

“Six Ways to Sharpen Your Family”

“Iron sharpens iron so the man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”
Proverbs 27:17

As family members, we should sharpen each other as well as our relationships with one another. If we allow it, marriages and family relationships become dull and lifeless. To prevent this from happening we must continually sharpen our relationships. You get out of your relationships what you put into them. If you put little in, then you will receive little in return. However, when you make an effort, God will bless your efforts, and you will see a response from your family.

It doesn't take attending a weekend family seminar or reading a thick, hard cover book. You can sharpen your family relationships in one minute a day. Let me give you six ways to sharpen your family in sixty seconds:

Say “Thank You.”

Everyone likes to feel appreciated and loved. Thanking your family members for the little things they do may go unnoticed. Let them know you did, in fact, notice. Or simply say, *“You are amazing and I am honored you are in my life”*

Spend Time Together During the Week

It is easy to get wrapped up in the everyday things of life and go through the motions.

It's easy to sit and watch television hours on end without noticing your family members. Let your family members know they are not just part of the weekday routine. Take time to engage and be part of their lives. Send a quick text or make a call to let them know you are thinking about them. A little extra effort will go a long way.

Ask About Their Day

Everyone wants to feel important. At the end of a long day, you may not feel like listening to one more issue, situation, or the details of the day. However, take a few moments to ask your family members about their day - and really listen. Make eye contact and respond. Let them know you care about how they are doing.

Be Affectionate

God created us with the need to be touched and hugged. Physical affection is an important way to show your family members you love them, especially on a day when things went poorly. Take a spontaneous moment to show them you love them.

Pray For Them

Pray for your loved ones. Pray for their protection, their needs, their concerns, and anything you know is important to them. Pray God remains the center of their lives.

Encourage Them to Pursue Their Dreams

Throughout our lives, we continue to have new dreams and some old ones which have yet to be fulfilled. Encourage your family members to never lose the gift of dreaming about the future - goals, passions, aspirations. Be a part of helping your family members reach their dreams.

During this month, strive to sharpen and strengthen your relationships with your family. For the next three Sundays, I will preach a series of messages on how to strengthen relationships among family members. Additionally, be part of the service on Sunday evening, February 12th, for the movie *“Courageous,”* as we endeavor to build strong, courageous husbands and fathers. Let us continue. .

Sharpening the Edge!

Pastor Terry & Tina Richardson

Schedule of Services

Sunday

English Life Classes 9:00 am

Spanish Life Classes 10:30 am

Worship Services English
10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Spanish 11:45 am

Children's Church 10:00 am 11:45 am
& 6 :00 pm

Wednesday

Adult Bible Studies 7:00 pm

Girls Ministries 7:00 pm

Royal Rangers 7:00 pm

Youth - IGNITE 7:00 pm

Young Adults - BLAZE 7:00 pm

Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Nursery is provided for all services.

Coming Sundays in February . . .

Sunday, February 5th:

10 AM Service - “Sharpening Your Marriage and Family”



“Weaving a Basket of Faith”

God wants to sharpen our marriage and family relationships. In Exodus, Jochabed, the mother of Moses, faced a dilemma. When she could no longer hide her child, she made a basket—a basket to protect her child from the crocodiles of the Nile River. There are many modern day “crocodiles” seeking to devour our children. In this message, Pastor reveals the practical elements of making a basket to protect and strengthen your family from the “crocodile” spirit.

11:45 AM Servicio - **Hermano Samuel Ramírez**



“Muéstrame Tu Rostro”

En este mensaje usted conocerá lo grande y profundo que es el amor de Dios por su iglesia y como él anhela continuamente mantener una cercanía muy íntima con sus redimidos y con todo el mundo por el cual Él dio su vida en la cruz del calvario.

PM Service - **Encounter Prayer Service / Servicio Oración Encuentro**

“Encounter With God, Our Father”

Throughout Scripture God is referred to by many names and images. In this Encounter service, we will focus on God as our Father. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus referred to God as Father. As our Father, we are able to have an intimate close relationship with Him. Experience God’s love and closeness as we encounter our Father.



Encuentro Con Dios, Nuestro Padre

A través de la escritura a Dios se le ha referido con muchos nombres. En este servicio nos enfocaremos en Dios el Padre. Cuando los discípulos le preguntaron cómo orar, Jesús se refirió a Dios como su Padre. Como nuestro Padre nosotros podemos tener una relación íntima con Él. Experimente el amor de Dios y su cercanía al encontrarnos con nuestro Padre.

Sunday, February 12th:

10 AM Service - “Sharpening Your Marriage and Family”

“Afilando Tu Matrimonio y Familia”



“What Does God Say About Marriage?”

We are living in a time in history when marriage is portrayed as an ancient, useless institution. Pastor challenges this misconception by reminding us marriage represents a divine covenant entered into by one man and one woman. It remains an institution ordained by God.

“¿Qué es lo Que Dios Dice de la Familia?”

Estamos viviendo en un tiempo en la historia, cuando el matrimonio es presentado como una institución un pacto divino en el cual entran un hombre y una mujer y permanece hasta ahora como una institución ordenada por Dios.

Sunday, February 12th:

PM Service - **“Courageous” Men’s Event / “Courageous” Evento de los Hombres**



Men, this is a great ministry opportunity to bring your family and friends to “COURAGEOUS”.

When tragedy strikes, four police officers struggle with their faith and roles as husbands and fathers. Together, they make a decision which changes all of their lives.

Fellowship, prepared and served by our ladies, following the service.

Varones esta es una gran oportunidad para ministrar y poder traer a tu familia y amigos para “COURAGEOUS”.

Cuando la tragedia pega muy cerca de tu hogar, cuatro oficiales de policía que estaban batallando con su fe en el deber de ser esposos y padres; juntos tomaran una decisión que cambiará todas sus vidas. **(Subtítulos en Español)**

Compañerismo será preparado y servido por las damas después del servicio.

Sunday, February 19th:

AM Services - **“Sharpening Your Marriage and Family” “Afilando Tu Matrimonio y Familia”**

“Are We Losing Our Children?”

Are we losing our children? The book of Nehemiah says that after Jerusalem rebuilt the walls and repopulated, their children married people of foreign gods. Soon they stopped speaking their Hebrew language, instead speaking the language of the people of the heathen gods. They lost their language. It is dangerous when our children quit speaking God’s language, and begin speaking the language of the culture of the day. The only way the next generation will learn to speak God’s language is if we pass down the godly experience we have to them. Through this message, you will be challenged not to allow our children to lose the language of God.

“¿Estaremos perdiendo a nuestros hijos?”

¿Estaremos perdiendo a nuestros hijos? Nehemías dijo después de reconstruir las murallas de Jerusalén y que se repoblaron, sus hijos se casaron con gentes que tenían otros dioses. Pronto dejaron de hablar su lengua hebrea y comenzaron hablar las lenguas de la gente que tenía otros dioses. Ellos perdieron su lenguaje. Es muy peligroso cuando nuestros hijos dejan de hablar el lenguaje de Dios y comienzan hablar el lenguaje de la cultura de hoy. De la única manera que la próxima generación aprenderá y hablara el lenguaje de Dios es que nosotros les pasemos la experiencia que nosotros hemos tenido en Dios. A través de este mensaje le desafiare a que no permitamos que nuestros hijos pierdan el lenguaje de Dios.



PM Service - Ladies Service - Reverend Tina Richardson

“Dream the Impossible Dream”

God’s Word tells us of people who dreamed dreams that to many people seemed impossible and improbable. Joseph’s dreams and interpretations, at first, caused him to be sold into slavery by his brothers. Yet, years later, he was Pharaoh’s right hand man. Gideon was surrounded by the Midianite army when he dreamed a cake of barley bread fell into their camp and smote them. Realizing it was a dream from the Lord, he arose and conquered the Midianites. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, asking “. . . *What shall I give thee?*” Solomon received wisdom beyond his years. Is there something you dream - a dream you think is impossible? Jeremiah 32:17 says, “*There is nothing too hard for thee.*” Jesus said in Matthew 17:20 that if we have faith the size of a mustard grain . . . nothing shall be impossible. Join us for this special service as the ladies of Valley Hi come together for an evening of powerful worship, anointed ministry of the Word, and fellowship with our girlfriends immediately following the service.



Sunday, February 26th:

10, 11:45 AM & 6 PM Services - **“Committed” Missions Convention**
“Comprometidos” Convención de Misiones

The theme for 2012 missions is *“Committed” - - To Pray, To Give, To Go.* Valley Hi, let's join together and do our part. Our 2012 missions project offering is helping to build a church in India.

El tema para el 2012 de misiones es *“Comprometidos” - - para orar, dar, ir.* Valley Hi unámonos y hagamos nuestra parte. Nuestro ofrenda para el proyecto misiones 2012 - ayuda equipar la iglesia en India.



Guest Speaker: Reverend Chad Germany ***Predicador Invitado: Reverendo Chad Germany***

Missionary Chad Germany will be the guest speaker for this year's Missions Convention. Chad and his wife, Angela, are Assembly of God World Missionaries to North India. The Germany's have spent over 11 years planting churches all across India. They have directly helped plant 8 churches. Currently, Chad is fulfilling a 4-year term as the Director of World Ministries at Southwestern Assembly of God University. He is responsible for training and preparing a new generation of missionaries.

El misionero Chad Germany será nuestro predicador invitado para este año en nuestra Convención de Misiones. Chad y su esposa Ángela son misioneros de las Asambleas de Dios al Norte de la India. Los Hermanos Germany han estado por más de 11 años plantando Iglesias en toda la India. Ellos directamente han plantado 8 iglesias. En este momento Chad esta cumpliendo un termino de 4 años como Director de Misiones Mundiales en la Universidad del Suroeste de las Asambleas de Dios. Su trabajo es de entrenar y preparar a la nueva generación de misioneros.



Valley Hi Creative Arts Ministries

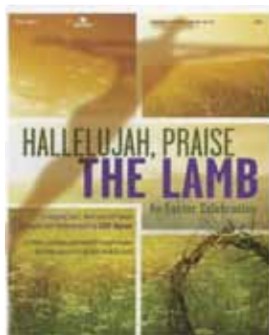
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HALLELUJAH, PRAISE THE LAMB

A Multimedia Easter Production

Friday, April 6, 7:00 P.M. and
Sunday, April 8, 10 & 11:45 A.M.

If you are interested in being part of the Easter Production, we have crowd scenes, non speaking cast, and set up / tear down crew openings. To volunteer, contact Pastor David at 210-674-6784.



Van Ministry Safety Training **Sunday, February 5TH, 6 P.M.**

All van drivers are required by the church's insurance company to complete van driver safety training. Training will be held Sunday, February 5th at 6 p.m. in the Hispanic Ministries Room. Bring your current drivers license, as we need to update our records.

PRIME TIMERS

Fellowship Group for ages "50" ish and up

Breakfast Fellowship

Tuesday, February 7, 9 A.M.

at Cracker Barrel Restaurant

(located on Loop 410 at Hwy 151)

Save the Date

Game Day Fellowship

Tuesday, February 21, 11 A.M.

Adult



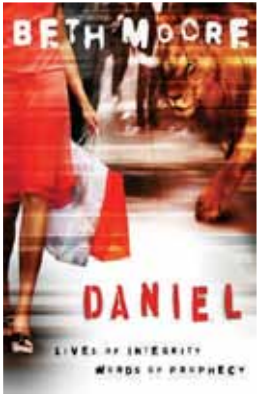
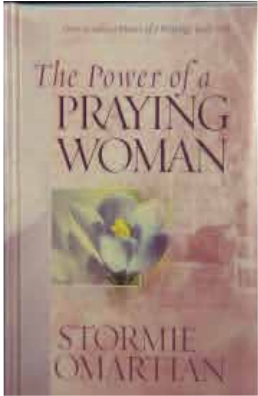
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Wednesdays

Ladies Bible Study

We begin a new journey on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. We will study Stormie Omartian's *The Power of a Praying Woman*. Stormie is the author of several books relating to the power of prayer. Women wanting a strong and fruitful prayer life will find the means to that end in Stormie's book written for the feminine heart. Stormie uses personal illustrations, carefully selected Scriptures, and heartfelt prayers to help women:

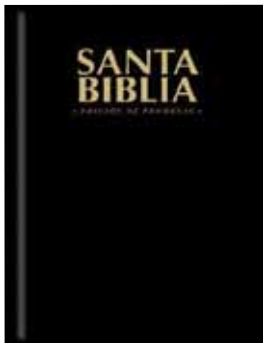
- develop a vision for their future;
- avoid a pray-and-run existence; and
- find wholeness and completeness in God's embrace.

Join us as we learn how to increase our prayer life and receive power to not only repel the enemy but to strengthen our daily walk with the Lord. Ladies Bible Study meets in the Multi-purpose Chapel.



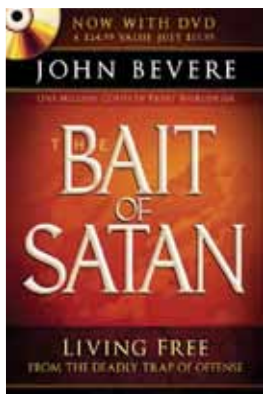
El estudio se presenta en dos partes. La primera porción (Daniel 1-6), con un énfasis en Vidas de Integridad, trata con la vida de profeta y es extremadamente contemporáneo. La segunda parte del estudio (Daniel 7-12) explora de manera profunda detalles históricos, predicciones y sus cumplimientos, con una historia detallada desde los tiempos de Daniel, a través del período intertestamentario, la época de Jesús y hasta la segunda venida de Cristo. Señoras estudio de la Biblia se reúne en la sala de Ministerios Hispánicos.

Estudio Bíblico Varonil en Español



Acompañenos para gozar de un tiempo de adoración y que podamos animarnos juntos al estudiar la palabra de Dios. Aprenderemos a ser obedientes a la palabra del Señor al caminar en el camino estrecho. Y entregarnos a Dios en espíritu y en verdad y así acercarnos al y conocerle mas íntimamente a El.

Adult Bible Study



Are you ensnared by bitterness? Seized by anger? Held captive by resentment because someone has offended you? Join Pastor Terry for the multimedia study of *The Bait of Satan*. This study will help you escape the enemy's "offensive trap," as well as empower you to stay free of offense. Being free of offense enables you to have an unhindered relationship with God. Pastor Terry's study meets in the Sanctuary.



Spark Kidz Series Continues

Deal With It



**Sundays at
10 & 11:45 AM**

Deal With It series tackles ten BIG issues and problems kids face every single day. Each week in Kidz Church, we will take one of the issues and learn how to “deal with it”. Not just in our way, but the BIBLE WAY.

February 5th: Under Pressure (Stress)

January 15th: All By Myself (Loneliness)

January 22nd: Attitude Adjustment (Bad Attitude)

January 29th: You Make Me Mad (Anger)

Ministry Opportunity



Are you looking for a place in ministry? Consider investing in the lives of future Women of God. Our Girls Ministries department needs teachers and teacher’s helpers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Monica Lozano at 361-249-821.



San Antonio Section Pinewood Rally

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.
Opening Ceremonies: 9:40 A.M.
Location: Valley Hi Gym
Cost: \$6.00 Per Registered Car

Calling All SPARK KIDZ!!!

We want you to participate in this year’s Pinewood Derby Race! Join us for a fun day of racing and fellowship. Will you have the *fastest* car this year? Will our church have the most cars? Trophies will be awarded in each age group.



Fine Arts Fundraiser



Stop by the table in the foyer and pre order carnations and chocolate covered strawberries for the “ladies” in your life. Orders available for pick up in the foyer **Sunday, February 12th**. Proceeds will help with Fine Arts students expenses.



Fine Arts Evaluations Sunday, February 5th, 6 P.M. Multi-Purpose Chapel

All youth participating in the Fine Arts Festival (human video group or vocal soloist) are required to attend.

Summer Youth Camp Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29 Cost: \$150.00

(\$75.00 Registration fee due Friday, March 9th - After March 9th cost increases to \$160.00)



Already planning your summer? Make sure to add *summer camp to your list*. We will join youth from all over South Texas for a week of fun, excitement and spiritual growth. Register ASAP, as camp fills up fast and you do not want to be left out! For more information, contact Pastor Jason at 210-487-9723.



BLAZE YOUNG ADULTS

Mid-Week Service

Wednesdays 7:00P.M. - in the BLAZE Room



Join us in a relaxed open forum atmosphere as we come together for a time of worship, and discussing the topic of Overcoming Evil in the Last Days. Author Rick Joyner gives insight into how to uncover and defeat evil, which pervades our culture. As the gates of hell unleash their fiendish fury against the soul of man, we as Christians must be prepared attack, defend and defeat evil.



I AM Second

Mondays 7:00 P.M. - in the BLAZE Room

Challenging all young adults to join us for Am Second - a movement to encourage and inspire young adults to live for God. You will gain confidence in your faith and grow in your walk with God. We hope to see you there!

For more information on Blaze Young Adults, contact Paul Watson at 210-379-7421.

Men's Basketball League

Interested in playing? Contact Frank Serros at 210-535-5307. Practices are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.



MUST BE
AT LEAST
16 YEARS OLD
TO PARTICIPATE



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Saturday, February 18th, 9 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

For information contact:
Steve Colman at 210-316-8659

Marriage Restored Weekend

February 24 - February 26, 2012
Oklahoma City, OK

Is your marriage lacking something? Have you lost the closeness you had when you first said "I do"? Are you concerned about the ability of your marriage to survive? Do you experience hurt and anger toward your spouse? If you answered yes to any of these questions - - this weekend is for you!!

A weekend away from home, family, responsibilities in a comfortable, secluded environment, where couples are guided in the discovery of a new way of communication that will help them know each other better.

An Assemblies of God ministry based on the belief that the marriage relationship is the most significant, most intimate relationship on earth.

To register or for more information call toll free 1-877-844-2262 or email: officeofmarriagerestored.com

Your marriage is worth it!



FROM THE CREATORS OF
FIREPROOF

COURAGEOUS

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME



SUNDAY , FEBRUARY 12, 6 P.M.

February 2012

Valley Hi Assembly of God Church

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