#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00

Schedule of Services

Sunday 10:00 AM Class 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Evening Worship

Wednesday 6:00 PM Adult & Childrens Class

Mon. - Fri. @ 1:08 PM on KHOS 92.1

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Jan. 28

Class & Morning Lesson - Tony Lopez

**Announcements - Jerry Kemp** 

Singing - Marcus Murr

Opening Prayer - Rich Ramseyer

Communion

James Benson

Ollie Murr

**Emilio Lozano** 

**Closing Prayer - Rocky Jones** 

**Evening Lesson - Tony Lopez** 

Feb. 4

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# You, Your Struggles and God By: Mike Vestal

It's not a question of if we'll struggle and suffer; it's a matter of when. That may be a reality we recognize in our lives, but it can be an altogether different matter when actually facing those times. How can we face our struggles with faith and strength in the Lord? (cf. Ephesians 6:10). How can we intentionally entrust our souls to a faithful God when we're struggling? (cf. 1 Peter 4:19). Let's consider some principles from God's word to keep in mind when your world is rocked by struggle, suffering, and pain.

Carefully Consider Your Words. When we face pressures and struggles, it's so easy to say things we should not. It's easy to speak out in our pain. We can lash out at others and even God. Our Lord's words are most appropriate: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:34-37). When we're struggling, how we should carefully weigh our words before speaking! (Ephesians 4:29).

<u>There's No Such Thing as a Pain-Free Life.</u> Therefore, don't waste your struggles and pain. Jesus learned by the things He suffered (Hebrews 5:7-9). Shouldn't we too? If only we could better ask ourselves of every struggle, "How can I utilize this to conform more to the image of God's dear Son?" (Romans 8:29). Recall Paul's words, "For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake" (Philippians 1:29). Whatever is for Christ's glory ultimately is for our good too! (Romans 8:28). Every struggle, every pain, and every sorrow reminds us of our personal inadequacy and of our desperate need of God.

Be Sure That God Will Be Gracious in Your Struggles. Like so many before us, in our struggles and suffering we come to see that God's grace is super-abundant (Romans 5:15-21), allsufficient (2 Corinthians 12:7-9), rich (Ephesians 2:4-7) and great (Acts 4:33). We sing about "Amazing Grace" and how it sees us "through many dangers, toils and snares." And we learn through our lives how true this really is. God really is the God of all grace! (1 Peter 5:10-12). Look for His grace.

Our view of things is easily twisted when we hurt, isn't it? May God help us to rise about "see level" to truly see eternal realities. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 and really let it sink in. God is so good. He gives so graciously. His love, His presence, and His promise are enough. Every problem or struggle we face in life seems so much smaller when our God is so great and awesome.





### News

This Sunday, January 28, we will be having a spur of the moment fellowship meal even though it's not a fifth Sunday. This is partly to celebrate January birthdays but also to be together. We ask everyone to keep it simple with sandwiches, soups and cakes.

This past Sunday after worship Tony announced to our congregation that after many prayers he and Kati have determined that it's the Lord's will for them to branch out into a mission field in Idaho. This is something that has been on their hearts for quite some time. They will continue their ministry in Sonora through April. We have been blessed to have them and Tony shared how much our love and care has blessed them, too.

Please be aware that the parking near the back door will soon be adding more handicap parking spots. The men are aware that there are some people using this parking that are not elderly or disabled but don't know how else to approach the subject without stepping on many toes. It is their desire to keep this parking area for the elderly, disabled and visitors....let's please honor this! The extra exercise won't hurt the rest of us!

Remember that you can hear a short five minute clip from Tony every afternoon on the radio at 1:08 PM.

## **Children's Program**

Remember that if a child attends at least 20 Wednesday classes they will be eligible for a Huge Reward! (1) A full week of church camp for those old enough to attend! (2) If they are too young for church camp, they will have a day at Jellystone Water Park with the group. Note: We have shortened the number of Wednesday classes we will be having with the kids, so we will most likely revisit our target number for rewards to be earned. These kids are doing great and looking forward to their rewards!

### Lessons

Jan. 31 - Cain & Abel; Gen. 4:1-17

Feb. 7 - Noah Builds an Ark; Gen. 5:28-6:22

Feb. 14 - The Great Flood; Gen. 7:1-8:19

## **Happy Birthday!**

Feb. 14 - Angela Buitron

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Jan. 26 - Rhonda Blackman

Jan. 27 - James Wootton

Jan. 31 - Tony Lopez

Feb. 3 - Jonne Draper

Feb. 7 - Kati Lopez



## **PRAYERS**

Dwayne Badwell, cousin to Alycia Fish

Kydee Badeaux, youngest daughter of Kara and Zach.

Kati's grandfather on her mother's side of the family

Monica Ojeda, wife of Lewis Baker, continues her recovery from a double lung transplant.

Glenn Mortimer, friend of the Schenkel family and his cancer battle.

Brandon Bonnet, Stanley Adams nephew, and his cancer treatments.

Linda Neff and her cancer treatment.

Ray Lozano and Cesareo Lozano, brothers of Rachel, and their health issues.

Louise Ingham's kinfolk that wishes to remain anonymous, but is fighting cancer.

Justin Allen, Loretta's grandson

Melissa Murr is continuing her recovery and medication reduction. We have been blessed to have her back!

Pam Earwood

Nadrada Acosta, friend of Kelly Jones continues to need our prayers.

Russell Haffner, Kati's father

Alma Smart, Louise Ingham's aunt.

Jonathan Fletcher, son of Pamela Earwood.

Tony's grandmother and her comfort.

Brent Atkin, cousin to Dianne Benson, who is struggling with cancer.

Sharon Holmes son in law is very sick. She is a close friend of Venetta and Loretta.

Patti Castillo-Landrum and her daughters Anna and Morgan.

Shannon Gierisch of Roanoke has health issues. Her husband, Scooter, is a cousin to James Benson has been out with the flu and Logan Ramseyer has also had the flu.

Jerry and Joy's grand son in law's grandmother.

Danny and Tammy Worley

Mark Jackson

Ray and Sue Smith

Clyde's sisters and his brother Jimmy

Clyde's niece, Kelli Trapp

Johnny Humphreys and his mother Jean.

Our Nation & Our Schools & those in mourning