

Service Times

Sunday 11:00 am Wednesday 7:00 pm

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On Second Thought: "FAMILY MATTERS" Scripture: Rev.21:9-12

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Mon. Aug 11- The very end of the book is giving us a description of Heaven as it descends down to Earth. It names the gates after the children of Israel. After 6,000 years, God is still calling us the children of Israel. In fact, we are called His bride. God is doing something in the earth. He is building a family. We don't talk much about family, but it runs throughout the scriptures. Genesis is the story of a bunch of different families. It is not the story of great nations. It is not the story of great armies. It is not the story of a great organization. It is the story of families. Not just families, but they are deeply dysfunctional families. First one brother kills his brother. Noah pronounces a curse on his own son. Abraham lies about his wife to protect himself twice. He has a child with Sarah's maid and eventually abandons both mother and son. Isaac and Rebekah play favorites with their sons Jacob and Esau and start a life-long rivalry. Jacob, with the help of his mom, tricks his dad. Do you feel better about your family now? The writer of Genesis doesn't even try to cover this stuff up! *What condition is your family in? What can you do to help?* **Eph.4:3.**

Tue. Aug 12- There has never been a "Golden Age of the Family". But it is through these messed up families that God is working in the Earth. It is a place for messed up people and families. We must quit pretending that we are the people that have it all together. No matter what we think, if we submit to Him, God will work through us. You see, we are God's family. I remember when we used to call each other brother and sister in church. "Good morning Brother Jones. Hello Sister Jones." It is how we addressed those we considered to be a member of our church family. It is amazing to me that Paul used this expression of family, even though he was not married and never had kids. Paul tells us how to get along with each other. He encourages us to get closer and closer together. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together", he says. Because there is a power in unity, there is a power in family that we have forgotten. In our rush to get more power, more blessing, and more goodies for ourselves, we missed what God was doing. He was taking a people out of every nation, every tongue, every people, and making a family. He was drawing them together to worship together, pray together, work together, and love together. Life and love and wisdom should be passed from one generation to another. He is drawing us together to help one another. Where I am weak, you are strong. We complement, and complete each other. And together, we make a team that is unstoppable! *What would you consider to be your strengths that would help make a strong family? What are your weaknesses?* **Gen.50:21.**

Wed. Aug 13- The story of Jonathan and David in I Samuel 18:1-2 reveals that they were best friends. They loved each other. Not in a perverted manner, but in a covenant manner; like family. You see, David had been picked by God to take what was rightfully Jonathan's...the Kingdom. Jonathan was Saul's first-born son. He was everything that Saul wasn't. He was brave, a leader, and real. All the men loved and admired him. He would've made a great King, except for one thing: God didn't want him to be King. He wanted David. David has already been anointed King by Samuel. He has already defeated Goliath and showed up Saul in the process. But Jonathan loved him. And Jonathan was committed to him, no matter what. Time and time again, it was Jonathan that saved David's life. It was Jonathan that made it possible for David to become King. If there had been no Jonathan, there would've been no David. If there had been no Jonathan, David might have given up and gone back to the farm. If there had been no Jonathan, David might have committed murder and

lost the Kingdom. If there had been no Jonathan, David might have been a bitter, old King that lost out with God like Saul. He might've been King, but he would not have been King David. All that we know and admire about David we know because of Jonathan. *In what ways can you become a "Jonathan" for someone?* **1Sam.18:3,4.**

Thu. Aug 14- God is calling us to care about one another. He is calling us to put down the remote, let some dust accumulate, and get to know the people around us. We are not capable of knowing everybody like that, but there are people out there that we are supposed to be Jonathans for, and unless we are committed to them, they will never be what they are capable of being. It starts with our spouse and children, but it doesn't end there. We must draw together as a people, as a church. The people around you are more like you than you think. Each one of us are in some way, as dysfunctional as the next person, but that doesn't mean that we should stay apart from one another; it means that we have some common ground on which to build a relationship. So what if no one else has been through what we've been through; we have all been through enough "stuff" to toilet paper the universe! It's not what we have different that brings us to a relationship, it is what we have in common. *Look at the relationships you have, are they stronger or weaker because of you? What can you work on in your life to improve how you get along with people?* **Phi.2:2.**

Fri. Aug 15- There are a lot of churches that age and die. There are a lot of churches that spring up that have everyone the same age. They all listen to the same type of music. What sets a church apart? What makes us think that we can make a difference? What makes us think that we can change the world? Why are we different from all of these other churches? I mean, aren't they all the same? Don't they all have some variation of the same program, youth, kids, retreats, men's ministry, etc.? It's called: Consumer religion... Who puts on the best kids programs? Who preaches the best sermons? Who has the right anointing? And people choose their church based on what they like. Did you choose your family? What makes the difference? What made the difference for David? Jonathan was his friend that soon became his family. *How has your relationships positively affected your life?* **Acts 4:32.**

Sat. Aug 16- Really, what difference does it make which church you choose? It will mean the difference between a religious organization and a living breathing church. It will mean the difference between tax write-offs and a family. It will mean the difference between business contacts and people who will fight with you in trouble. Who is that person in your life? It is probably not a preacher. It is probably not a famous person. It is probably not someone who gets up behind a pulpit each week. It is someone who took time with you. Are you going to be that for someone else? Some will say, 'I didn't have a father, mother, child, or etc', but that doesn't mean that you can't be that person for someone else. You have to go through the gate of family to get the protection of Heaven. Once you are in the family, you are inside the walls of Heaven. Unity matters. Belonging matters. Not just having your name on a membership roll. Being part of church family means more than being known and contributing in the offering plate, it means, 'One can put a thousand...two can chase 10,000.' What God does through a family is exponential. It provides a wall of protection. *Do you realize that there is safety in numbers? Are you connected with a family of believers?* **Eph.4:13,14.**



August Food Item:

CANNED PEAS

Drop box in the foyer

Men's Ministry/Brotherhood

Calling all men to lunch!

We will meet Tuesday, August 12th at 11:45am at El Jinette Mexican Restaurant.

Food. Fun. Fellowship. Freedom.

C'mon guys; it's time to be a real man.

Real men. Real faith. Real free.

Please sign up at the information desk.



REVOLUTION SMALL GROUP LEADERS:

MARK & ROBBIN MOBLEY, MARK & RHONDA AKIN, KEN & DORRIS HARTLEY, KARI MILLER, STEVE & LYNNE FRACHISEUR, RICK & DEBBIE DARBY, JAMES & BOBBIE WEAVER, JOE & LANICE COUCH, SIDNEY & SUZANNE BRIDGES, LAURA TODD, & DONNA ANDERSON.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 08/10- Intersect meets @ 1pm
- 08/12- Men's Ministry Lunch Meeting- El Jinette @11:45
- 08/16- Brotherhood- 8am
- 08/16-Garments of Praise-8am to 11am
- 08/17-Project Life- "Soaring w/Eagles or Pecking w/Chickens" Part 3 w/Brenda Dooley-10am in Fellowship Hall
- 08/19- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 08/24-Project Life-TBA-10am
- 08/31-Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/01-Labor Day Holiday. Church Office Closed
- 09/02- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 09/06-Ministries In Motion-12pm to 4pm
- 09/07-Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/12-Freedom For Women-7pm
- 09/13- Passionate Partners @ Dave & Buster's- meet there @ 1pm
- 09/14-Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/16- Food Pantry- 2pm-4pm
- 09/20-Garments of Praise-8am to 4pm
- 09/20- Brotherhood- 8am
- 09/20- Faithful Warriors- 6pm
- 09/21- Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/27- Us Girls Trip to The Dillard House
- 09/28- Project Life-TBA-10am
- 09/28- William Clayton & the Redeemed Singing
- 09/28- Walk On Water-5:30pm
- 09/30-The Pantry-2pm to 4pm
- 10/10-Freedom For Women-7pm

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

"And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6 (ASV)

Life in Motion



"Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to His word; instead, put it into practice." James 1:22 GNB

Last week I...

- Family**- set a godly example for my family by my actions. __
- Bible**- found some scriptures that are helping me grow spiritually as I work in my journal. __
- Prayer**- put God in remembrance of His Word as I prayed about certain & definite needs. __
- Church**- worked on becoming rooted, settled, & busy in LWWC. __
- Journal**- set a specific time aside to do my journal. __

This week I...

- Giving**- will set my tithes aside first for God before I spend any money. 1Cor.16:2 __
- Service**- will serve others as a steward of grace. 1Pet.4:10 __
- Worship**- will put my worship on display for God in the sanctuary. Lk.24:53 __
- Small Group**- will receive the wisdom from those I am accountable to. Pro.13:20 __
- Journal**- will pay attention to what God reveals to me & do it. 2Tim.3:16 __

ELEVATION Message Rewind

"Crucify Him"

Rom 5:8; Isa 53:4-5; John 3:16

- Jesus went to the cross for you and me
- The Bible says, "He took the punishment, and that made us whole."
- The Cross was the single most important event in history
- He endured intense pain while beaten with a whip called "The Cat of 9 Tails"
- He was forced to wear a crown of thorns that were about 2 or 3 inches long
- They used large spikes to nail Jesus on the cross
- Jesus did it with nothing more than a hope that somebody, somewhere would accept Him
- He endured Hell, so that we wouldn't have to

Kid Invasion Recap

The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

- Jesus tells of the story about a man who went on a trip & gave some money to his servants.
- God expects us to wisely use what He has given us.
- In the Church we call that stewardship.
- Stewardship is taking care of what belongs to someone else.
- Our world and everything we have belongs to God.
- God also gives each of us special gifts.
- We can use our gifts to serve God and others.

Prayer Focus for 2008

- 100 Salvations in our Children & Youth ministries.
- 1,000 Salvations world-wide.
- Box Truck.

JOIN THE

REVOLUTION
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

ELEVATION T-Shirt's

Pre-Sale Ends Wednesday, August 13
Pre-sale Price For Students only: \$10 & get free bracelet
All Others & Late Sales: T-shirts \$10 Bracelets \$2
Order & pay at the information desk