

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.

Winter Camp Meeting



Winter Camp Meeting starts Sunday, February 17th and continues each night through Sunday, February 24th. Come and experience a break through in Jesus Christ. Let Him take you where you have never gone before. Jesus does not want us to live a defeated life, but a victorious life in Him. Break through those mountains that stand in your way to living victorious.

Break through to a new life in Jesus! Expect a miracle!
7:00 PM Monday - Saturday, 11:00 am - 6:00 PM - Sunday

Love Serves

It is not too late to join us for the Love Serves forum which 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. Love Serves will meet Tuesday, February 12th this month to avoid conflicting with camp meeting.

Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am
(Classes for all ages)
 Preaching 11:00 am
 Children's Church 11:00 am
 Preaching 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Preaching 7:00 pm
 Youth 7:00 pm
(7th grade & up)
 Children's Church 7:00 pm
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(Pre-K to 6th grade)

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under

Ministers

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

Febraury Elders

Dan and Dollie Wright
 Home: 684-7387
 Elders are available to offer prayer and spiritual guidance, and assist with any need that arises.

Fellowship Building

For information regarding reserving the fellowship building contact:
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Testimony Continued

Lord. I had no choice but to have faith in my healing and to work on forgiving not only these people who had hurt me but forgiveness in general. One day I had an appointment with my Rheumatologist and without my telling him, I had stopped all my medications cold turkey, a few weeks prior to this appointment. I know that is a big no, no (especially in a doctor's eyes) and I am not telling anyone to do this. This was just something Paul and I felt I needed to do. At this same time period I was developing a closer relationship with Jesus as well. My husband had been fasting for three days; little did I know he had been praying for me and my healing that whole time. So at this appointment with the Rheumatologist the doctor could not believe how well I was doing, without my knowing where he would touch next, all of the most tender areas did not hurt at all. A few days later, I had an appointment with my regular family doctor to go over a physical I had a few days prior. She was in complete awe of my blood work, saying she had never seen blood work look that good; she said the numbers were perfect! And I had never looked better, whatever I was doing keep it up she said! I admitted to her that I was no longer taking any pills, (which she was okay with) and that this was the Lords work! I was so happy and immediately called Paul my Husband. He said "yeah, I knew you would get a good report!" I was like huh? He told me of his praying for me during his fasting. It has been two years ago, and I have not had any Fibromyalgia pain, and I have more energy, praise God!! I hardly ever even get a headache! Thank you Jesus!!

In December of 2011, I was told something that really shocked me; as a matter of fact I had never in my life been so shocked. I was told the man who had raped me when I was little was my maternal grandfather. Not only was I in complete shock over this news but the man I was told all my life was my grandfather, that I looked up to and loved like he was my daddy, wasn't really my grandfather now. I believe with all of my heart that precious man died believing I was his grandchild and my mother was his child as well. In my eyes, the man I knew as my "grandfather" was my papaw blood or not. I will never love him any less, and will always say he is my grandfather.

After hearing this news, this was a time that the devil wanted to plant seeds of anger, bitterness and unforgiveness, and open up old wounds again. But praise God, I still have His peace and love in my heart! Jesus taught me how to forgive as He forgave me. I am not an abused victim! I am not a victim of anything! I am healed!

I am an overcomer in Christ!

By Tracy Jackson

February Events

Corporate Fast

Starting February 1st

Please be in prayer and fasting for our upcoming Camp Meeting.

Board Members Meeting

Monday, February 4th - 6:30 PM

Please see Brother Ronnie Anderson for more information.

Nursing Home Visit

Monday, February 4th

Leaving WOLT at 6:30 PM

Please see Sisters Katrina or Serena Graham for more information.

Ladies' Meeting

Tuesday, February 5th - 7:00 PM

All Ladies are encouraged and welcomed to come! A devotion, "Secret Sisters", planning meeting and refreshments will be served.

Secret Sister Forms

Please fill out a Secret Sister form, located in the foyer, and bring it to the February ladies' meeting. New Secret Sisters will be picked. Please see Sister Janice Anderson if you would like to participate.

Winter Jam

Youth Event (7th - 12th grade)

Friday, February 8th

Leaving WOLT at 4:45 PM

Please see Sister Katrina Graham for more details.

Youth Home Bible Study

Monday, February 11, 18, & 25 - 6:30 PM

Please see Josh & Katrina Graham for more information.

Love Serves

Tuesday, February 12th, 6:30-9:30 PM

(This month only! Moved to Tuesday)

Winter Camp Meeting

February 17th - 24th

Monday - Saturday, 7:00 PM, Sundays, 11:00 & 6:00 PM

Upcoming Events

There are many exciting events planned for this year! A list of all 2013 events are on the WOLT calendar at www.wolt.org

Some dates to remember!

Vacation Bible School, June 17-21

Summer Camp Meeting, July 17-28

Youth Fundraiser

There are still a few Wall Calendars for sale!



\$10.00 each

Please see Sisters 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

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Ministry Offering

The "Love Serves" offertory box, located at the front of the sanctuary, is for special offerings for all outreach ministries. Please place any offering above your tithes into this box.

Inclement Weather

If services and events are canceled due to inclement weather notices will be posted on the website at www.wolt.org

Also a message will be left on the phone at 828-684-5870 and on WLOS.

Bible Trivia

What was the first miracle Jesus performed?
(John 2:1)

Answer to November's Trivia:

Which one of the twelve tribes of Israel was Paul from?
Benjamin (Romans 11:1)

For newsletter submissions please contact:
Julia Kirschman at julia.kirschman@gmail.com

Testimony

For a long time I have wanted to share this testimony. So I stopped listening to my flesh and the devils lies. I know now I have nothing to be ashamed of. If this helps only one person, that is enough. In 2009 my family doctor and Rheumatologist diagnosed me with chronic fatigue and Fibromyalgia. I had been in pain for almost a year, some days the pain was unbearable, and I have quite a high tolerance for pain. I was also tired and exhausted most of the time. There were days that I could not even get out of bed. I was put on five medications. I was on more than the 98 year old lady I was caring for at that time, which did not make me feel any better! Depression started setting in, which meant my doctor wanted me on yet another medication. By this time, I knew I had to do something, and I needed help from Jesus, not a doctor, not a pill! My faith at the time was also weak, and after praying, the Lord laid upon my heart that I had to get rid of this unforgiveness that I had inside me for most of my life. I did not have the ideal childhood, and by the time I got into my early twenties, I not only had bitterness and anger in my heart for those who had hurt me, and the trauma I had gone through, but I was also angry at God. How you could allow a child to go through what I went through, I'd ask Him. We did not go to church when I was growing up, the only time I went was when I went with a friend, or VBS at different churches. When I was four years old, I was raped many times. The man who did this to me was a person who my family trusted, and a doctor who was loved and trusted by the community. I was left in his and his wife's care while my single mother worked. By the time I hit my mid twenties, this man was on his death bed dying of cancer. I was having all kinds of feelings of revenge from hunting him down and confronting him and saying well look who is suffering now, I am no longer the little girl you can hurt. I wanted revenge terribly, and was willing to do anything to get it. I wanted his life ruined for the pain I had endured and I wanted him to know I would be responsible for that. Not long after I found out of his death, I hate to say this today, but I had wished he was burning in Hell for what he had done. Today I do not wish eternity in Hell on anyone. Wanting revenge is something a lot of people want when they have been wronged but it is not one that we can indulge in. We want to pay back for damage done, and God promises to do just that. He will be our vindicator we just have to obey Him (Hebrews 10:30). My mother had married a man when I was 6 years old, their relationship got very abusive, my step-fathers temper was horrible, and he was very controlling. From the time I was 12 till I left at 18 was the worst part. I was witnessing my mother getting beat up a lot, sometimes to the point of her going to the hospital and I felt like I was constantly calling the police. On the outside we looked like the perfect family, and my step-father was very, very clever with showing that, not to mention his families' money to cover it all up! My stepfather came from one of the wealthiest families in this area. There was nothing my mother and I wanted for. One thing we did not get, and we did 'want for' and most important of all, was love! Deep inside I envied my friends, even the ones whose parents barely paid their bills, I saw they were happy and in a loving environment. All my friends could see was all the material things I had, and the money I carried. When I was 16 my stepfather molested me. Afterwards I started running away from home and staying gone for weeks. My real father wanting to kill him. So we attended Christian counseling for family therapy. Looking back I wish that we had started going to church as well. At first things seemed to go well, but by the time I was 18, things were back to where they were and I was barely able to stay awake at school from the stress I was going through at home. Depression was really taking a toll. Thank God I had met the love of my life and future husband. He kept me stable! Paul and I had met a few months before my 18th birthday. I finally left home soon after finishing school, my mother soon left, and a year later she divorced him. I still held onto anger at God, still saying how could you do this to a child? Through all of what I had gone through as a child and a teenager, I thank the Lord I never turned to alcohol or drugs to cover up that pain. I only wished then I had turned to God for comfort instead of blaming him. Back in 2005, the stepfather had suddenly passed away, again I had that feeling of being vindicated, but I did hope that he had changed his life, accepted Jesus, and got saved before his passing. I still had anger, resentment, and bitterness deep inside. I did not realize this. Most importantly, I did not realize that I had locked myself in a prison of negative emotions, and how important faith and forgiveness was to my health and healing. Not only did I have the anger to deal with but it has taken many, many years to trust people, which I admit is something I am still working on today, but I have come a long way! A year and a half after my diagnosis, I knew I had to get closer to the

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