

Marriage requires Love & Respect...

**“So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”
Ephesians 5:33**

The sum total of a marriage should be defined as love and respect. Dr. Emmerson Eggerichs wrote a great book on husband/wife relationships. He talks about the fact that women desire to be loved and men desperately need to be respected.

So many marriages are potentially ending in divorce. This ought not be! Remember, it only takes one to get out of a relationship, but it takes two to be in a relationship. Divorce should not be an option, especially for Christians.

So often, in marriage, a partner will get distracted by the world's philosophy and forget to nurture their relationship. We often forget that there are consequences to decisions, so many others are affected. Children are used as pawns between Mom and Dad. The consequences to a child can be devastating. Most divorces today use irreconcilable differences to dissolve their marriage. What a cop out! To simply run away and not face the real issues and work things out and rebuild their relationship is just wrong!



Marriage is a covenant between one another and God. Real love is a commitment to stick it out through the good and the bad times. (And there will be many of both).

It never says in the Bible that they **“lived happily ever after.”** Some Christians think that they should never disagree or have heated arguments and that tough obstacles and hardship will be of a minimum. The Bible says, **“Troubles fly upward.”** There will always be challenges.

When we put “God in the center” of our relationships, He will help us through the hard times. It is by faith that we believe that things we cannot control will get better if we trust God.
(Prov. 3:5&6)

When we put “**God in the center**” of our lives and not what we want out of life, things will get better. God does things on His terms and time table and not ours. He knows the beginning from the end and has the right solutions.

We can listen to the world or others and fall off the path or listen to God and grow in our relationships. The world has a lot of negative things in it to devour our joy and love for one another. If we take time to care for others, and put God in the center of our lives, He will help us get through the tough times and reward us over and over. Remember, we get out of relationships what we put into them. As Joyce Meyers says, “Never Give Up!” Thank goodness God never gives up on us and leaves. **He is always there, “yesterday, today and forever.”**

Valentine's Day is on Sunday, Feb. 14th this year. Let's consider purchasing and reading the book, “Love & Respect” by Emerson Eggerichs or purchase the book “Love Dare” (based on the movie, “Fireproof” and follow it for 40 days. Let's strive to set an example at Churchland Assembly. Marriage is a sacred trust!

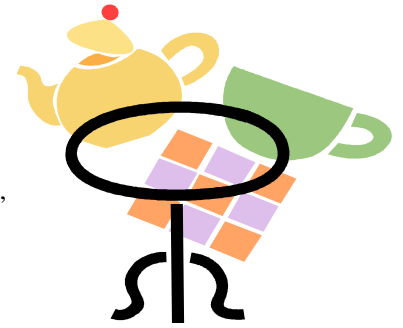
Look at what's coming up....

The annual **“Souper Bowl of Caring”** Offering will be received at the end of the morning service, **Sunday, February 7th** as you leave. Everyone is encouraged to give at least a **dollar**. This money will be sent to the local soup kitchen or homeless ministry in Portsmouth.



Jon Cash, Wavy TV 10 meteorologist and preacher will be our guest speaker on **Sunday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.** Jon has been with us before. He loves God and is a great speaker! Invite your friends and don't miss this service!

Table of Fellowship has arrived! - Friends of God, come be a part of the Table Fellowship, and enjoy Fun, Food, and Fellowship with your church family! Much ministry was accomplished in the early Christian church as believers met with one another over the dining table and broke bread together. We of the Table of Fellowship, invite you to join us in enjoying Christian fellowship, enjoying a good meal, and getting to know your neighbors in the church. The Table of Fellowship will meet once a month for a Saturday evening dinner in our homes, taking turns hosting a dinner. Imagine a table of six friends, enjoying a meal together, laughing, sharing, and praying for one another. Imagine a game being played after a meal, and real friendships being formed. This will allow lasting Christian relationships to be formed over a Table of Fellowship. See Shaun or Wally Clark if you would like to be a participant in the Table of Fellowship ministry that will be beginning very soon. The more people that wish to participate, the more homes that will join in for the rotation of the fellowship, the more fun that will be had by everyone.



Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.
James 1:12 (NIV)

Men, You are Needed!

Churchland Assembly is blessed by God to have a large number of skilled, gifted, and spiritual men within the walls of the church. Men with such abilities are both needed by the body, and have a need to exercise their God given gifts, talents, and abilities. We the men of God have tremendous responsibilities as men in our church, men in our homes, and as men in our work-places. It is a difficult thing to walk rightly before God, our families, and all those around us. However, we were never intended to walk the Christian walk alone. Churchland Assembly is starting the ministry for not only the benefit of the men of the church, but for the benefit of the whole church, as well as the lost in need of Jesus. The Men's Ministry will support and encourage men in their pursuit of God, and help men walk upright before God, their families, and the world around them. Further, the ministry will provide men opportunities for Christian service to those in the church, as well as those outside the four walls of the church. Ultimately, Men's Ministry will serve God, and the people of God, and will be a witness of the love of God, so that God will receive honor and glory. Come to our first organizational breakfast on **Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 9:00 am**, and receive a blessing, as you are a blessing to others as well, in Jesus name.

Our **Annual Church Business Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be **no supper, regular services or children's ministries** on this night. All members are encouraged to attend. The annual financial reports and ministry reports will be given. We will affirm our officers and a Deacon as well as share vision and goals for the coming year. It will be a good testimony night of God's continual blessings upon **"His"** church.

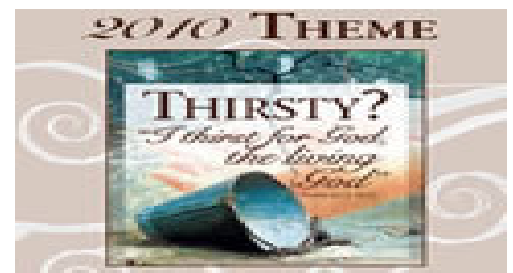
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Exciting things are happening in youth...

- They meet every Friday night at 7:00 p.m.
- They will provide **"Parents Night Out"** At the church (a fundraiser for Speed-The-Light) On Saturday, February 13th, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., That being Valentine's weekend. A reasonable Donation is requested depending on the amount of hours needed.
- They will have a **"Youth Etiquette Dinner"** On Friday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.

The Church Fellowship Group (led by Brian and Angela Dobmeier) will meet on Saturday, February 27th at 3:00 p.m. Please sign-up in the foyer and indicate if you need childcare. This is for singles and couples.

Women's Ministries Day is Sunday, February 28th. The ladies of our church will be ministering and serving in the morning service. The theme this year is: **THIRSTY? - "I thirst for God, the Living God."** (Psalm 42:2 NLT)



The Wednesday service is our Family Night. We serve supper at 6:00 p.m. (except the annual business meeting night) and have ministries for all ages: M'pact Girls, Royal Rangers & Rainbows. We are presently studying the book of Romans. The supper menu will be posted in the foyer. Make Wednesday nights a priority!

A Rocket and Merit Camp for the Royal Ranger boys is planned for Friday and Saturday, February 19th & 20th. The Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March.