

# Welcome to: First Assembly of God

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## February 3, 2019

### Theme for 2019

#### Receiving Life and Abundance of Life—John 10:10

### Schedule of Services

Morning Worship Services

1st Service: 9:45 A.M.

2nd Service: 11:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:30 P.M.

Midweek Worship Service: Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Youth Ministry: Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

Prayer Gathering: Thursdays 6:00 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<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 9:30 A.M.

Women's Fellowship & Breakfast: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Property Fund**

## COMMUNION SERVICE (both services)

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

**Please remember** Sis. Pam Smith who lost her Aunt recently and has flown to Georgia for the funeral. God's comfort upon our Sis Pam and the rest of the family members.

**We thank the Lord** for His mighty hand of protection upon us throughout the very cold days. Please continue to pray for one another throughout the remaining season.

**Men's Fellowship:** Great time of fellowship. Thanks to all who attended. Thank you so much Bro. & Sis. Mathew & Sis. Hazel for preparing the delicious lunch for Men's fellowship. God bless you.

## HAVE YOU HEARD

**Sunday Morning Services—Just So That Everyone Knows:** We are planning on consolidating the two Sunday morning services into one service for the sake of efficiency, togetherness of the people of God and Bible teaching time for all the children in our congregation. The Lord willing, we will have **ONE SERVICE** starting **February 17, 2019 at 10.00 AM.** Soon after the Worship, the children's church will be dispersed so that there will be room for the adults in the sanctuary. This will also provide enough time to teach our children the truth of the Word of God. Please continue to pray for this change and be prepared. Thank you very much for your anticipated prayer partnership.

**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 other 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.**

**Intercessory Prayer Gathering—Thursday evenings @ 6 PM** Everyone within our church body is encouraged to attend this time of prevailing prayer for our community.

**Women's Bible Study**—Meets every other Thursday @ 1 PM. We plan to meet at Sis Sue Duran's (712-5121) home this Thursday, February 7th, 105 Harris Avenue, Portland. We are currently doing a book study on "Healing the Soul of a Woman" (How to Overcome Your Emotional Wounds) by Joyce Meyer. **Ladies, be sure to read Chapters 13 & 14.** This study is led by Sis. Jamie.

**All Church Prayer Gathering—Friday evenings @7:00 PM.** Led by Bro. Jean Kabwe and Sis. Barbara Mathew.

**Women's Fellowship & Breakfast**—Saturday, February 9th @9:00 AM—All ladies are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and encouragement with one another.

**THOSE WHO NEED YOUR INTERCESSION:** Bro. Mitchell, Sis. Mabel, Sis. Millie, Sis. Bethany, 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.

## Question: "What does the Bible say about fear?"

**Answer:** The Bible mentions two specific types of fear. The first type is beneficial and is to be encouraged. The second type is a detriment and is to be overcome. The first type of fear is fear of the Lord. This type of fear does not necessarily mean to be afraid of something. Rather, it is a reverential awe of God; a reverence for His power and glory. However, it is also a proper respect for His wrath and anger. In other words, the fear of the Lord is a total acknowledgement of all that God is, which comes through knowing Him and His attributes.

Fear of the Lord brings with it many blessings and benefits. It is the beginning of wisdom and leads to good understanding ([Psalm 111:10](#)). Only fools despise wisdom and discipline ([Proverbs 1:7](#)). Furthermore, fear of the Lord leads to life, rest, peace, and contentment ([Proverbs 19:23](#)). It is the fountain and life ([Proverbs 14:27](#)) and provides a security and a place of safety for us ([Proverbs 14:26](#)).

Thus, one can see how fearing God should be encouraged. However, the second type of fear mentioned in the Bible is not beneficial at all. This is the "spirit of fear" mentioned in [2 Timothy 1:7](#): "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (NKJV). A spirit of fearfulness and timidity does not come from God.

However, sometimes we are afraid, sometimes this "spirit of fear" overcomes us, and to overcome it we need to trust in and love God completely. "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love" ([1 John 4:18](#)). No one is perfect, and God knows this. That is why He has liberally sprinkled encouragement against fear throughout the Bible. Beginning in the book of Genesis and continuing throughout the book of Revelation, God reminds us to "Fear not."

For example, [Isaiah 41:10](#) encourages us, "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Often we fear the future and what will become of us. But Jesus reminds us that God cares for the birds of the air, so how much more will He provide for His children? "So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" ([Matthew 10:31](#)). Just these few verses cover many different types of fear. God tells us not to be afraid of being alone, of being too weak, of not being heard, and of lacking physical necessities. These admonishments continue throughout the Bible, covering the many different aspects of the "spirit of fear."

In [Psalm 56:11](#) the psalmist writes, "In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" This is an awesome testimony to the power of trusting in God. Regardless of what happens, the psalmist will trust in God because he knows and understands the power of God. The key to overcoming fear, then, is total and complete trust in God. Trusting God is a refusal to give in to fear. It is a turning to God even in the darkest times and trusting Him to make things right. This trust comes from knowing God and knowing that He is good. As Job said when he was experiencing some of the most difficult trials recorded in the Bible, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" ([Job 13:15 NKJV](#)).

Once we have learned to put our trust in God, we will no longer be afraid of the things that come against us. We will be like the psalmist who said with confidence "...let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you" ([Psalm 5:11](#)).

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