

Living Water Fellowship

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THE GREATEST OF THESE A message from Pastor Doug Dragan

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Pastor Doug & Nathalie Dragan

1 Corinthians 13:13 says; Now these three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Why is love the greatest of these? When we get "infused" with God's love, when He pours out, or gushes out His love over us, we should feel compelled to share and show that love to others. John 13:34 & 35 says that people will know you are a follower of Jesus Christ because of the love you show them. That love can be shown in many different ways like: our totally free car wash, going to the streets to minister to the homeless, cooking dinner for an ill neighbor, being kind to your spouse after they've been not so nice to you. Love can be shown by a husband when he does the dishes or a teenager when they not only clean their room but they KEEP it clean! We know that **faith is extremely important** in our Christian walk. We know we need to exercise our faith, build up our faith, walk by faith, and God will reward our faith in Him. We also know that **hope is very important** in our lives. Hope is the anchor of our souls. Hope is the thing to which we cling to when we need assurance. Hope helps us to use our faith to believe that everything will be ok. **Why is love the greatest of these?** In one sense faith and hope shall be done away, faith being superseded by sight, and hope by actual fruition and because love alone never fails.

Hope looks to future happiness, and waits for it. In heaven, faith will be completed, because we will see Him face to face. Hope will be completed in the sheer enjoyment of being in His presence. **There will be no room to believe and hope, when we see and enjoy.** But in heaven, love will be made perfect. There we will perfectly love God. And there we will perfectly love one another. God is love. Where God is to be seen as He is, and face to face, there love is in its greatest height and there only will it be perfected. It's not that faith and hope are done away with, because the scriptures say that these three remain, but that they are brought to completion and no longer needed. Jesus becomes our faith and hope, and since 1 John 4:18 says God is love, it is the only one of the three that is still active because it is the very nature of God.

One of the ways LWF shows God's love is through missions and church planting. We support various missionaries from time to time, but most of our efforts have been concentrated on the soup kitchen/children's home started in 2006. (Go to www.handsofloveonline.com for more info) We also planted our first church that year in the same town as the soup kitchen in Comarapa, Bolivia. Both ministries are growing and blessing the community. On our recent trip to Bolivia we had the privilege of attending a service at our church plant, Iglesia Agua de Viva, or Church of the Living Water. The church meets in the soup kitchen. Over 100 were in attendance with over 60 being children. Many people are being saved and water baptized and are growing in their faith. We thank God. We are blessed to be able to be a part of these ministries. Below are two pictures of the service we attended.



CHURCH NEWS

In August, our church got together at Shared Acres Farm in Clinton for our annual church picnic. We served a great mix of covered dishes, as well as hamburgers and hotdogs - hot off the grill. The kids had free reign of the farm, including feeding the horses and chickens. At dusk we all sat around and watched "Night at the Museum" on a 10 ft. screen. It was a blessed day of fellowship. (See picture below left)



MINISTRY UPDATES

No Walls Ministry- We continue to minister to the homeless of Pittsburgh. Once a month we provide a meal for as many as 50 people. We also have several people who walk the streets Friday nights providing food, fellowship, prayer and hope to the homeless. If you are interested in more information on this wonderful ministry go to www.nowallspgh.com.

Children's Ministry- Our children are currently learning what the fruits of the Spirit are and how those fruits can be a part of their lives.

RAPIDS Youth Ministry- The teens of LWF are being blessed by the Lord as they grow in faith and unity. They are also studying Joyce Meyer's Battlefield of the Mind on Thursday nights.

Military Outreach / Servant Evangelism – We are currently accepting names for our Military Ministry. If you have a friend or relative you would like to be "adopted" by LWF please notify the church. We recently held our 4th annual "Totally Free Car Wash" at the Super K-Mart in Moon Township. Many cars were washed and several people were prayed for. God is good! (See the photo above right)

Missions- Our mission trip to Bolivia was very successful. Pastor Gary and Pastor Doug helped complete several projects, including a professional size concrete basketball court. (See middle picture above) Pastor Doug was able to bless the children of the soup kitchen with 100 articles of clothing which were donated by several sources. Many awesome testimonies came from the trip.

PRAISE REPORTS! Several people we have been praying for to be healed from cancer have been given a clean bill of health. We rejoice with them and give God all the glory!

Upcoming Events

Bible Study - Every Thursday evening at 7 pm we meet for a Bible Study. Both the adults and teens are working through Joyce Meyer's Battlefield of the Mind

Hallelujah / Movie Night - Thursday, October 29

Friend Day / Steelers Day - Sunday, November 15

We currently meet at Grace Church.

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Sunday mornings 9:00 AM coffee & fellowship - 9:30 AM service

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Come join us!