



## *Preserving Christian Homes February 2025*

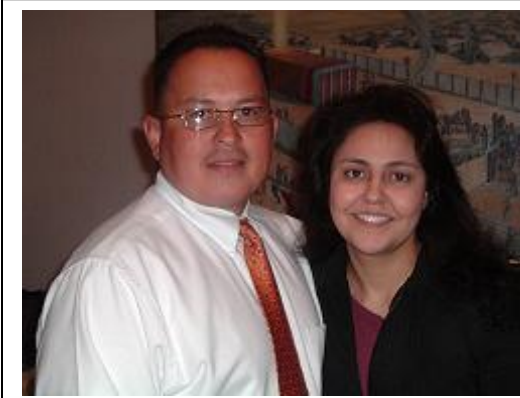


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### ***Need Help?***

I am not sure if it was a curse or a blessing but I grew up as an only child. I never experienced sibling rivalry or anything like that. My Dad is an Accountant and my Mom was in the Military so we moved around a lot. Every few years we would have to relocate and I will get enrolled in a new school. As you can imagine, making friends did not come easy. A lot of my classmates didn't even know my name and just called me the "new kid". I wasn't very athletic so I wasn't a member of any of the School Sports teams. I did not get very good grades in school so no one was breaking their necks to hang out or help me. I remember in the ninth grade we had to submit projects for the School Science Fair. Our teacher Ms. Barnes told us to pair up with someone. There was an odd number of students so when all things were said and done, I was left because nobody picked me. The Teacher saw I was alone and paired me up with two other students. I could see from their expression I was as welcome as a skunk in the outhouse. As the project progressed, I could see they were clueless but they didn't want my help. In the end our project sucked and we didn't get a good grade. As time went on not a whole lot changed. After High School I attended the local Community College because I didn't excel in any sports and my academic grades were anemic. My Parents could have helped me with the tuition for a four-year University but by now I wasn't use to asking or accepting any help. After thirty months I graduated with an Associate's Degree in Computer Science. This is an area which I can make a good salary working alone as long as the software code I wrote operated properly. While surfing online late one night I saw where the Dell Computer company was looking for a Software Engineer near Dallas Texas. Since I didn't have a lot going on at the time I decided to apply for the position. A short time later I received a job offer so I packed most of my belongings in my car and I was on my way. After meeting with the Human Resource (HR) folks my new Manager took me to his office to meet the team. To my surprise the office was empty except for a large flat computer monitor on the wall where images of nineteen coworkers were waving. As each team member introduced themselves, I waved back. This welcoming process confused me until I was escorted into a huge room where I saw a sea of cubicles. Fortunately there were pillars throughout marked with numbers to help you navigate your way to your station. The first few weeks were very frustrating. The type of applications Dell used was proprietary so they were unfamiliar to me. I decided to ask the person in the next cubical for help but all I got was "its self explanatory, figure it out". Although I didn't want my Manager to think she hired a knucklehead I asked her for help which she gave. She then told me I could have asked any of my team members for help but I just nodded because I didn't want to drop a dime on anyone. I didn't have much of a social life so I decided to visit a Church not far from my apartment to meet people. The Sermons were good and the people smiled when eye contact was made. After the third Service someone came up to me and shook my hand and pointed to the Pastor and said everyone wants to welcome you and then he walked away. I continued to go to the Church hoping I would feel welcomed instead of just someone telling me that but it didn't happen. I have no family nearby, was struggling at work and there were more police cars zipping through the neighborhood than fleas on a dirty dog. I needed a change. I found a Church online near the neighborhood I will soon be moving to. I was greeted at the door but that was to be expected. However, what wasn't expected was during the Alter-call, several of the members prayed with me although they didn't know me from a can of paint. After the Service the Pastor and his Wife came over to talk to me. We were in his office for several minutes talking and I shared some of the things I was going through. I even told them I would be moving to a new apartment in the neighborhood. They invited me out to lunch but I declined because although appreciative, I felt I have taken enough of their time. The following Wednesday after the Bible Study, three people who I had met earlier approached me and asked if they could help. I was confused and cautiously asked them what were they talking about. The guys named Avery said the Pastor mentioned you will soon be moving into a new place and we all have pickup trucks and are willing to help. I am not an emotional person but for that moment I was overwhelmed. I gathered myself and asked why do you want to help me? The woman standing beside him said, because helping each other is what we do.

# *February Anniversaries*



***Living Word Church wishes all of our Couples a very  
Happy Anniversary***

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## **Wedding**

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. She was fascinated by the bride's dress and asked her mother, "Why is the bride wearing white?" Her mother explained, "White is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The girl thought for a moment and then said, "Then why is the groom wearing black?"

## **Good things come to those who wait**

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, age seven and Ryan, five. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson so she said; "Now boys, if Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

### ***Praise the Lord LWC Family!***

I wanted to bring a couple of dates to your attention that will be coming up very soon! As you know we will be having our **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** services in October and in anticipation of that event we are looking for any pictures that anyone has of Living Word Church through the years. If you could get them to Bro Kyle by June 1<sup>st</sup> that would be wonderful. We will scan them in and return them so please put them in an envelope with your name on it so we can return them once they are scanned. If you have any questions, please see either me or Bro Kyle and we will answer any questions you have. **The date of the Anniversary services will be October 3-5, 2025, and we will have Bro Wayne Huntley.**

**Catalyst Conference** is also coming up very soon and we will have **Bro Mark Brown** and **Bro Matthew Woodward**. The conference will be March 7-8, 2025, and there is no registration this year.

Lastly, we will be having **HOME Marriage Conference** May 29-31, 2025, our speaker is TBD but we are excited for it none the less. We know God has a special plan to work in the lives our couples! Look for more details and registration soon!

God is on the move at LWC and there are plenty of ways to get involved both in serving and participating. If you have questions about any of these events please see a member of our ministry staff. **God Bless,**

*Pastor Marquart*

Save the Date! October 3-5, 2025



40th Anniversary Celebration of LWC!  
Unshakable Foundation, Enduring Legacy

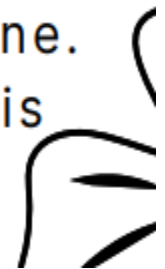
Friday-Rev. Wayne Huntley  
Saturday- Anniversary Celebration Dinner  
Sunday- Rev. Wayne Huntley

EVERY THURSDAY@7:00

LIVING WORD  
CHURCH PRESENTS  
**GRIEF  
SHARE**

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. It is a Christ-Centered grief support group ministry which helps group members apply biblical principles to the healing process after the death of a loved one.

For more Information, please see Sis  
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# hello

# BABY!

## Joy Aribella Herrera


Join us for Baby Brunch Shower honoring  
**BRAD & DANIER HERRERA**

Date: February 22, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

Location: Living Word Church, 1901 17th Ave NE, Rio  
Rancho, NM 87144

R.S.V.P. 505-415-0220

Please bring your favorite children's book to build Joy's library



*Registered at Target*

# CATALYST 2025

YOUTH/HYPHEN CONFERENCE-NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

7-8

March 2025

Friday@7- Rev. Mark Brown

Saturday@10- Rev. Matthew Woodward

Host Church: Living Word Church UPCI  
1901 17th Ave. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Info Detail: [www.livingwordupc.org](http://www.livingwordupc.org)



FRIDAY NIGHT



SATURDAY MORNING

# FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 10:30	3 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery @ 7:00	4 Tuesday Prayer@10	5 Midweek Matters @7:00	6 Grief Share @7	7 Families of Faith@7	8 SOC Rally @Life Tabernacle in ABQ
9 Revival Sunday with Bro and Sis Brixner! One Service at 10:30	10 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery @ 7:00	11 Tuesday Prayer@10	12 Midweek Matters @7:00	13 Grief Share @7	14 Youth Activity @7	15
16 Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 10:30	17 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery @ 7:00	18 Tuesday Prayer@10	19 Midweek Matters @7:00	20 Grief Share @7	21 Prayer and Praise @7	22 Bro Brad and Sis Danier's Baby Shower@11:00
23 Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 10:30	24 Life Support- Celebrate Recovery @ 7:00	25 Tuesday Prayer@10	26 Midweek Matters @7:00	27 Grief Share @7	28	