

Attention:
We have an opening at our **House on the Rock**, a transitional home for men. Anyone interested, call Cedric Rowe at 367-8586.

Larry & Cherie Walters

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3555 W. Bullard
Fresno, CA 93711

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10698 N. Meridian
Fresno, CA 93730

Thank you to the Woodward Park family for the lovely shower! Josh and I appreciate the love and support of our church family as we start our new life together. Even though we are moving away, this will always be home to us!

Thank you again!

Ashlyn Perry & Joshua Houston

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Today's Worship Schedule ———

Song **390** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Song **68** *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Call to Worship *Andy Frizzell*

Prayer *Joe Boe*

Song **1005** *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*
Song **250** *The Great Redeemer*
Song **496** *O, Listen to the Wondrous Story*

Communion *Bruce Sharp*

Song **173** *Days of Elijah*
(Dismiss for Children's Worship)

Sermon *"Mighty to Save" Zephaniah 3:17*
Andy Frizzell

Song **542** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Closing Prayer *Jeff Young*

Sunday Evening Services 5 pm

The Beautiful Bride: Our Marriage to Christ
Andy Frizzell

VISITORS

Out of Town: Don & Belva Bare, Madera, CA; Carolyn Marvin, Hanford, CA; Goldie Rogers, Orlando, FL; Fran Franklin, Cameron Park, CA; John & Dana Lawless, Mariposa, CA.

Local: Patricia Paz, Mary Miller, Donna Walker, Jennifer Richert, James Baraboza

Attendance: AM 799 Class 489 Sunday Night 184
Wednesday Bible Study 335

Weekly Contribution: \$14,813 Weekly Budget: \$13,314

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Amanda Sharpton and Thien Dang invite you all to celebrate their wedding on **Tonight**, at 7pm at the Woodward Park Church of Christ.

Dessert reception to follow Registered at Wal-Mart and Bed Bath and Beyond. (gift cards are encouraged as the bride is moving to join the groom).

Let's not forget our young men out on the mission fields. It would be nice if the church family could drop a Christmas card in the mail for the following young men. Thank you!!

Cody King c/o Michael McDougle
P.O. Box 838
Kharkov, Ukraine 61002

Tylor Clark
P.O. Box 32317 Summerstrand
6019 Port Elizabeth, South Africa



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2 & 3'S— Erin Cliff

K-2nd grade— Randy & Debbie Jacobs

Puppets— Jenna Cliff & Allie Knutsen



PRAYER REQUESTS

Coming forward Sunday:

Rodessa Jones— Prayers for Martha Null's sister, Nellie in hopes that she will get better. Prayers for everyone dealing with finals for school and the Christmas rush! (smile) Everyone please be safe, prayers for my family and friends.

Adrian & Jessica Pacheco— Church family, this week has been a real blessing spiritually. One of my family members was going through a great trial and God was with her. All the way thanks to His glory and his mercy, everything turned out great. Thank you for your continued prayers, God bless you all.

Angel Carrillo— Father I can't even find words to write that express my gratitude and love for you. Thank you for the trials this week and for protecting me with your blood. Father I pray for Miguel's health and pray he will surrender his will over to you. Thank you Father.

Cedric & Cheryl Rowe— Thank you God for your son our Savior who died for our sins. Forgive us when we sin. We are having health problems, keep us in your prayers. Please continue to pray for those who are lost. Love you all. **Vincent Monk**— How awesome is our Lord? He's allowed me to be clean and sober for 9 months and 17 days today. My first Christmas with love in my heart and a family that truly loves me. Thank you Lord.

Don & Elsie Troxell— Don had chemo on Wed. and is not able to come to church. Continue to pray for him. Thank you.

Jeana Nevins— Thank God and thank you for all your support and encouragement. I am getting my degree with honors from FPU on Sat. 12/17.

Roy Hightower— Please pray for my son Burlon, who is lost. Pray for nations leaders, pray for our church leaders, keep the house on the rock in prayer, praise God for Woodward Park Church of Christ.

Mark Latham— Thank you all who cook and serve the House on the Rock on Friday night bible studies.

Elizabeth & Nathan Sabala— Thank you for all your prayers our grandmother, Rose Seyler is now in heaven.

Russell Basye— I would like my mother back home again. She wants to come home. She can take visitors, just remind her who you are.

Gayla Parker— Thank you Jesus for the Woodward Park congregation. Many members have helped spiritually and whenever me and my family are in need. Many blessings to each one of Christ's children. Keep me and my family in prayers, Jordin and I have been sick and your prayers are very much appreciated.

Martha Null— Pray for Nellie, she is not walking good. The doctors give her too much medicine. She needs a card to cheer her up. Also pray for Betty and my family to have good health.

Dianne Lee— Destiny is home, the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective-James 5:16.

Ian Taylor— I love you Church of Christ

Arnold Centeno— Lorrie is sick, my mother has knee trouble.

Matthew Peterson— Please pray for friends and family and pray for my job interview at Wal-Mart.

One of our members needs a used washing machine. If you can help, please call Cedric Rowe.

COMING EVENTS

No Thursday Morning Study on 12/22 or 12/29

12/21/2011—There will be NO PrimeTime this week

12/25/2011—Morning Worship 10AM— Nick Perez, No class

12/28/2011—There will be NO PrimeTime this week

1/04/2012—Combined Sunday Morning Class—Jim Gardner



TIM TALK

Last week, I began this column excitedly sharing that you had given more than our goal of \$100,000. Little did I know that more would come in over the week that would bring us to \$109,000!!! At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I am so proud of you for the way you responded to the call for sacrificial giving. It is evidence of your trust in God and his provision.

I feel compelled to say "thank you" to you as a church for allowing me to be away during this busy time of year. Many of you know it is difficult to be so far away from our earthly families. It helps us to know that at Christmas we can spend this precious time with them. Thank you for loving us in this way.

For kids (and those of us adults who haven't outgrown Christmas) the next few days of anticipation are some of the longest of the year. And in a few mad moments of flying paper, it will be over. And I can't help wondering, what makes it all worthwhile? Why is it we agonize and overspend? Why do we take more pictures than we could ever possibly review? Or why do we get those old 8-millimeter reels off the shelf and rewatch Christmases past?

I think I know, and I think there is a spiritual application for us. We love giving gifts, seeing the happiness that is brought by those gifts. We love to know that we gave someone exactly what they wanted. We love to fulfill the wish lists of those we love, both young and old. We are even willing to do things beyond what we *should* do because of the pleasure it brings us. Perhaps it is the one time we actually believe Acts 20.35. You remember that verse, right? Paul quoted Jesus, saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And at Christmas time, we see the truth of that statement.

But I think there is one more lesson, of which Christmas serves as a reminder. Our kids understand that whether it is Santa or Mom and Dad, they ask for what they want. And, typically, if they ask for something good, we don't give them things we know they hate. Jesus said, "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him." (Matthew 7.11) This comes right after He told us to keep on asking, seeking and knocking, believing that we will keep receiving, finding and having doors opened. The joy we receive from giving should help us understand what God feels as he gives rich blessings to his own.

These are but two of the lessons of which we are reminded at Christmastime. As you celebrate, may the things of God be always our focus. Until we meet again...TWP

YOUTH EVENTS

This Week

TONIGHT! Winter Camp Info Meeting: 12/18: 4:30pm, Come for a brief meeting about the theme, schedule, and pick up forms and waivers

Future:

Girls Night/Guys Night: 12/28-29: After church all of our girls are invited to stay at the building for a girls lock in. Bring snacks, games, sleeping bags, and pillows

New Years Eve Party: 12/31: 9pm-12:30am: Meet at WPCOC and go to Sky Walk from 10-Midnight, Cost: \$16 per person

Winter Camp: 1/13-15: @ YBC, Cost: \$50, Pick up a waiver in the Youth Room or from the welcome center

For more Youth Group info, check out these websites:

wpcoc.com: you can find all coming events here

yofrizz.blogspot.com: Dates and times with youth group updates

If you are on facebook: Join our group **WPYG** for updates.

The Woodward Park Church of Christ Ladies' Craft Ministry, led by Pam Reddell and Lillian Walters, exemplifies the character of the noble woman described in Proverbs 31:

¹⁰ ^b A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies...¹³ She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands...¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks...¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers...²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

For more than 10 years, this group of dedicated women have gathered in a back room in the church building to sew, knit and crochet quilts, afghans, stuffed animals, and other projects to bless young brides, elderly shut-ins, children in hospitals and numerous others. This past week, at our Wednesday night Bible study, the Ladies' Craft Ministry gave handmade quilts to fifteen women from WestCare California. WestCare is a residential program that provides intensive alcohol and other drug abuse treatment services to women as they transition into a life free of addiction. These women have been coming with Cheryl Rowe on Wednesdays to share Prime Time dinner with us and to have a Bible study with Cheryl. At Woodward Park Church of Christ, these women are being blessed with food for the body, food for the soul, and a now a quilt to warm the cold nights, sewn with the love of Jesus in every stitch.