

"Leading people into the presence, power and promises of God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Memory Verse:

"As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises..."

- 2 Peter 1:3



Pastor Wayne and Marian Holbrook



All Things Divine In 2009!

Happy New Year New Life family and friends. Marian and I trust that you had a wonderful Christmas filled with God's peace, His presence, and His promises! Well, 2008 is now history. It was an amazing year in "God's Glory" and we thank the Lord for your continued partnership and faithful prayers for New Life and for us personally. God continues to show and demonstrate Himself faithful and strong in our behalf. His love never fails!

In prayer and preparation for the year 2009, the Lord has birthed within my spirit a "word in season" for all of us corporately and individually. The banner statement for this year is "ALL THINGS DIVINE IN 2009." Church, this is going to be the best year ever, so let's raise our level of faith to a place it has not been before.

Our prayer and our focus of faith for you and your family in this New Year is taken from 2 Peter 1:1-4, "To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God

and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

In short, the above reference highlights how precious and valuable our faith is. Thank God for His amazing grace and the gift of eternal life obtained in Christ Jesus. Further, we discover that God has equipped and empowered us to live a victorious and overcoming Christian life in spite of all the corruption that we see in our present world. Simply stated, **God has promised to give us all the things we need to succeed in life.**

Peter's letter was written to give instruction and exhortation to believer's who were facing

opposition from the world. His concerns during the time of his writing are also the same concerns of the contemporary church of today as it counteracts worldliness, humanistic philosophy and the pressures of life. Obviously, we are seeing an increase in darkness all around us. However, they are just signs of the end times. Don't be discouraged; rather be encouraged because Jesus' return and the rapture of the church is imminent and soon approaching!

Now is not the time to give in to the pressures and problems that we face. Now is the time to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness with bold and abiding faith. Jesus said in John 16:33, "In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." As God's children, we too are overcomers in this present world. He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ so we must be steadfast, immovable and find ourselves always abounding in the work of the Lord. Moreover, it is your Father's good

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-- PW

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pleasure to give you the kingdom. Righteousness; peace and joy belong to you!

Church, it is the willing and the obedient that shall eat the good of the land. Therefore, shout out your doubt, launch an attack on lack and remove failure and defeat from your vocabulary! Renew your mind in the Word of God and call those things that are not as though they are. Watch how the Lord will turn your setbacks into comebacks. He wants to take you from a place of brokenness to wholeness, from poverty to prosperity, from sickness to divine health, from despair to a place that He has destined for you. Yes, that's our God! He wants the absolute best for us and when we put our trust in Him all things become possible. **Our God cannot and will not fail...ever!**

The Lord has promised in the last days that His glory – His manifest presence and power – will rise upon us and will be seen by all those who live in darkness (Isaiah 60). Remember, the darker the night, the brighter the light! We are the salt of the earth and we are the light to a world living in darkness. **So, let it shine in 2009!**

Again, Peter's letter brings such encouragement in times of distress. He outlines several of the blessings of the Lord that result in a complete transformation of our lives. In this New Year, we can

expect a *multiplication* of God's *grace* and *peace* through the knowledge of His will and word. This knowledge means more of God's ability, more of His divine favor and more of His peace in our life. The word "*knowledge*" refers not only to an intellectual perception and understanding, but it speaks of an actual experience of God and Christ that results in spiritual and moral transformation. God wants us to experience a multiplication of the above in every arena of life!

In addition, He has given us "*divine power*" for **all things** that pertain to life and godliness. All that is within God's kingdom and authority has been made available to us. His unending resources include miraculous ability, salvation, forgiveness, healing, provision, His righteousness and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are designed for the believer to live in the fullness of His strength and blessing.

Too often we are trapped by the lies of the devil and we are consumed with "all things that pertain to life and godliness." We attempt to solve all the problems in our own strength, we choose to carry the cares and burdens, and we condemn ourselves for not measuring up and giving in to sin. This is not God's plan. Church, old things are passed away, behold all things have become new! It's a new year so put your failures behind you and find

freedom and liberty through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

It is the splendor and majesty found in Jesus which allows us to come into the fullness of our calling. We are appointed and anointed; we are equipped and empowered by God's glory and virtue. He has given to us "*exceedingly great and precious promises.*" All these promises are designed and intended to enable us to be partakers of His divine nature. Let us not forget that we are created in God's image and in His likeness (nature). And, the very first act of God towards mankind was the pronouncement of His blessing. He declared that **we** are to be fruitful; that **we** are to subdue the earth and that **we** are to have dominion over all. Hallelujah! This is part of our divine inheritance and part of our calling in life.

When we receive His promises, we receive His divine nature! In these last days, God is restoring to His children His original intent for mankind, to have and to behold His divine power and His divine nature. The righteous shall NEVER be forsaken. For all of the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him amen, to the glory of God through us! **We** have both a future and a hope. **We** are the ones that will be favored and blessed in the midst of recession. **We** are the ones who will be blessed exceedingly and

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abundantly above all that we ask or think. Church, we are the ones who will escape the corruption of the world.

In conclusion, we must understand that this will not happen automatically. In order for the banner of "All Things Divine In 2009" to come to pass we must play an active role and make sure our passions and our priorities in life are centered in Christ. Here's the plan.

Daily, we must purpose to praise and worship the Lord. Daily, we must partake of God's Word with a hunger and a thirst that only He can quench. Daily, we must pursue the advancement of His kingdom through prayer. And, daily we must possess His divine power and nature for all things that pertain to life and godliness! As we do, so shall His Word come to pass!

- Pastor Wayne

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REV. JOHN GEORGE

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REV. JOHN GEORGE

Known for his heart to reach people, Rev. John George has established a variety of ministries aimed at strengthening the believer. Before pastoring, he served for over two decades in Christian education, youth ministry and as an international evangelist. He and his wife, Darlene, faithfully served in two local churches for over 12 years in various ministry positions.

Having traveled extensively across the U.S., Canada and abroad for over 20 years, John and Darlene impart a spirit of faith, prosperity, leadership and spiritual renewal in their teachings. John has personally trained thousands of church leaders from over 50 countries around the world. He has been on Christian TV and radio, published numerous articles, handbooks and teaching series.

Their heart is to raise up laborers for the harvest who are grounded both in the Word of God and the move of His Spirit. Many have testified to healing, deliverance, and life-changing experiences through this Spirit-anointed and prophetic ministry.

John is a graduate of RHEMA Bible Training Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He and Darlene have been married 28 years and have two adult children and two grandsons.

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Where Is Your Secret Place?

One of the songs we sing here at New Life, "In The Secret," has these lyrics:

*In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You; 'cause I want to know You more
I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice; I want to know You more!*

Psalm 91:1-3 says, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty!"

What is this secret, quiet place? To borrow a line from "The Matrix," *"No one can be told what it is.....you have to experience it for yourself."* It takes a different shape, form, and structure for each of us in our private relationship with God. Many years ago, when I first put my faith in Jesus, we were taught that we should have a "quiet time" with Him each day. Others call it "devotions" or "prayer time." Whatever you call it, it is vital to your relationship with the Lord.

A friend recently asked me, "How can we keep from becoming like the denominations that began as great revivals, or movements of the Holy Spirit, but now, many years later, the congregations just seem to be 'going through the motions'?" The key to keeping your relationship alive is just that; we must maintain our relationship with the living God, and help our children to have their own passionate relationship with Him; otherwise "religion" becomes dead, as the children and grandchildren continue the rituals and traditions, without the relationship.

Oswald Chambers, in his book "My Utmost for His Highest," puts it like this: "The whole discipline of life is to enable us to enter into this closest relationship with Jesus Christ. We receive His blessings and know His word, but do we know Him?"

Examples from Jesus' life!

Jesus gave us a great example. He spent a great deal of time in secret, quiet places, talking to the Father:

"One day Jesus left the crowds to pray

alone." Luke 9:17

"Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said (to the disciples), 'sit here while I go over there to pray.'" Matthew 26:35-37

If the Son of God needed to spend time alone with our Father, how much more do we?

Where and How?

Where should your secret place be? It should be someplace quiet, of course. Some people have the luxury of having a prayer room, or study, set aside specifically for this purpose, but for most of us, it will probably be a quiet spot in a corner of our homes. The Holy Spirit speaks in a still, small voice, so quiet is essential.

"And when Jesus sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray." Matthew 14:22-24

If you, like Jesus, can go "up on the mountain" or find some other quiet spot outside, that can be wonderful as well. Although I can't go there every day, I have a spot near the ocean where I like to spend time with the Lord.

Each one of us is unique, and each of our relationships with the Lord will reflect that uniqueness. Some of us will spend more time worshipping; some will spend more time studying the bible; and some will spend more time praying. However, when you pray, don't do all the talking; leave some "quiet time" for Him to speak to you!

When?

"Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out....to pray" Mark 1:34

"Oh Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto You." Psalm 5:3

Morning is definitely the best time for a "quiet time," but it's not always practical for everyone. God is, of course, always listening. So any time of day will work. Scripture tells us that Jesus prayed at all different times of the day. In Luke 6, it

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– Paul



What?? It's 2009?! And God Will Make All Things Divine In 2009!!

I am so excited to experience what God has in store for the Kidz' Crew in 2009.

In the month of January we will focus on integrity. God's Word acts like a mirror to show us how to live. And our lessons will focus on the passage from James 1:22-25. What does the Bible show us about God? What are some things the Bible shows us about ourselves and what God wants us to be like? How does the scripture describe someone who has integrity? Someone who is a hypocrite? What are some ways we can show integrity and do what we say? These may be big words, but I believe even as adults we sometimes struggle. So I am excited to be able to share these principles with our kids at a young age.

We all want to be our best for God and want others to trust in what we say. I am blessed to be able to teach your kids how to stand up for Jesus. This world can be heavy for some, but our kids are getting built up in the Word so they can share with their friends that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life!

In February, we will discuss how God loves us in spite of and through our failures. When we confess our sins, God promises to



forgive us and help us make a fresh start. We will camp in Psalm 51 and focus on verses 1-4 and 10-12.

What is the writer of this Psalm asking God to do? How does the writer describe God's forgiveness? What are some situations in which kids your age fail to obey God and need God's forgiveness? When do you need God's help and forgiveness to make a fresh start and obey Him? Wow, just typing all this gets me filled to overflowing with God's presence. We are going to have a good time this quarter! So be sure to grab a friend and get to Kidz' Crew!!

Here are some scriptures that we will be studying:

James 1:22-25 (New Living Translation):

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the Word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you

look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it."

Psalm 51:1-4 (New Living Translation):

"Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you."

Blessings,

- Lisa Potter

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- Lisa



"I was soon filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues."

- David



I was born on a farm in Southwestern Minnesota in 1945. It was a classic "Old McDonald" farm with dairy cattle, beef cattle, pigs, sheep, chickens and horses. I would, on occasion, ride my horse to our one-room schoolhouse where my first grade class consisted of Tom Wass, Kathy Selberg, and myself. I stayed in that school until fourth grade, when it consolidated several times into bigger schools. My folks were dyed-in-the-wool Methodists, and my mom made sure I was in church every Sunday until I graduated from High School in 1963. The only vacation we ever took was when I was 10 years old and my father drove the family out to California to visit my uncle. We went to Disneyland the year it opened, in 1955, and got to see the great Pacific Ocean. As I stood there on this beach in Hermosa Beach, I remember thinking to myself that *some day* I would live in California.

As soon as I graduated from high school, at the ripe age of 17, I joined the Navy to see the world and get far away from the life of a farmer I knew was not for me. I had the choice of being trained to run nuclear subs or find my way onto the river boats in Vietnam. I chose the nuclear subs, staying undersea for 78 days at a time, doing cat and mouse games with Russian subs and continual testing for launching nuclear missiles. Coming up for air and military leave in Spain and the Caribbean islands, I quickly lost my way spiritually.

I left the Navy after seven



years and joined a company that produced medical imaging equipment. It is an industry that has given me a fruitful life that I enjoy to this day. Shortly after the Navy I married, had two beautiful children, and without God in my life, divorced seven years later.

In 1978, I had the opportunity to move to California to lead service operations for a large Japanese-owned medical imaging company. I began to be interested in spiritual things, and in California, I found a whole lot of spiritual paths to choose from. I found myself being drawn into what was called the New Age movement. I learned how to meditate and commune with other spirits. I truly believed that God loved us all and wouldn't turn any away. I would tell others there were many paths to God regardless of what we called Him. I later met a young woman from my company who was on the same path spiritually as I was and thought this was meant to be, and in 1989, Marilyn and I were happily married.

My teenage children, Arik and Allison, moved from Georgia to live with us, and Marilyn put on a heroic effort of being a wife and loving mom. But old patterns soon returned and our marriage began to falter. God, however, had a better plan. Marilyn's sister, Trish, who lived in Washington, began to witness to Marilyn and she

eventually gave her life to Jesus Christ. She began a search for a local church to attend and after several months she found one in Torrance. One month later, on Easter Sunday, 1994, she asked me to attend with her. Being interested in spiritual things, I was keenly aware of the move of The Spirit that day. Returning the next week, I gave my life to The Lord. The power of the Holy Spirit completely dwarfed that of the other spirits I had been communing with. I was soon filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

That began a new chapter in my life. My marriage strengthened and my children followed and gave their lives to The Lord in the years following. I was blessed to meet and get to know an amazing associate pastor by the name of Wayne Holbrook. Over the next several years I plugged myself into the Ministry of Helps, joining the Usher Ministry and spending time in God's Word reading the Bible cover to cover the first year. I remember saying time and again as I read The Word that nobody could make this stuff up. God demonstrated over and over how He would take ordinary folks and use them to do extraordinary things. My confidence and faith continued to grow, and God affirmed His Word in my life prospering me and giving me favor with my colleagues and customers.

When Pastor Wayne pioneered New Life Christian Church, I was one of the founding members.

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Your Secret Place

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says that Jesus "continued all night in prayer to God."

"The secret of the Christian's life is that he keeps in tune with God all the time."

– Oswald Chambers

If you're like me (not a morning person), praying in the morning is an ongoing struggle, so I'll often have my quiet time in the evenings. But it's been my experience that my entire day is enhanced when I spend time with the Lord in the morning.

Conclusion

"Jesus Christ makes Himself the touchstone. At the most unexpected moments there is the whisper of the Lord – 'Come unto Me' – and you are drawn immediately. Personal contact with Jesus alters everything!"

– Oswald Chambers

The secret, quiet place is where God speaks to us, creates growth in us, and establishes an intimate relationship. Although fellowship with other Christians is important, our private times with Jesus are more important. No matter when, where, or how you do it, JUST DO IT!

– Paul Dreisbach

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Pastor Wayne asked me to serve on the Board of Directors, and I agreed whole-heartedly. I also serve in the usher and media ministries and recently joined the KAM (Kingdom Advancement Ministries) outreach. I find that in my busy life, plugging into the ministries here at New Life has been one of the most rewarding things I do. I fellowship with others of like mind, and I get peace and joy in my life spreading the love of Jesus to others.

I had always felt that I was doing my part by being a tither and giver and by serving in the Ministry of Helps. I felt the job of growing the church was the job of the pastor (and others specially gifted), and that people would simply come and see how wonderful our church family was and just want to be part of it. It was one of the really big misses in my spiritual walk. Then, several months ago in the summer of 2008, Pastor brought in a woman to speak who has taught thousands of people how to share the Gospel, that good news, of Jesus Christ to others. I attended her one-day seminar on KAM, and I was so convicted in my heart as I listened to her stories of how God gave her this specifically structured plan for His disciples to share and disciple others. In Mark 16, Jesus gave instruction for *all* His people, what we call the Great Commission, to

go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. It was not just for pastors. It was for ME.

I signed up that day for the two-semester class on KAM. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, have class for 45 minutes and then break into teams of three and meet with new visitors, folks who have expressed a need, and hold discipleship Bible studies with new believers. I was assigned to lead a 10-week Bible study with a new believer. This turned into one of the most rewarding 10 weeks of my life. The excitement and vigor of a new believer returned to me as our team shared, answered questions, and yes, learned along with this person and extended family. I encourage each of you reading this to consider joining this essential and exciting ministry as the opportunity comes in the next few weeks when a new semester opens. I promise it will be one of the most rewarding things you do in your life.

Oh, and by the way, I now live in Hermosa Beach.

Yours in Christ,

-- David Ling

"Jesus gave instruction for ALL His people...to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. It was not just for pastors. It was for ME."

– David

Events & Birthdays

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Mid-Week Life Groups
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for days, times and
locations.

**"I have come that
they may have life
and that they
may have it more
abundantly."**

John 10:10 (b)



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January/February Birthdays

Eleanor Giuliano
January 8

Juan Arancibia
January 26

Paula LeVesque
February 4

Alexis Arancibia
February 4

Women of Glory and Maria Evans Ministries Present

"Walking In The Fullness Of The Kingdom Of God"

Friday, January 30th @ 7:00 pm

**Torrance Airport Meeting Room
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance**

We look forward to having you experience the Glory of God
with us as we worship the Lord and receive a Spirit-filled
word delivered by our very own Maria Evans!

Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Maria Evans: quickmic@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Night In The Spirit!

February 22nd @ 6:00 pm

An evening dedicated to praise, worship, prayer and ministry in
the Holy Spirit. Join us for a powerful and prophetic night of
refreshing, renewal and restoration. We'll minister healing
through the laying of hands and anointing with oil.

**"But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him." John 4.23**

Receive God's grace and favor! Get filled with His divine
power and partake of His great and precious promises!



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