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Living Water Fellowship

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**We pray 2010 will be a year of
HARVEST & EXPANSION!**



*Pastor Doug & Nathalie Dragan
...living life together!*

**Join us at Bon Meade
Elementary School
1595 Brodhead Road
Moon Township, PA 15108
Service starts at 10 am
Coffee and fellowship start at
9:30 am**



Jesus is More Than Enough – When God says He will meet ALL our needs, it will always be “in Christ Jesus”. **A message from Pastor Doug**

While I don't believe in the excessive, health and wealth gospel being preached in many churches, I do believe God wants us to prosper and be in health in proportion to our souls prospering (3 John 1:2). God is more interested in the building of our character, than the building of our bank accounts. However, there are too many scriptures like the one sighted earlier, to dismiss the fact that God wants to bless us so we can be a blessing.

Matthew 6 tells us to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to us. What are “all these things”? Food, clothing, shelter, and the means to pay for them in today's modern economy.

I also believe God wants us to be well. If Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, then Acts 10:38 is still true today. It says, “How God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed of the devil. For God was with him.”

There are too many scriptures, too many examples by Christ and the early church, to think Jesus only came for spiritual healing. He died for the whole person, spirit, soul, and body.

That leads me to the title of this article, Jesus is more than enough. Paul says that every need we have will be supplied by God through Christ Jesus. That means spiritually we are covered by His blood and justified to the Father. Mentally and emotionally He makes a way and we have the mind of Christ and are being sanctified. Finally, physically we can pray for the sick to recover and they will. Then eventually we will receive a glorified body. Those are all scriptures I just paraphrased. So why is it we don't always have more than enough? I guess that's a question only God can answer. But it doesn't change the scriptures.

There are some principles from the Israelites I'd like to share that may shed a little light on the subject. When the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt they didn't have enough. The little they had was taken from them. When we stay in bondage to sin, it will seem like we never have enough to make ends meet and we will always struggle.

Then when the Israelites were released into the wilderness and wandered for 40 years, they had just enough. Their clothes never wore out. They had fresh manna everyday. They always had just enough. Sometimes we find ourselves in the wilderness, murmuring and complaining to God about what we don't have instead of thanking Him for what we have been blessed with. We come to find out that we always seem to have our needs met, but never really any extra to be a blessing. I truly believe God gives us the power to get wealth so we can establish His covenant and be a blessing, period!

Then finally, because of the faith and obedience of Joshua and Caleb, the Israelites are able to enter into the Promised Land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey. It is a land of more than enough.

Jesus is our more than enough. I am not saying every person out there who is struggling in any of these areas is in sin or in the wilderness. But many times it is the little things we are doing, or not doing, that keep us from experiencing the abundant life Jesus said is ours in John 10:10. But we need to ask the Lord to examine our hearts and if there is anything that needs changed to show us. Then we need to make the necessary changes. Put yourself in a better position to receive all God has for you.

Personally, I want to be obedient and faithful in every area of my life. I want to experience the more than enough of Jesus.

CHURCH NEWS

Fellowship groups are a big part of Living Water Fellowship. They are meant to promote fellowship, discipleship, unity, prayer, and sharing within the body. It is a great way to grow close to other members as well as grow in your faith. We currently have a men's group meeting in Rochester, a women's group meeting in Hopewell, a group meeting in New Brighton and a Fireproof group meeting in Aliquippa. All these groups are open to everyone, not just LWF attendees. On September 5th we honored our teachers and helpers of the children and youth ministries. Nancy Hudson, our missionary to South Africa, prayed a special blessing over them. We are thankful to have so many gifted people serving our children and youth. (See picture below middle) On September 26th we had our biggest and best picnic ever at the Rotary Shelter at Moon Park. It was our Family and Friends Day with 20 first, second or third time visitors present. After a time of worship and a message from Pastor Doug, nearly 120 people were served an awesome lunch of chicken, ribs, and all the extras. The kids played games and the adults fellowshiped and watched the Steelers beat the Bucs on the big screen. (See picture below right)



MINISTRY UPDATES

No Walls Ministry- We continue to serve the homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh. We are privileged to provide and serve many needy people. God blesses us more than we bless them. Visit www.nowallspgh.org to check out this amazing ministry. If interested please call the church.

Children's Ministry- Our children continue to learn God's Word. The children are learning scriptures and songs which compliment the lessons. Bees, elephants, puppies and other creatures from the animal kingdom help the preschoolers learn their scripture based lessons.

RAPIDS Youth Ministry- The teens have begun to meet twice a month on Sunday mornings (2nd & 4th Sundays) and through a partnership with Westridge Christian Community Church, they are attending youth church on Wednesday nights. Please continue to pray for our youth and youth ministry.

Servant Evangelism – Sunday, September 12th we passed out 1500 bottles of free water at the Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show. We called it Airshow H2O. Twenty-four people from LWF spent about 2 hours showing and sharing the love of God-with no strings attached. Many seeds were planted that day (See picture above left)

Missions – We are currently receiving donations and holding fundraisers to raise money for our church plant in Bolivia. We have had to change our trip plans and move the dates to March. Please contact the church if you can help in any way.

Military Ministry- Every week in our bulletin we list the names and addresses of several family members and friends who are actively serving in the military. If you have someone who you would like us to pray for and send letters to, please contact the church.

PRAISE REPORTS! – Several more people have either made a first time commitment to Christ or rededicated their lives to him. We are seeing many people's lives changed and transformed by the power of God. Several people have also been healed and two members have received jobs. Praise God for His faithfulness!

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*Be blessed in the upcoming
holiday season!*

Upcoming Events

October – Harvest Festival with Westridge

November – Servant Evangelism Outreach & Thanksgiving

December – Merry Christmas!

We currently meet Bon Meade Elementary School

1595 Brodhead Road, Moon Twp, PA 15108

Sunday morning 9:30 AM coffee & fellowship – 10:00 AM service