

Welcome to: First Assembly of God

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Theme for 2019

Receiving Life and Abundance of Life—John 10:10

Schedule of Services

Morning Worship Service	..10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:30 P.M.
Midweek Worship Service: Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
Youth Ministry: Wednesday	6:30 P.M.
All Church Prayer Gatherings: Fridays	7:00 P.M.
Day of Fasting and Prayer: Last Friday of the month	7:00 P.M.
Men's Fellowship & Brunch: 1 st Saturday of the month	9:30 A.M.
Women's Fellowship & Breakfast: 2 nd Saturday of the month	9:00 A.M.

Welcome to all visitors today. Please be sure to sign the Guest book in the foyer, including your name, address and phone number. Let us anticipate His touch upon us today as we enter into worship and seek His presence.

Second Offering: Food Ministry

COMMUNION SERVICE

Let us prepare our hearts to partake of Holy Communion.

I Cor. 11:23-32

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY—SATURDAYS 2-4 P.M.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who labor for the Lord on many levels and make this ministry possible and effective for the glory of God. And, special thanks to Bro. Baby and Sis. Barbara. Also thanks to many who help to financially support this ministry.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE—6:30 pm

Pastor Abraham will be ministering the Word this evening.

Note: Pastor Abraham is available on Tuesdays from 4—7 PM at the church office for consultation, personal spiritual counseling and prayer. **Please call in advance for an appointment.** Other times are available, if this time is not conducive to your schedule..

REFLECTIONS FROM THE WEEK

Special thanks to Sis Thelma for making the beautiful floral arrangements.

Friday Evening Prayer was a wonderful time of worship and prayer. Thank you Bro. Jean for sharing a timely message on *“Trusting in the Lord and doing good, to dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness and Delight yourself also in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of your heart.”* Ps. 37: 3-4

HAVE YOU HEARD

In Case of Weather Related Cancellation of Services: We will do our best to contact you through text messages/calls or emails regarding cancellation of services in case of adverse weather. The information will also be broadcast through TV Channels 6,8 & 13. **(If you would like to be included on a text message or e-mail call list, please send your phone number or e-mail address to Sis Sue at sduran48@aol.com and she will include your name on the list.)**

A Happy Birthday/Anniversary—Are there any birthdays or anniversaries this week?

Mid-Week Worship Service, & Youth Ministry — Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Rev. Jim Duran is teaching a Bible study. Continue to keep our youth and Sis. Jamie and Bro. Bila in prayer. **Youth Group starts at 6:30 pm.**

Day of Fasting & Prayer: Friday, February 22nd. Three sessions 10 AM-12 PM, 2-4 PM, 7 PM & All Night Prayer. God's people are urged to set apart this day and attend at least one session, seeking God for the Church, families, ministries and the city, that God will do great things in our midst. Thank you for your anticipated faithfulness.

THOSE WHO NEED YOUR INTERCESSION: Sis. Molly & Pastor Abraham, Bro. Mitchell, Sis. Valarie, Sis. Mabel, Sis. Millie, Bro. Louie, Bro. Don and Sis. Cheryl Gray (Norway, ME) Bro. David & Donna May, Pastor & Sis. Samuel, Unsaved Family members, for our Pastor as he equips us to do the work of the ministry. The Youth Ministry & Sis. Jamie. For laborers to be sent into the harvest, all those who come to the Lord.

TAPES & CD's—of the Sunday Services are available for \$3.00. If you are unable to attend the services, please see Sis Peggy Hurley to order a tape so you can listen and be in the same mind of what the Lord is doing among us.

How can the church achieve a true, biblical unity?"

The Bible underscores the importance of “unity” and “oneness.” Unity with others is “good” and “pleasant” ([Psalm 133:1](#)). Unity is absolutely essential because the church is the “body of Christ” ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#)), and a body cannot be in disunity or disharmony with itself. If disunity occurs, it essentially ceases to be a body and becomes a disjointed group of individuals. Jesus’ plan for His church is people unified in the faith.

The secret to unity begins with how we view ourselves within the body and how we view others. The key verse that addresses this is [Philippians 2:3](#): “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” All disunity in a church can be traced back to the simple truth that too often we act selfishly and consider ourselves better than others. Paul goes on to explain further in the following verse: “Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Paul tells us that we are to consider others’ needs before our own. In all modesty, humility and lowliness of mind, we are to “be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” ([Ephesians 4:2](#)). A church filled with such people cannot help but have peace, unity and harmony. The truly humble person sees his own faults in light of the perfections of Christ; he does not seek to see the faults of others, but when he does, he speaks the truth in love and desires their sanctification so they will be built up in the image of Christ. He sees his own heart and the corruption that lies hidden there, along with impure motives and evil ambitions. But he does not seek to notice the errors, defects, and follies of others. He sees the depravity of his own heart and hopes charitably in the goodness of others and believes their hearts are more pure than his.

Most importantly, as Christians, we are to see one another in the light of the cross. Fellow Christians are those for whom Christ died a horrible and painful death so that He might exchange His righteous perfection for their sin ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)). How can we not extend to them the love, compassion, and grace of our heavenly Father? How can we demean, criticize, and defame those covered with the precious blood of Christ? Were we not slaves to sin when He called us, hopelessly lost, dead in our own transgressions and sins ([Ephesians 2:1](#))? But we are now slaves of Christ, slaves to righteousness, and as slaves of the Master, the task before us is not to quarrel and demand our needs be met but to reflect His grace and love to those who are also His by His mercy. A church full of such people enjoying their “common salvation” will be a true, biblical church unified in, and earnestly contending for, the “faith once delivered to the saints” ([Jude 1:3](#)).

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