

February 2017

<u>Sundays</u>

Worship Service (English) 9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm

Worship Service (Spanish) 1:00 pm

> Children's Church 9:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm

Wednesdays

EMPOWER Discipleship Groups 7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Spanish Bible Study 4 Life Youth Service Girls Ministries Royal Rangers

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"THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS"

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your **trespasses."**- Matthew 6:14-15

I recently saw a follow-up news item on a shooting that happened the year before. An Innocent woman was shot in a cross-fire between two men during a robbery. As a result of the injury, the woman was paralyzed. The news item talked about the huge change in her life since the shooting. The thing that struck me most was her statement, "I haven't forgiven them yet, but I know I have to, because if I don't God won't forgive me." I could see the pain she was in, and the life she had lost. I wanted to say, "No, God loves you for who you are. You have been greatly damaged. It's alright!" But, she knew the truth beyond the emotion of seeing a terrible crime like this. The truth is that unless we forgive those who harm us, who sin against us, God will not forgive us. This woman knew three things to be true:

* We must forgive to be forgiven

That is the power of forgiveness. When we refuse to forgive, we hold ourselves in spiritual hostage and our prayers are hindered. Some people who have trouble with forgiveness think that forgiveness does not take the harm of sin seriously. But, forgiveness does take sin seriously and makes no excuses for it. Forgiveness says, **"You hurt me. And what you did was wrong, but I** will not hold it against you. I will not get back at **you, but I choose to forgive."** When there is genuine forgiveness, there is a spiritual release that takes place.

* Forgiveness is hard

Another truth the woman knew was that forgiveness is hard. This woman was an athletic, vibrant woman before the bullet paralyzed her and changed her life forever. It is not easy to give up our right to be hurt, to be angry, to hate others for what they have done. You may also have experienced terrible things done to you by someone you loved and trusted, and they hurt you and broke your trust. The Bible tells us the story of Joseph, whose ten brothers first planned to kill him. Because they lacked the fortitude to do that, they sold him as a slave to traders who then sold him to an Egyptian. Joseph went from slavery to prison, and then to a **place in Pharaoh's court, and finally to being in** charge of all Egypt, second only to Pharaoh. Joseph **had the favor of God and the release of God's power** because he chose to forgive. He forgave his brothers who sold him into slavery. He forgave **Potiphar's wife for lying about him, causing him to be** put in prison. Joseph forgave the butler and the baker who did not tell Pharaoh about him.

* God enables us to forgive

God enabled Joseph to forgive all those who harmed and hurt him. We are also able to forgive in the light of God's forgiveness knowing that God has forgiven us of all our iniquity, transgressions, sin, and short comings. How can we not extend forgiveness to others who hurt or offend us?

We must choose to forgive those who hurt us because God commands it. Our own forgiveness hinges on it, but also it is the best thing for us. When we refuse to forgive, bitterness grows like a cancer within us and it eats us, robbing us of our joy and peace.

Is there someone who you need to forgive? Or, someone you haven't talked to in a long time because of what they did? Or someone you avoid? Forgive and allow God's power to be released in your life.

During the next few weeks during our Sunday services, we are focusing on the "Power of Forgiveness" and our relationships. You will not want to miss these services as we expect more of God's power released as we forgive. On Sunday, February 12th, missionary Amy Farley will be giving her powerful testimony on the power of forgiveness. You will be encouraged and blessed by her words.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor. Let us continue to "Expect More" in 2017!

We love you!

Pastor Terry & Tina Richardson



COMING SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

<u>February 5th: 9, 11 am</u> "The Power of Forgiveness"





Join us as Pastor continues the *Power* of *Forgiveness* Series. In this message learn the secret of letting go of past hurts and offenses, and let God release His power in your life. God can set you free from your yesterday, hurts, betrayal, grief, and

guilt. Learn that your greatest enemy can turn into your ally by finding the grace to forgive.

<u>6 PM:</u> Encounter Prayer



Encountering God changes not just the individual but the home, church, and community. Coming together with your spiritual family in corporate prayer brings unity and harmony within the body of Christ. Bring the entire family and join us as we encounter with our Heavenly Father. Come expecting God to do great

things!

February 12th: 9, 11 am & 6 pm Services "The Power of Forgiveness"



Reverend Amy Farley

Reverend Amy Farley was called to the mission field while in college. During her mission work in Africa, her life took a painful and unexpected turn. Even through unexpected turns in life, God is always with us and will help us through the darkest of times.

This will be a powerful testimony that you do not want to miss!

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> Tithes and offerings, donations, and faith promises can be made by clicking *"online giving"*.

February 19th: 9 & 11 am Services "The Joyful Life"



The enemy knows he cannot steal your salvation, so he attempts to steal your joy. Don't settle for living a mediocre life because there is fullness of joy in the presence of the Lord. In this message, Pastor will share key biblical principles on the secret of joyful living.

<u>6 PM:</u> Convoy of Hope Service



Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, international, humanitarian-relief organization helping provide families with physical and spiritual needs. Their goal is to work through churches, businesses, and government agencies to bring help and hope to those who are impoverished, hungry and hurting.

Convoy of Hope will be in San Antonio on April 1st, and is partnering with area churches to bring hope to our community. During this special service you will learn more about Convoy of Hope and as the various ministry opportunities that are available for this major outreach event.

February 26th: 9 & 11 am Services "The Restoration of Joy"



The Bible teaches us that God is a restoring God. In Psalms 23, David proclaimed that the Lord restores our soul. Join us for this powerful message that when you lose your joy, God can not only restore to you your joy, but bring an overflow of joy back into your life regardless of your circumstances.

<u>6 PM:</u> Reverend Paul Watson



A product of Teen Challenge, Reverend Paul Watson has served in youth/young adult ministry for 24 years. Pastor Paul and his family have attended Life Church since November, 2008, where he serves as the Young Adult Ministries Coordinator and Youth Pastor. His hope and prayer is to

reach young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, to see them delivered at the Cross, and discipled into their God given destinies.

Winter Empower Groups



THE BOOKS OF 1st & 2nd TIMOTHY & Titus - Sanctuary with Pastor Terry Richardson

Paul's gentle encouragement in these letters challenges Timothy to persevere in his faith - a faith that might have been weakening under the pressure of the church and the persecution of the world. The godly counsel of Paul was helpful not only to Timothy, a first-century Christian leader, but is also helpful to each of us as believers today. Join Pastor Terry Richardson each week as he incorporates extensive commentary, overriding themes, and probing questions to help you study the books of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

THE INHERITANCE, Multi-Purpose Room - LADIES BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Tina Richardson

"The concept of inheritance isn't just a subject in Scripture. It is a theme stretching all the way from Genesis to Revelation." This Beth Moore DVD Bible study takes an in-depth look at inheritance throughout God's Word. Ladies, join us every Wednesday for this amazing series.



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THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF A TRANSFORMED MIND – Fellowship Hall with Craig & Laurali Lemon

Healing, deliverance and signs-and-wonders are an inheritance for all followers of Jesus Christ. The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind teaches you how to remove the blinders of religious limitation to see your own life changed, the lost redeemed and communities transformed.

FIGHT - ROOM #1 MEN BIBLE STUDY with David Sanchez & Michael Kelly

Some battles are worth fighting. Author/Pastor Craig Groeschel helps you uncover who you really are - a powerful man with the heart of a warrior. With God's help, you will find strength to fight the battles you know you must win: the ones that determine the state of your heart, the quality of your marriage, and the spiritual health of those you love most. You will become who God made you to be: a man who knows how to fight for what is right. Don't just fight like a man; fight like a man of God.

THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES - ROOM #8 MARRIED COUPLES with Armando & Linda Saldiyar Between busy schedules and long days, expressing love can fall by the wayside. We forget to compliment, to give gifts "just because," to linger in our embrace. The things that say "I love you" seem to either not get said or not get through. This class will teach you how to say it - and hear it - clearly as we study together the book, The 5 Love Languages. Couples will be inspired by real-life stories and encouraged by its common-sense approach. Applying these principles will forever change your relationship.

IN A PIT WITH A LION ON A SNOWY DAY - ONLINE LADIES BIBLE STUDY with Lvn Thomason

What if the life you really want and the future God wants for you are hiding right now in your biggest problem, your worst failure...your greatest fear." Mark Patterson, In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day. Join us for this online study beginning Feb 1st. Login credentials and information are on the website at http://www.lifechurchsa.com/ministries/women.html



SEA LIBRE - CONFERENCE ROOM - ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA DE LA MUJER con Linda Ruiz & Rosie Navaira

Este estudio de diez semanas se basa en la historia de la cautividad de los israelitas, según se describe en Isaías; pero a un nivel más personal, establece algunos paralelos con los tipos de esclavitud moderna contra los que los creyentes tienen que luchar cada día. Al ayudar a los cristianos a reconocer en qué partes de su vida está trabajando el enemigo y al animarlos a caminar

cada día con Dios, este estudio muestra cómo pueden ellos hacer de la libertad en Cristo una realidad en su vida.



HISPANIC MINISTRIES ROOM -ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA DE LOS HOMBRES con Pastor Juan Ruiz

Fueron doce hombres que amaron a Dios profundamente, pero en su humidad e ignorancia cada uno cometió errores espirituales que los detuvo, los llevo al arrepentimiento y en ocasiones impacto sus destinos. Este es un mensaje que transforma su vida y que le ayudara a evitar minas espirituales peligrosas.







Servicios:

Miércoles a las 7 pm

(Estudio de la Biblia en el salón de ministerios Hispanos)

Del Escritorio del Pastor Ruiz



Y ellos le han vencido por medio de la sangre del Cordero y de la palabra del testimonio de ellos, y menospreciaron sus vidas hasta la muerte. Apocalipsis 12:11

Domingo 1:00 pm

Me recuerdo de pequeño cantando los himnos de gloria, los coritos, las cadenas de coritos, tremendo! Realmente nos gozábamos en alabar a Dios. Pero hay un canto en particular que me llena que es muy conocido por todo el mundo y se canta en todos los idiomas: HAY PODER! Este canto esta basado en el poder de la *SANGRE* que Jesús vertió.

¿Quieres ser salvo de toda maldad Tan solo hay poder en mi Jesús; ¿Quieres vivir y gozar santidad? Tan solo hay poder en Jesús.

Coro:

Hay poder, poder—sin igual poder, En Jesús, quien murió; Hay poder, poder—-sin igual poder, En la sangre que él vertió.

¿Quieres ser libre de orgullo y pasión? Tan solo hay poder en mi Jesús; ¿Quieres vencer toda cruel tentación? Tan solo hay poder en Jesús.

¿Quieres servir a tu Rey y Señor? Tan solo hay poder en mi Jesús; Ven y ser salvo podrás en su amor, Tan solo hay poder en Jesús.

Hay poder, poder sin igual poder en la sangre que el vertió. Gloria a Dios, **PODEROSO ES EL SEŇOR!**

Cuan importante es la **SANGRE** puesto que es la que nos da la vida. En el libro de Levítico 17:11 dice: "Porque la vida de la carne en la sangre esta, y yo os la he dado para hacer expiación sobre el altar por vuestras almas; y la misma sangre hará expiación de la persona."

Cuanto mas la *SANGRE* de *CRISTO JESÚS*, la cual fue derramada para darnos vida y vida eterna. *Hebreos 9:22 b) "Sin derramamiento de sangre no se hace remisión".*

Pastores Juan & Diana Ruiz 2 Crónicas 16:9 a)

SERIE: "EL PODER DE LA SANGRE"



5 de Febrero: "La Cena Del Señor"



12 de Febrero: "La Sangre"



19 de Febrero: "El Perdon"



26 de Febrero: "Más que Vencedores"

ATENCIÓN!!!! músicos, cantores, solistas y salmistas. Si sabes tocar o cantar y te gustaría ser parte de un equipo ungido que sabe adorar a

Dios en espíritu y en verdad. *BIEN* ya es tiempo de *ADORARLE* con todo el corazón y entregarle a Dios tu talento y tus habilidades musicales. Para más información favor de contactar al Hno. David Ruiz Líder de Alabanza de Iglesia Vida. (281) 915-8317.



Mission Trip Informational Meeting Wednesday, February 8th Following Empower Groups

Are you interested in participating in the Colombia Missions Trip this summer? Join Pastor Terry on Wednesday, February 8th for an Informational Meeting. We will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the Empower Groups. The meeting will give you more information regarding the trip and help answers questions you might have.



Water Baptism Sunday, February 26th Class begins at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall

Following the evening service on Sunday, February 26th, you will have the opportunity to be

baptized in water. If you have not followed the Lord in water baptism, we encourage you to do so. A Water Baptism class will be held at 5pm before the evening service. Please stop by the Information Center today to sign up for Water Baptism.



INTERESTED IN LEADING A HOME GROUP? Do you love where you live and want to make a positive impact in your community? We are looking for individuals who want to connect with others in their neighborhood. Group leaders will host a 6-week life home group starting in March. The group will be formed based on where you live! If you are interested in becoming a Small Group Leader, join us on Sunday nights in February upstairs in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Easter Production Auditions

The auditions for the Easter 2017 Production, *Arise!*, will be held on Thursday, February 9th 6:30pm-9pm, and Saturday, February 11th from 10am to 4pm.

You can sign up at the Information Center to reserve your time slot. We in need of help in all areas. Please contact Pastor Michael at the church office at 210.674.6784, or join us Thursday nights starting February 16th! It's time for the church to Arise!



Senior Adult Ministry Adults ages 50 and over

Breakfast Fellowship at Apetitos

Tuesday, February 14th at 9:00 am (HWY 410/ Marbach Rd)

Game Day Fellowship

Tuesday, February 28th, 11:00 am Join us for a great time of games and fellowship at Airforce Village I. Lunch (optional) will begin at 11am (please be there by 10am) and games will begin at 12pm.

If you would like more information about Prime Timers events, please call the church office at (210) 674-6784.



Connect2 Single Parent Fellowship

Friday, February 17th at 7pm in the Fellowship.

For more information about Connect2 events, please call Ruth or Randy Peak 210-316-2923.



(210) 316-8659.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 18th 9 am in the Fellowship Hall

Grab a buddy and join us for breakfast, a devotional, while enjoying a time of manly fellowship. For information, contact Steve Colman at





Registration Regular Registration: \$7 After February 6: \$75 At the Door: \$105

Student Registration: \$35 After Fabruary 6: \$55 At the Door: \$45

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the Information Center. Price: registration prices are list above, plus the cost of the hotel. For more information, contact the church office at 210.674.6784.



Ladies Alive

Ladies Alive Brunch February 11th at 9:30am

Attention all Life Church Ladies! You are invited to attend a special Ladies Alive Brunch at Pastor Tina's home on February 11th at 9:30am. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP at the Information Center. Maps will be available at the Information Center upon request.



Home groups starting in March



Common Ground A Ladies Alive Ministry Saturday, February 4th at

This ministry is for young ladies who are 16-24 years old, never married/no children, who desire to find their path and purpose in

Christ, and are seeking guidance. We will discuss your lives, goals, and questions in a relaxed environment. We will meet on Saturday, February 4th and March 4th at 10am at the Starbucks on Potranco & 1604. Questions? Contact Elizabeth @ 210.392.5653 or Frances @ 210.324.7161.



Like us on Ladies Alive Facebook Page

Our *Ladies Alive* ministry has a new

Facebook page. Like us on Facebook to keep up with the latest information and details about upcoming events and opportunities within our Ladies Alive Ministries. You can search for us in the Facebook search under Life Church Ladies Alive or by typing in www.facebook.com/LifeChurchLadiesAlive in your address bar.



Golden Life Ladies *A Ladies Alive Ministry Meeting February 14th*

We are excited to announce this new *Ladies Alive* Ministry, *Golden Life Ladies*. This group is for all ladies that are retired

or close to retirement. We will meet one Friday a month. Our first gathering will be on February 14th. If you would like more information about *Golden Life Ladies*, or plan to attend our first meeting, please sign up at the Information Center.



4LIFE Youth Fundraiser Wednesday, February 1st Following the Empower Groups

Have you ever wanted to take a hammer to a car? 4LIFE will be

hosting a Car Smash on Wednesday, February 1st. They are raising money for their *Speed-the-Light* goal. Join the fun and help them reach their goal!

Spark Kidz Church Sundays at 9 & 11 am and 1 pm



Joseph is one of the most studied and treasured Bible heroes. He lived a life of extremes. Joseph began as the favorite son, and then wound up in the pit. He went from the pit to being a servant in Potiphar's house. Just when things seemed to be looking up, he is falsely accused and imprisoned.

In prison, **Joseph** is faithful to God and to his calling as a servant. He is shown favor by God and finds himself eventually going from prison to the second highest position in the country of Egypt. How does this young man handle these ups and downs? How does he respond to failure, success, and temptation?

In this series, we will study the life of **Joseph** to help us understand how God can work through even life's toughest circumstances. Every lesson follows **Joseph's** life - from the

dream to reality. We pray that children will enjoy this intensive look into a young man who went from the pit to the palace - all in one lifetime.

February 5th – "Can God Ever Reach ____?" February 12th – "Getting Rid Of 'Stinking Thinking'" February 19th – "Let Go of The Hurt" February 26th – "Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?"



Girls Ministries will be going to the **True Love Conference** on Friday, February 17th at Bethesda Assembly of God. Come and discover what **true love** is really about, and what the Bible says is the **true meaning of love**. This is a **FREE** event for girls ages 7 -18. We will meet at Life Church at 5:30, to leave on the bus. Chaperones are needed. For more information you can contact Michelle Martin at 210-835-8861.



Spark Kids Team Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 AM

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and team meeting for Life Church volunteers on Saturday, February 4th at 10:30 am. All children's ministry and early childhood workers are invited to attend. The appreciation breakfast will be in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, volunteers, for pouring into our children's lives. We love & appreciate you! Join us on

Sunday, February 19th at 6pm

for a special Convoy of Hope Service

During this special service, you will learn more about *Convoy of Hope* and the various ministry opportunities that are available for this major outreach event on April 1st.

> Together Let's Change Lives For Eternity !









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