



Preserving Christian Homes

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I lost my baby

During our dating years and the early years of our marriage, Tom and I often talked about having a large family because we both came from relatively large families which were full of love. The Church we attended was only about a mile away and when the weather was nice we would walk there instead of drive. The path took us past the playground where a lot of the neighborhood kids would go. Sometimes on the way home we would stop and sit on the bench and watch the children play. Right or wrong we would pick out one or two of them and project how our child will be. We really enjoyed watching the kids play. We dearly wanted children but it just didn't happen. After trying for about five years we sought help from a Doctor. After a lot of appointments and tests, the Doctors couldn't come up with any medical reason for not being able to get pregnant. It was frustrating and my biological clock was ticking so loud it was deafening. I was aware there are women out there who bear children later in life so I was hopeful. I would joke with Tom and remind him that Sarah in the Bible was about 90 years old when she finally gave birth. He would shake his head and say that is fine but by then someone will need to change our diapers along with the baby's. On our tenth anniversary, Tom and I went to our favorite restaurant, Cracker Barrel for breakfast. It was there that I revealed to Tom I was pregnant. Tom was so excited he dropped his cup of coffee pouring it all over his blueberry pancakes. Word of our amazing news spread throughout the restaurant like wildfire thanks to our attentive Server. Folks who we have never met stopped by the table to congratulate us. One gentleman asked us if this was our first child. Tom answered yes and the man insisted on paying for our meal because we are about to find out how expensive children can be. The pregnancy was difficult as expected but the moment Raymond was born, it was all worth it. Ray was an inquisitive little boy. You couldn't turn your back on him for a second because he was all over the place. By the time he turned five, it was clear he was a Mama's Boy. He wouldn't let me out of his sight without making a fuss. If I was on the sofa reading he would climb up and sit beside me. If I was in the bathroom he would be waiting outside the door when I came out. At the park, I had to be very close by before he would go down the slide or play on the other equipment. He enjoyed doing things with his Dad but he had a special attachment to Mom. As a teenager, Ray wasn't much different from any other Boy. He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball and could run faster than all his friends. In his room he had a collection of Lego models which were amazing. Once he attended High School his Dad thought he should get involved in organized sports since that would give more discipline and a way to demonstrate there are things bigger in life than himself. Ray joined the Track Team and became an instant success. He broke records which had stood for years. After one meet the Local News interviewed him and he gave a shout-out to Mom. My Husband jokingly asked why do Athletes always say "Hi Mom"? They never say "Hi Dad". We were so proud of him. After that, the relationship between me and our Son began to change. We used to spend a lot of afternoons together so Ray learned to be an excellent cook. He insisted on cooking a meal at least once a week to stay sharp. Now, he rarely spends time in the kitchen other than grabbing something out of the refrigerator and run out the door. Because of his notoriety and accomplishments in sports, he was recruited by one of the major Universities. The school was three states away so we didn't see him much for the next few years except when he came home to visit on holidays. Last year he Face-Timed us and said he had a big surprise but wouldn't provide any details. When Spring Break arrived he came home with a young lady he introduced as his fiancé. She was very pretty. Her parents live 20 miles away in the next town and she seemed very nice. To welcome Ray home, Tom organized a Bar-B-Q and invited the neighbors and some of Ray's friends. I tried to get Ray to help me in the kitchen like he always did but he wouldn't pull himself away from his new love interest. From the kitchen window I could see he was clinging to her the way he used to do me when he was growing up. After God, Mom is supposed to come next. That evening I was so depressed over the events of the day I shared my feelings with Tom. He kissed me like he always does before going to sleep. Before turning out the light he gave me a wink and said there is a new Sheriff in town and she has taken your Baby into custody.

July Anniversaries



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

Pastor's Corner

Praise the Lord Living Word Church!

Summer and camps are in full swing! We have heard amazing reports from both Youth Camp and Crusader's Camp, and we are thankful for the sacrifices everyone made to assist and to make sure your kids made it to those life changing events!

What a time we had with Bro Wayne Huntley! I fully believe Living Word Church is forever changed because of those revival services. Looking ahead, we have another **Summer Revival** scheduled in July with **Rev. Doug White**, July 26-28 you won't want to miss it so please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. At the end of the month in July we will also have **Ken and Isabel Cooper** from Brazil, this is the missionary couple we purchased the lawnmower for last year and the place I went and taught the Men's Conference. It will be great to hear how God is moving in Brazil so come expecting on July 31st.

On a more serious note, thank you all for your support during this difficult time for my Wife and my Family. My Father-in-law also wanted to express his appreciation for the love and support LWC gave during the most difficult time of his life. He was so appreciative of every kind word and every donation made. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Thankfully we have a blessed hope that we will see Rochelle again at that great meeting in the sky. Blessings

Pastor Marquart



Life Support-CR is a Christ-centered ministry that gives people the resources and relationships to help find a new way of living.

This ministry is for anyone struggling with past or current hurts, habits, or hang-ups, whether they are affecting their own life or the lives of those around them.

Each night consists of a large group meeting with worship and a lesson or a testimony, and then we break into gender-specific small groups to share.

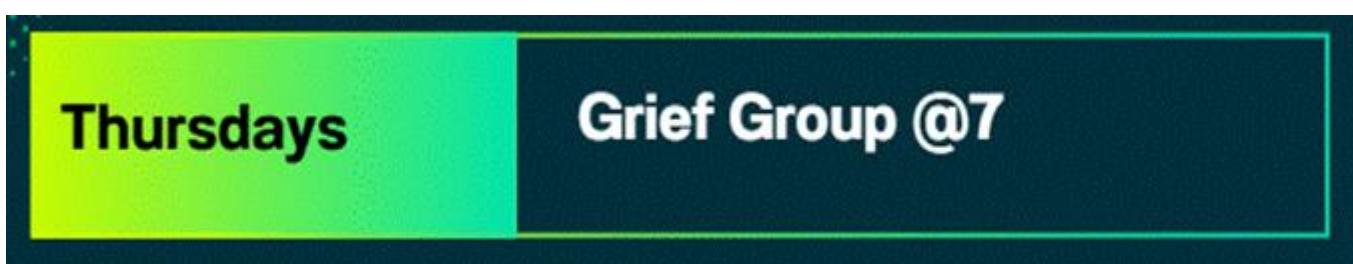
We maintain a safe environment by adhering to Celebrate Recovery Guidelines. The purpose of Life Support-CR is to find God's healing power in our lives through the Eight Recovery Principles found in the Beatitudes.

Time: 7:00pm every **Monday evening** and you can join at any time!

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

(We meet on the North Side of Building)

Bro/Sis Porquis



Summer Revival

with
Rev. Doug White

LIVING WORD CHURCH

FRIDAY, JULY 26- @7:00

SATURDAY, JULY 27-@ 5:00

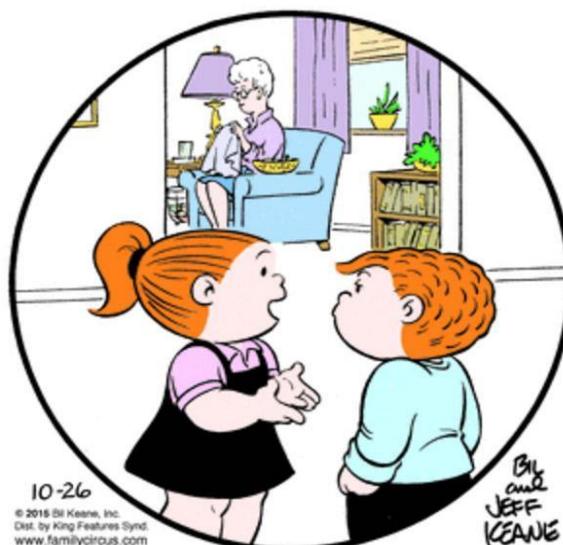
SUNDAY, JULY 28- @10:30

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	1 Life Support 7-9	2 Pastor's Prayer @10	3 Midweek@7	4 No Pastor's Prayer Holiday	5 Families of Faith@7	6
7	8 Life Support 7-9	9 Pastor's Prayer @10	10 Midweek@7	11 Men's Campout GriefShare@7	12 Men's Campout	13 Men's Campout
14	15 Life Support 7-9	16 Family Camp No Pastor's Prayer	17 No Midweek due to Family Camp	18 Family Camp No Pastor's Prayer GriefShare@7	19 No Youth due to Family Camp	20
21	22 Life Support 7-9	23 Pastor's Prayer @10	24 No Midweek- Moved to Friday	25 Pastor's Prayer @10 GriefShare@7	26 Summer Revival with Rev Doug White@7	27 Summer Revival with Rev Doug White@5
28 Summer Revival with Rev Doug White@10:30	29 Life Support 7-9	30 Pastor's Prayer @10	31 Missionary Midweek@7			



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."