

Tabernacle Times

Welcome



We would like to invite you to join us in worship here at Words of Life. It is our desire to minister to the vast needs of families in today's fast paced world. We believe the success of the church depends on the success of the family. We have a dedicated team to minister to the needs of adults and children, as well as teens. Bring your family and join us as we experience Jesus Christ in an exciting atmosphere of worship and praise.

Offense - The Enemy's Favorite Tool!

Scriptures and Thoughts

1. Do not step down to the level of your circumstances, but lift them up to your high calling in Christ Jesus. Romans 12:1-2.
2. To fear displeasing God rather than man. If we strive to please God, He will take care of any situation. Isaiah 8:13, Philemon 1:10
3. Holding offence can bring sickness and distress to our body and mind and separate us from God's presence. (Keep short accounts with God). Hosea 5:15-6:1.
4. If we do not have the mind of Christ in a situation we are an offence and hindrance to the work of the Lord. Matthew 16:22-23
5. As a follower of Jesus we must exercise ourselves (be on guard) to have a clear conscience void of offence to God and man. Acts 24:16
6. God took the offence of one Adam and brought salvation to the whole world at a very high price, His Son. (Taking offence costs others). Romans 5:15.
7. Jesus became that Rock of Offence that through salvation we are new creatures in Christ and never have to be offended. However, If we choose to be offended, we can, but will reap the consequences. Romans 9:33.

WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN; THEREFORE WE FORGIVE!

By Pat Pippin

"Love Serves"

Starting January 17th

The Love Serves forum is held the 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. If you are already committed to a ministry, {within or outside the walls of the church,} or desire to know more about ministry, you'll want to attend. Focus is on building our faith through 'Word' teachings and sharing of ministry testimonies. Each month you'll hear a new topic discussed that is relevant to all ministries and a 'Core Presentation' by a leader in a current Love Serves ministry. Additional time will be allocated for questions and answers, a group accountability/planning exercise, and participation in group prayer. We truly believe that all Christians are called to serve and to share the love of Jesus Christ. Join us for an exciting evening of fellowship and growth in the Lord. Registration forms are located in the foyer.

(See list of current ministries on the back page)

Ministries

Here at Words of Life we have numerous ministries established to meet the needs of our church family and the community. If you are interested in being a part of a ministry please contact the chairperson listed.

Street Ministry - being a light to those who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand. Please see Sister Gail or Sister Sarah for more information.

The Least of These Ministries - devoted to offering assistance to those who need help with physical needs such as fuel oil or making sure the electric bill gets paid. Please mark donation envelopes "Least of These Ministries". Please see Brother Scott Graham, Brother Ronnie Anderson or Pastor Carl Bishop for more information.

Drug Rehab Outreach - travels several Sundays a month to minister and give hope to those in rehabilitation. Please see Brother Greg Pippin for more information.

Blue Ridge Retirement "Restoration" Center - ministers every Friday evening to those struggling with sickness and loneliness. Please see Brother Joe and Sister Victoria Adams for more information.

Nursing Home Ministry - focuses on touching the hearts of the elderly and bringing joy to their lives. Please see Sister Serena Graham for more information.

Intercessory Prayer - Pray warriors are needed to pray for our nation, pastors, ministries, and congregation. If you are interested in being a part of the intercessory pray group please see Sister Pat Pippin.

Additional Ministries Chairperson

Ministers	Carl Bishop
Board of Directors	Ronnie Anderson
Finance	Kim Wilkie
Music Ministry	Richard Cole
Adult Sunday School	Pat Pippin
Children's Ministry	Linda Bishop
Youth Ministry	Jon & Serena, Josh & Katrina Graham
Nursery Ministry	Niki Bishop
Greeter	Wilson Bishop
Bus Ministry	Matt Gibson
Bereavement	Maggie Buchanan
Elders	Wilson Bishop
Audio/Video/Website	Paul Jackson
Ladies Meeting	Janice Anderson
Cleaning	Danny & Darlene Burnett
Newsletter	Julia Kirschman
Public Announcements	Ron Davis

Fellowship Building Reservations Shawnee Davis 777-4738

*For newsletter submissions please contact:
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Board Members

Board members are assigned to a specific area of the church operations and oversee the funding and operation of these areas.

Chairman of Board/Church Ministry	Ronnie Anderson 828-551-0329
Elders	Richard Cole 828-273-7008
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Audio/Video	Eddie Wilde 828-667-1947
Youth	Donald Bishop 828-273-4551
Traffic	Denton Ayers 828-329-4987

Ministers

Carl Bishop, *Pastor*
 Greg Pippin, *Outreach Pastor*
 Jon & Serena Graham, *Youth Pastors*
 Josh & Katrina Graham, *Youth Pastors*
 Gerald Wilkie, *Evangelist*
 Scott Graham, *Evangelist*

Services

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:45 AM
<i>(Classes for all ages)</i>	
Preaching	11:00 AM
Children's Church	11:00 AM
Preaching	6:00 PM

Wednesday	
Preaching	7:00 PM
Youth	7:00 PM
<i>(7th grade & up)</i>	
Children's Church	7:00 PM
<i>(Pre-K to 6th grade)</i>	

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under

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January Events

“Love Serves”

Thursday, January 17th

6:30-9:30 PM

Please see a description about this new class on the front cover.

If you have any questions please contact Brother Joe Adams.

Annual Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 26th

4:00 PM

Upcoming Events

Corporate Fast

Start February 1st until February 17th

Allow the Lord to lead you in fasting and prayer for our nation and winter revival.

Ladies’ Meeting

Tuesday, February 5th

7:00 PM

Winter Revival

February 17th - 24th

January Elders

Rick & Jeanette Metcalf

His cell: 828-243-7493

Her cell: 828-243-7455

Elders are available to offer prayer and spiritual guidance, as well as assist with any need that arises.

Bible Trivia

Which one of the twelve tribes of Israel was Paul from? (Hint: Look in the book of Romans)

Answer to December’s Trivia:

How many wise men visited Jesus?

Okay, I’ll omit this was a trick question...Matthew 2:1 says “...behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem” (KJV). The bible does not say how many wise men came.

Youth Fundraiser

Youth Fundraiser! Wall Calendars on sale!



\$10.00 each

Printed on high quality paper. Each month has a scripture verse and a beautiful picture.

Please see Sister Katrina or Serena if you would like to purchase a calendar.

Please Support Our Youth!

Sunday School Series

Adult Sunday School Series

“Relentless” by John Bevere

Sundays 9:45 am

It is not too late to join in this amazing series!

Everyone is welcome!

Inspiration

The Weaving

*My life is but a weaving, between my God and me;
I do not chose the colors, He worketh steadily.
Oft times He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper, and I the under side.
Not til the loom is silent, and shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the skillful Weaver’s hand
As threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.*

--Anonymous

Testimony

This is just one of the many testimonies of what the Lord has done in my life!

Over the years, I have seen the Lord deliver people from so many things; drugs, alcohol, smoking and other addictions. But I had a different addiction or stronghold and I wanted to be free forever and I knew I could not do this on my own. I needed Jesus because only He could set me free. You might think what I am about to tell you is a small thing but being set free has changed my life. December 2011, after the Lord starting dealing with me, I ask a sister in Christ to pray and believe with me to be delivered from the stronghold Satan had on me. This stronghold was being delivered from food addictions. I was using food for comfort, boredom, stress, and enjoyment. I was destroying my body by not taking care of it. I believed Satan’s lies; that eating this or that was okay and not going to hurt you, go ahead and enjoy food, don’t exercise, it’s too cold, too hot, you don’t have time, it’s not important, excuses, and more! Then the bad feelings would come and the guilt and shame. I have struggled with my weight and self-image since I was a teenager. I had tried every program and diet. I would do well for a while then slip up. Satan lies to all. People are eating themselves to death. Satan is destroying people with food and unhealthy lifestyles...he comes to kill, steal and destroy. Obesity is rampant and no one is recognizing his tricks. I was considered obese by the doctor’s standards and charts. Praise God, He opened my eyes! He showed me I was doing the yo-yo diets and programs for all the wrong reasons and I couldn’t change without the Lord’s help. Also, it wasn’t just about feeling good and being pretty. God showed me our bodies are the dwelling place of God. WOW! God wants to use me for His work and I need to be prepared, not only knowing His Word, but being physically fit to do His Work! The Lord taught me to trust in Him and not on my own understanding; I was going to trust Him in this area also. I believe His Word is True and His Word and promises are for everyone who believes and has faith. God is no respecter of person...If He could deliver all these different people surely He could deliver me. Nothing is too big or small for our God. So this time I was going to believe God’s Word. I completely surrendered to God and asked Jesus to forgive me and set me free from the mind-set Satan had on me and from abusing my body through food and lack of exercise; to help me overcome bad eating habits and help me take care of His Temple. I did not want another diet or exercise program. This was NOT a New Year’s resolution but a life change. I ask Jesus to show me how to take care of this temple and to please remove all temptations. This time it wasn’t for me but for God. I was going to take care of His temple. He created me to do His work on earth. I was determined. During the winter revival I did the Daniel fast (veggies, fruit and nuts and water – no meat, bread, sweets, artificial flavors, etc.) and prayed. God is so good. He delivered me from the negative feelings about myself, set my mind on Him, and removed ALL temptations (I have not had any temptations for over 1 year). I don’t have cravings now. He worked out the perfect exercise program. I moved slowly at first, asking God for wisdom and direction. God told me to walk. I started walking in the woods at work and at the park. I was obeying God. I was asked to be a part of the summer Junior Youth camp. This was another confirmation and motivation to get in shape for God. I was determined to be able to run and play with the youth without being out of breath! I was blessed in February with a gym membership (another story of God’s goodness). He set people and programs in my path to help me. He even blessed me with a good pair of tennis shoes. I made small changes and kept moving, one step at a time. People see the visible change now but it started over 18 months ago with a heart and mind change. This past year I went from obese to normal range. I lost 50 pounds overall. I dropped 4 sizes. On Friday December 16, 2012, I met one of my goals which were to weigh “BC” (before Conard, my son’s birth). God is so good. Every opportunity I am given I give God all the glory. The Lord has opened doors for me to talk to people about His goodness. People ask me how I did it and I always say it is because of God not me. Then explain how He has delivered me and been with me through this whole journey. I want to encourage you not to make another new year’s resolution but to turn to God with all your struggles. Your help is in the Lord not resolutions. I hope this inspires you to take care of your temple. God wants us to be healthy. God wants to use us. How can we be used if we are destroying our bodies? I trusted God and started walking where He wanted me to go. He has brought me so far. The Lord can and will and does deliver and set you free for those who believe. Surrender, believe, trust and be determined!

By Julia Kirschman