have two boys Trey and Carlo Vento.

How long have you been teaching at North Way? I started out as a substitute teacher last year. I personally thought that I was not meant to teach children but I wanted to help out. As I continued to sub, there became a need for a full time teacher. I prayed about it and God lead me to teach the 4&5 year old class. God showed me that I could be a Sunday School teacher. I enjoy the children and found out that I like to teach.

When were you born again and give a few words how you got saved? I was born again through Christ somewhere about 11 or 12 years old. I do not remember how old I was exactly. I do remember I was at Christian Fellowship Church when the church was a small building in a neighborhood. When they had an altar call I raised my hand, I was so thankful for that person. God places people in our lives to help us through trying times and I will always remember that person.

Are you Spirit filled (give testimony) and how long? When I was

born again and saved the woman who was praying with me said that God told her I had immediately been blessed with the gift of tongues. I truly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and I was speaking a new language.

Are you water baptized? Yes in my mid teens.

Tell us about yourself, what do you enjoy doing? Well I'm thirty-seven, I have a great husband and wonderful active boys. I enjoy art. I am always up for hanging out with my family and Christian friends. I like BBQ's, making cards, organizing parties, and I like one on one time with each of my boys I find that very close to my heart.

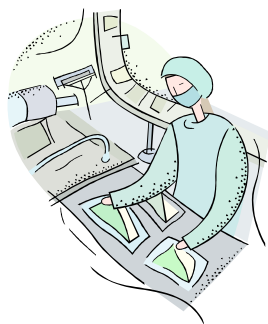
Where were you born and raised? Also, share with us a most memorable event as a child. I was born and raised in Harlingen, Texas. "Go Cards" I think the memorable event was riding my horse and I saw the most gorgeous sunset I realized that I had no worries no fear and was very lucky to be at that spot at that perfect time. (I rode horses when I was younger).

Where are you employed? How long have you been employed. Well, I am a certified surgical technolo-

gist and a Massage therapist. Last year I decided to make my career really part time and be a full time mom. I help out at Valley Baptist Ambulatory Surgery Center when they need me. I specialize in Neuron surgery, Eye surgery and General surgery. I also substitute at Calvary Christian School. I massage clients around my Children's schedule. Doing different things keeps me on my toes and its fun.

Why did you choose NWBC for your home church? God sent us here. When we moved back to Harlingen from Galveston, we attended many churches to find a church for us, none of them fit. We saw Richard and Starla Linn (good friends of my family) at Big John's and I remembered North Way. We asked them about service times, showed up the next Sunday and felt so comfortable here, we knew God wanted us here, so here we are and loving the Lord Jesus through North Way. We feel part of the North Way family. We have grown very close to many people in this church. This church is a real blessing in my life and I thank the Lord for North Way.

Written by Tanya Vento



Kids Spot Light— Miriam Rae Perez



Miriam Perez is the daughter of Ray & Rebecca Perez and has a brother Noah and a sister Sarah. Miriam is also the granddaughter to Jesse & Irene Perez and granddaughter to Eladio & Alicia Alvarez.

Miriam will celebrate her 11th birthday on September 4th.

Miriam is in the 5th grade at Calvary Christian School.

Miriam's favorite spot is basketball and favorite song is "I'm

Letting Go".

Miriam was born again when she was six years old. Miriam says she was at **Kid's Church** and the lesson that particular Sunday was about how Jesus died on the cross to wipe away our sins. Miriam's favorite bible lesson is "definitely Esther". Her favorite memory verses are Romans 10:9-11

Miriam shares with us that her favorite color is purple and her teacher this year is Mrs.

Stanteen and she loves to read.

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.



Student Spot Light — Patty Chapa

Patty Chapa is the daughter of Carlos and Vicki Chapa. She has two brothers and one sister, Carlos the III and David Chapa, and Marisol Torres. Patty is an eighth grader and attends Ideas Academy in San Benito. At Ideas Academy, Patty is involved in the year-book program. Her favorite sport is volleyball, but her new school doesn't have sports, so she is considering playing at the Boys and Girls Club.

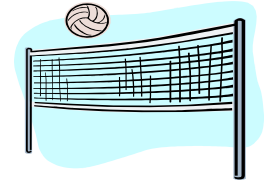
After she graduates from high school, she plans to go to college and Major in Business Management so that she can manage her own beauty salon.

Growing up, Patty's most memorable events were when her sister's baby was born and when her little brother, David, was born.

Patty was born again when she was nine. She knew that God was in her life, and it was

her best day ever. She is not yet filled with the Holy Spirit, but she feels the Lord working on her already. Her favorite Bible story is the story of "Queen Esther." Her favorite Bible verse is Luke 24:7.

Written by Aaron Peace



Kid's Church

Big City Studio

Kid's Church begins Sunday September 7th at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. the children will have Christmas play practice. We have a new curriculum for kid's church, "The Big God Theory" these lessons are on Creation. Please invite family and friends. Ages 6 to 12 years old only.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, Romans 1:20

News from the Children's Ministry...

Congratulations to the following students that were promoted...

Azenath Campbell, Hadassah Campbell, Elijah Galvan, Zane Gilliam, Lauren Navarrette
Elliana Galvan
Trey Vento
Adrian Chavez, Charles Kilbourn, Noah Perez
Issaq Alvarez, Jacob Chavez, Haley Hernandez and Miriam Perez

OOPS! We forgot....Our sincerest apologies to Charles Kilbourn for leaving him out of the promotions on the 17th of August. Charles has been promoted from the 1st & 2nd grade class to the 3rd & 4th grade class. Congratulations, Charles!!!

Special thanks to Eddie Perez for taking on our new class of 5th & 6th graders.

On Thursday, August 14, 2008 we had a teachers' meeting and it went very well. We would like to thank all of the teachers that were able to attend. Many new and good ideas were brought up that will help enhance our children's ministry.

HELP WANTED!! Beginning in October and every month after that we will need a teacher for the 1st & 2nd grade class. That person will be alternating with Angie Garza. If you want any further information, please see Diana or Lionel. We ask that you would pray and seek the Lord to see if this is for you. We have an excellent group of teachers and would like to invite you to join!!

Ladies Fellowship

Will be Friday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Calesa European and Asian Cuisine Restaurant located at 1116 S. Commerce, Harlingen. The menu is on the bulletin board so you may select your meal ahead of time. Velma would appreciate if each lady would call her and let her know if you are coming so she may make the reservations.

Velma's cell is 244-1333. Velma will be sharing material on the Fear of the Lord.

Men's Out Door Work Day

Saturday the 7th at 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Couples Night Out

Will be at Calesa European and Asian Cuisine 1116 S. Commerce Harlingen, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. Please get with Tanya Vento she would like to know a week ahead of time to make reservations. You may call her at 535-3300.

Bread Making Class

Will be Thursday the 25th of September at 6:30 p.m. you are welcome to come and learn to make whole wheat bread. The class is given by Linda Chase and there is no fee. For more information contract Kimberly Kilbourn at 440-7684. She would like for you to call her and let her know if you are coming. It is not necessary, but it would help.

Newsletter Deadline

Please turn in all articles by September 22nd for October's newsletter. Your prompt attention will be very much appreciated.

Thank you to all the people that have contributed to the newsletters and to the people that help proof read the newsletter.

Words from the Lord to Debra Lachico

Last night I was speaking to my prayer partner, we became aware that the recent invasion of Russia into Georgia, was something the Lord had asked us to pray about, it dealt with an alliance or Russia, China and Iran, even though China and Iran have yet to be implicated, we feel that this is the beginning of something shown to us. The leaders are lead by the enemy and are a part of prophecy; however, the Lord still wanted us to pray for the countless innocent victims as well as the situation.

We've also been praying for specific areas in California for more than a year, we also believe that along with others our prayers were part of the miracle in the recent sizeable earthquake that killed no one.

We have also been lead to pray for Netanyahu, not sure if it is the proper spelling, but he used to head up Israel's government. We believe that he will return to head up his government soon and that the Lord is doing a work in him as far as recognizing Jesus as the Messiah.

As I had discussed with you one time, I had been praying for our country, to be united as was part of our name, that is when the Lord spoke and said, something to the effect, you are wasting your time, your country will never be united as in the past. It is prophetic. The country will pull farther and farther apart as time goes; this reminded me of my great grandmother's statement to me about the separating of the sheep from the goats. The Lord also showed me that this is nothing to be afraid of, for it would have to come to pass for Jesus to return. Then He said something to the effect, while the dark will get darker, the

light will get brighter. Then I was shown in the spirit total darkness and then in the middle there appeared a small pen like light in the middle of the darkness and I received, see how the smallest amount of light can penetrate all darkness? I then saw total brightness and darkness was released and it was utterly destroyed by the light. I understood that while there was light no matter how small, goodness and holiness could not be destroyed. My prayer partner shared with me the prophecy how in the last days, dark angels would be released to do their best in the last days to kill, steal and destroy. That is why we must continue to pray for ourselves and each other constantly, we must never rest nor get complacent.

My great grandfather had a favorite scripture that was also brought to my memory, and it corresponded with this, it is about having the faith of a mustard seed, while this seed is either the smallest in creation/or one of the smallest, can produce one of the mightiest trees. In other words, even sowing the smallest amount of faith look what can be sown!

Another revelation given to me was one night as I returned from a hospital in Brownsville, my dad had been rushed to the hospital, I walked into my bedroom and on the Christian TV station, and someone was talking about how the Lord had restored Israel according to His Word. As I sat on the end of my bed, recently experiencing trying times and now my dad in the hospital again, I quietly thought, yeah, sure, Lord, you restored the Jews to Israel a country of their own, but big deal, look at their lives, they are constantly at war, what kind of life is that? I was physically, mentally and spiritually tired, the Lord

spoke immediately after the thought passed, and He said "Never think that just because something has been restored to you that you do not continue to have to fight to keep it!" Wow, He showed me that we cannot afford to let our guard down at any time, that we are at constant war, for the enemy never takes a vacation, never ceases fire, will never look for peace, but instead is relentlessly on the attack.

In this year of a presidential election, there are many that ask, who will you vote for? To me, there is not much difference in the two and not sure I will vote at all. But I feel a peace about it, because I remind myself of in spite of who may sit in the White House, it is who sits on the throne that matters.

I don't understand why something like me breaking my leg happened, but I know that God will take mishaps like this and bring something good out of it. I may learn what it is or I may not, but I know what I know.

Again, please thank everyone for their prayers, I had an encouraging report on Monday, instead of being seen in another four weeks, it will be in six weeks, I believe it is because my bones are not completely in place and the last stage of my recovery is the new bone growing where the breaks are. This cuts down my healing period by two weeks. I don't believe that the doctor will cast me for a lousy two weeks, I believe I will get the boot and cane two weeks earlier than expected and know it is due to the many prayers I've received.

Written by Debra Lachico

Grandparents Day (First Sunday after Labor Day)

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for Grandparents. Through concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and political leaders, this campaign expanded statewide. Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV) was especially instrumental in the project. The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia by Governor Arch

Moore. Also in 1973, Senator Randolph introduced a Grandparents Day resolution in the United States Senate. The resolution languished in committee.

Mrs. McQuade and her team turned to the media to garner support. They also began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in every state. And they sent letters to churches, businesses, and numerous national organizations interested in senior citizens. In

1978, five years after its West Virginia inception, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as **National Grandparents Day**. The proclamation was signed by President Jimmy Carter. (September was chosen for the holiday, to signify the "autumn years" of life.) Today this event, begun by only a few, is observed by millions throughout the United States.

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

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Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded

The History of Labor Day

the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many

industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.