## Father's House Fellowship

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December 9, 2018

Monday Prayer Meeting 12:00PM

Sunday Worship

Sunday School 9:45
11:00 A.M. (nursery available)

Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 P.M. (nursery available)

Youth Night

Friday, 7:00 P.M.

Sermon
Pastor Phil Noel

## Announcements

Food collection for Bread of Life Missions
Church work day Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 8AM-12PM
Christmas Service Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00AM
(There will be no Sunday school December 23<sup>rd</sup>)
New Year's Eve Fellowship Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30PM

## Prayer Requests

Cadee Rockwell, Bill McGinley, Roseanne Sollecito, Asena & Shasta Mott, Kate, Michael, & Darina Hoffman, Mollie DeGiovine, Mary Kay, Margret Ferraris, David Polimeni, Jennifer Yang, Connie McGinley, Reginal Lafortune, Penny, Deborah, John Gould, Juan Guerra, Elsa & Alberto Weissfisch, Josh Williams, Nelson Borerro, Grace Maltese, Nadia, Neal Calello, Linda, Todd, Lonna Russo, Louise Carbanaro, Jonathan Russo, Emmanuel Numa, Christopher Hazard, Miss Barbara, Stephanie Allen, Alyssa, Eddy & mother, Jackie, Cindy, Stephanie, Marissa, Kaylan, Doretta Rockwell, David Merigold, William S. Hazard, Nicole Gould, Pam McKeggan, Joe Brown, Lydia K., Steven Genik, David Herbert, James Douglas, Dakota Jones, Nayara Arroyo, Malcolm & Emily, Tracey Trost, Sharon Eisele & family, Bob, Terry Soto, Serayah Allen, Matthew Brooks, Lisa Henderson & family, Jerry Donnelly, Eric Carbanaro, Mickey McPherson,

Soldiers serving our country – Sean Johnson, Elijah Noel, Lepskey Nore, Sean Holy, Andrew Smith, Ronnie Fray, Matthew McAlpine, Emily Starbird, Jeremiah Slack

Please our missions in your prayers Shepherd's Flock, New Missions (Haiti and the Dominican Republic), and HOE Ministries

## Healing Scripture

Ephesians 2:8, 9

For by grace are you saved\* though faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

\*Saved (salvation) in the Greek and Hebrew imply the ideas of present deliverance, safety, preservation, healing and soundness, wholeness. It is the great inclusive word of the Gospel of the Kingdom, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The fact that God became man to save man is extraordinary. Everywhere songs are being sung during Christmas declaring the birth of Jesus, yet many have not allowed Jesus, the Word, to be planted in their heart. Before the world was, Jesus existed, He was part of the divine trinity. God's plan to establish a new covenant with man from Law to grace required something supernatural, and that was the Word being born in the flesh. But that was not enough, Jesus also had to die to reconcile man to God. Man on his own could never fellowship with God because of his fallen nature. God kept speaking His Word into this world through His prophets leaving a trail pointing to Jesus since Adam and Eve. Unfortunately, many have heard the Christmas story of Jesus' birth but never understood that Jesus was and is the Word. Every believer needs the whole counsel of God which means reading, learning, and living the Bible. God has put teachers in the body of Christ but it is still up to each individual to study and know the Bible on their own. When you plant the Word of God in your heart you receive grace and the truth of who God is. God loves you more than you will ever know, but He will never force you to receive the wisdom and knowledge of His word. What hinders most Christians in their walk with God is not knowing their Creator through His word. We would prefer to be spoon fed and let someone else study and learn for us. Then when we come to church or Bible class we listen to what someone else had a revelation about, but it is not our own unless the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to the truth. Christ could return at any time. Are you ready? The baby born in the manger took place 2,000 years ago. There has been revival after revival in our nation and the world, preparing the church for the second coming of Christ. We must be careful not to be stagnate looking back to the past when we should be preparing for the future. Like the ten virgins spoken about in Matthew, five were ready for the bridegroom, and five weren't. It is up to each of us to prepare and be sure our lamp is filled with oil. That will happen when your relationship with God is the most important thing in the world, and you are full of the spirit and life of His Word. Judy Onofri