

Living Water Fellowship

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FULLY PERSUADED A message from Pastor Doug Dragan

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Pastor Doug & Nathalie Dragan



Are you fully persuaded about something? What is it that you know for a fact is true? Fully persuaded means to completely assure (or convince), entirely accomplish -- most surely believe, fully know (persuade), make full proof of. If you are breathing right now you could say for sure you are alive. If you own a car you can say when you turn the key you are completely sure it will start. (I know some would say they don't know it will start for sure.) You may be fully convinced your spouse loves you. You may fully know God loves you and has an awesome plan for your life. Sometimes we just know. With other things we need a little convincing. Here at Living Water Fellowship we are fully persuaded that God has given us a vision to reach the lost, the back-slidden, and the de-churched with His love, not only those in Moon Township and the airport area, but also in western Pennsylvania, the United States and around the world.

Ezekiel 47 talks about the healing waters that flow from the throne of God to heal the nations. We believe and are fully convinced that the healing waters flow from God through His people to change and transform lives everywhere it goes. Here at LWF many people have already received supernatural healings both physically and spiritually, as well as financially and emotionally. But we believe God has more, not just more blessing for His people, but more for His people to do.

Our vision at LWF is to see the lost saved, to see disciples made, to see lives changed and transformed by God, to see all generations won for Christ and to bear fruit that remains. We believe God will use ordinary people to do extraordinary things to accomplish His work. These ordinary people have been given amazing gifts that God wants them to use to meet people's needs in many creative ways.

There are many hurting, needy, and poor people in our own communities, as well as around the world, that God wants us to help. We are fully persuaded that by showing and sharing God's love and meeting people's practical needs, one person, and one need at a time, many people will come to know Christ. Our attitude for helping people is, "whatever, wherever, whenever, and whoever". Jesus said He didn't come to be served; He came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. Steve Sjogren said, "Small acts of kindness done with great love can change the world". We believe that. We can change the world, one person at a time.

The last part of our vision that we believe in and are fully persuaded will come to pass, is that God wants us to send out people to minister to the lost, hurting and poor. We desire to help people like pastors, missionaries, apostles, prophets, evangelists, and many others who God has called and help them fulfill that call by helping them plant churches and get new ministries off the ground. We want to have such an impact on the Pittsburgh Airport Area that if our church ceased to exist, people would miss us.

Nathalie and I are asking you to believe God with us for more than enough people, more than enough finances, more than enough space, property, buildings, vehicles and whatever we need as a church to fulfill this vision. We are fully persuaded that what God has called us to do, He will do it.

CHURCH NEWS

At the end of March we began to implement our second phase for reaching our God given goals for 2009. This step was the training of faithful men for the work of the ministry - according to Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3. Eight men were trained for the office of deacon. On July 12, 2009, hands were laid on them commissioning them into the ministry of the local church. These men have proven themselves faithful to God, family, and church. (See photo below, left)



Front row: Aldo Perez, Bob Coradi, Julius Smith, Brian Jones, Pastor Doug
Back row: Dave Sedlacek, Herb Frye (elder) Bill Slan, John Mathe,, Pastor Gary
Missing: Art Giles



No Walls Ministry Outreach - Saturday service and fellowship

MINISTRY UPDATES

No Walls Ministry- We recently had the privilege to serve, pray, and worship with over 50 men and women at No Walls Ministry's weekly service to the homeless and needy. Each week a church service, full meal, and clothes of all sorts are provided to anyone in need on the north side of Pittsburgh. Visit www.nowallspgh.org for more information. (See photo above, right)

Children's Ministry- Our children continue to learn God's Word. They are studying how they can trust God by learning about Jesus through the parables and miracles.

RAPIDS Youth Ministry- The youth are being challenged to live their lives according to God's standards, not the world's. Several of our teens attended APEX, our national youth retreat. They were blessed by various ministries as they sought to strengthen their walks with the Lord.

Military Outreach / Servant Evangelism - In May we served pop and pizza to 15 Army, Navy, and Marine recruiters at their offices in the Robinson Towne Center. We also handed out over 300 small flags at the Towne Center with a note saying, "Please pray for our troops."

Missions- Please pray for our upcoming trip to Bolivia. If you can help financially in anyway it would be greatly appreciated.

PRAISE REPORTS! On June 28th Pastor Doug was led by the Lord to pray specifically for employment for anyone in the congregation in need of work. Within two weeks Jeff Dent, Brian Jones, and Charlene Flick all received employment. God is good!

Our NEW email address is
livingwaterfellowship@verizon.net

Upcoming Events

Missions Trip to Bolivia – July 23 through August 2

Cookout / Movie Night -Sunday, August 16 5-9pm @ Shared Acres Farm, Clinton, PA

No Walls Ministry Outreach to the homeless – Sat. August 22 or 29

Servant Evangelism Outreaches - TBA

We currently meet at Grace Church.

1192 Brodhead Road
Crescent Twp, PA 15046
Sunday mornings 9:00 AM coffee & fellowship - 9:30 AM service

Come join us!