



FRUITFUL FAITH

News of Woodburn Foursquare Church

“Loving God and Loving People”



A Word From Our Pastor. .

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Living a Life of Thanksgiving to the Lord

For God’s people, Thanksgiving is far more than a special day on the calendar. The Bible urges us to live a life of thanksgiving each day. Being thankful to God for all of His blessings is truly a mark of the Christian. So let me give you four Biblical ways to express your thanksgiving to the Lord at this wonderful season of the year. The base I want to build on is Psalm 100, a song of praise to God as our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.

1. Don’t Be Afraid to Shout Praise to the Lord.
2. Don’t Be Afraid to Serve the Lord With Gladness.
3. Don’t Be Afraid to Come into the Lord’s Presence.
4. Don’t Be Afraid to Get to Know the Lord.

Do you find reasons for your thankfulness this year?

I am thankful for my family: Mireya, Daniel and Ruben. They are a major source of love and comfort for me. As a family, we thrive on togetherness, and I believe God made all of that possible.

I am thankful that we live in the United States of America, a land of freedom. We often talk or joke about government interference in our lives, but if our freedoms were ever taken away (I mean the ones we take for granted), we would experience what much of the world goes through all the time.

I am thankful that we can worship God freely, at church and in our daily lives. Not everyone in the world is free to do that without persecution.

I am thankful for our wealth, and believe me, when I say, “our wealth!” We have a comfortable home, nice furniture, and lots of amenities: running water, flush toilets, a shower, also lots of modern devices—a computer—how else would I be doing this? Most of us have these things, but many people in the world don’t.

I am thankful to be living in such an exciting time as this! We are witnesses of the fastest growth of technology, (the Gospel has come available to places that without it, would be impossible to get to them otherwise.)

I am thankful that God sent His Son to earth to be born of a virgin, then to live, walk, talk, and teach; then to be betrayed, crucified, and buried; then to rise again; then to ascend into Heaven, from where He will someday return, just for sinners like me!

Pastor Luis

“Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns.”

Anonymous



“And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe

PRIMETIMERS . . .



Dec. 1 & 15, 10:15am- BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK lunch at Fran’s.

Come enjoy the study of Philippians and fellowship in prayer with dear friends.

Dec. 5, Sunday at 4:30pm-CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Portland Christian Center (tickets required, sign up, see Lois B.)

Jan. 10, Tues. @12, POTLUCK at church / program.

Dear Primetimers,

Change is not easy!! But, after being in a leadership position of the PTs, in our 7th year, Tim & I have felt the need for some changes in our lives. We have sensed (praying about it for several months) that it is “right time” for us to transfer the leadership and general planning of the PT program. We are grateful that our Pastor has worked through this decision with us.

We want to thank **Bill & Rachel McCollum**, who will assume this leadership the end of Jan. 2011. We will work together making this transfer beneficial for all. We feel pleased and “peaceful” about their leadership abilities and confident in their love and concern for you—the seniors, and know that they will bring new ideas and energy to the program. Rachel is also helping teach the Bible Study at this time.

Thank you to Fran for hosting the Bible Study (& good food) & to **Lora & Florence** for sending all the cards and to the PT board for your backing and support - **Fran, Fay, Terry, Loragene, Jake & Rosie**, and to **Eldon & Mary** for planning the potlucks and programs! Jake & Rosie, Terry & Loragene will be stepping down. Thanks so much for your helps!!

We want to sincerely thank GOD for the opportunity of service He entrusted to us. And we want to truly express that this decision in no way changes our love for you, the seniors, and the friendships we have developed with you. We hope to continue in those relationships. You are a blessing!!

On a more personal note, we would like to travel some while we have energy and health issues allow it. We are recognizing that even family and business responsibilities take more energy & time!! **Tim & Lois**

SPANISH WORSHIP . . .

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 1:6

It has been awesome these past two months. Every Sunday night service and Wednesday night Bible study, the presence of the Holy Spirit is filling each one as they serve the Lord where God has placed them.

On Nov. 21 Sunday night service, the children delighted us with songs and Bible verses from their lesson of Abraham’s life.

We’ll be having a Christmas Program on December 26, Sunday night. After the service, there will be refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is invited to join us.

Staff for Spanish Ministry Leadership:

- Judith Caceres—In charge of Spanish Ministry
- Vonitta Gurney-Boylan—Advisor
- Epi and Manuel Arredondo—Elders
- Juan Muro—Worship Leader
- Aurelio Astorga—Head of Ushers
- Montse Astorga—Head of Children’s Ministries

Judith Caceres

A GIFT YOU CAN CHOOSE

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and many people are already making their Christmas gift list. Let this Christmas be the best ever for you by giving yourself an everlasting gift.



Financial Peace University is a 13 week curriculum that will empower you in the best way to handle your finances according to Biblical principles. Maybe not everyone feels the burden of being in debt. Because your life and the life of your loved ones matter to me, I would like to put in your hands an opportunity that many people have been waiting for.

All you have to do is to invest \$100 to enroll and join others in this exciting 13 weeks of financial training. Classes will start at the end of January 2011. More information will come!

“If you will live like no one else, later you can LIVE like no one else!” Dave Ramsey
Pastor Luis



“You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father’s face and tell him you have received his Christmas Gift.” John R. Rice

wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” Luke

WORSHIP NOTES . . .



There has been much activity and many changes in our Worship Ministry. Have you noticed that there are no more big black monitors on the platform? That's because each musician and singer has purchased individual in-ear monitors that help them to better hear how each is singing and playing. It has cut down volume level that was projected from floor monitors. Thanks to Zeke and Matt for the countless hours they have spent re-working and upgrading our sound system. It has made a huge difference!

Another change has been in leadership of the Worship Ministry. Rick Puente, Irene Velichko and Ted Woodruff not only serve as Worship Leaders, but are also working together to coordinate this ministry.

As we enter into this season of celebration of our Savior's birth, let's have a heart of worship and join with the heavenly hosts who sang and continue to sing, *“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.”*
Worship Ministry Team

Holiday Highlight! **Christmas Banquet,**

Fri., Dec. 10, 7pm.

Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Seniors—\$15 Adults—\$18.

The Dickens Carolers will serenade us!!!



CHILDRENS MINISTRY . . .

Thank you for your support at our soup fundraiser. \$548 was raised for kids to go to camp this summer. Your help is greatly appreciated and we trust you enjoyed your warm, homemade lunch. They are also selling candy bars at \$1 each for camp funds, another way to help make it financially possible for them to go to Camp Crestview.

Families will be receiving an advent gift on Nov. 28. Enjoy this teaching tool with your children either as a family or with each, individually at bedtime. Younger children will receive a sticker book and older children given a look & find book; both of them preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Dec. 26 children will be with parents for the first part of the service. Following worship, they are invited to a birthday party for Jesus upstairs in Room 11. They will be watching a video, eating cake & snacks, and doing crafts during the party.
Kim Arredondo

WOMEN'S MINISTRY . . .



I hope you are planning on coming to our annual Christmas breakfast gift exchange! The fun starts on Dec. 4th at my house with a breakfast at 9am, followed by a **fun gift exchange**—\$5 limit.

On Jan. 22, we are planning a **“Ladies Night Out.”** This will be from 4-7pm, with all of us going out to dinner followed by dessert. My prayer is that this will be an awesome time of building relationships for all of us.

Plans are also underway for another awesome Beach Retreat on March 4-6; Our speakers will be Vonitta Boylan and Judith Caceres. They will be sharing on breaking curses and receiving blessings. Cost will be \$110, with non-refundable deposit of \$25 due Jan. 2 and final payment due Jan. 23. Watch for a sign up in December and mark your calendars! In the midst of all the activity planning, Christmas shopping and family get-togethers, it's so easy to become distracted away from God. Remember James 1:17 that says, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”* Our Heavenly Father sent His perfect gift to us—His son Jesus. That's the best present we have ever been given or ever will receive.”

Be blessed, Irene Velichko

REFUGE YOUTH. . .

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from Refuge Youth! We had a great time at Cascade Park and look forward to continuing our relationship with them.

Coming events are our annual **Christmas Party** on Wed., Dec. 22, 6:30-8:30pm and then **Generation Unleashed** January 27-29th!

Please continue to pray for us and may we all celebrate the true reason for the season!

Pastor BuBu



NEWS OF WOODBURN
FOURSQUARE CHURCH

*Blessings abound as fruits of
our faith in a loving God!*



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DID YOU KNOW? _ News And Views Of Our Church Family

Blessings to **Gavino Murillo**. He is home from Mexico with his family once again!

Imogene Hart, a long time member of our church, recently of Salem, has gone on to be with the Lord!

Praises for many answered prayers in our church family - for successful surgeries & biopsies, safe travel, immigration processes, and healing from seasonal ills for many. We are thankful for nurturing **Levi, premature son born to Blanca & Javier Gutierrez**. Also praises for launch of Spanish services with children's teaching.

**God is answering
our prayers!**



*“Glory to God in the
highest and on
earth peace, good
will toward men!”*

Luke 2:14



HONDURAS NEWS . . .

We are thankful to have hosted the first Appreciation Dessert Night for Sponsors. It was a great time of fellowship, questions & answers & discussion of ideas. We are updating the sponsor list and finding sponsors for all 27 children. You are welcome to join in; we hope to get others from our community as well, to share in this blessing.

For information about the children, try rhondaskids.blogspot.com; email is: rsw77tx@hotmail.com for Rhonda Wilkinson, a Missionary Assistant. Email for Jorge Castillo is: didaskohn@yahoo.com

You are invited to the next **Honduras Mtg., Sat., Dec. 11th** at 5pm at home of Eggie & Mina. God bless you in this great. Season of Thanksgiving and Celebration of His Birth.

Mina Maldonado



Unspeakable Joy

*Joy, joy, unspeakable joy!
Music is filling the air,
Glory, oh, glory to God!
Angels are everywhere.*

*Come and adore Him
Young Mary's sweet boy—
There in the manger asleep,
Eden's deep wound
Will be taken away
By the Lamb lying there
With the sheep.*

*Promised Messiah!
Our Immanuel!
The hope of the Ages
At last has been born!
Gloria Gaither*