



## Preserving Christian Homes

June 2024



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### Deal or No Deal

From the time we are born we start to learn how to make deals. It doesn't take a baby long to learn that if he or she cries, the parent will negotiate. Okay, if you stop crying they will hold or cradle you until you stop. So as a participant to this agreement, you must agree to stop crying or the next time you want to be held, it won't happen because you failed to hold up your end of the deal. That young child then becomes two-years old and enter into what distraught parents call the "terrible twos". It is called that because Parents know during that time, negotiations are out the window. For the most part there are no deals to be made until the child gets a bit older. Once the child gets past that age the Parents become authoritarians in an attempt to regain their sanity. There are a few deals made but for the most part, the Parents dictate how things are to be done and the child recognizes it is for their own good and willingly complies. Then the child grows up and become a teenager. The Parent still has the best interest of the child in mind but it seems almost everything becomes a negotiation. In school the Student is expected to perform certain tasks in exchange for a passing grade. The Student then begins to negotiate a deal. They are willing to study or write certain reports or even demonstrate a level of competence on an exam in exchange for a passing grade. If the grade achieved is low or not high enough, the Student and Teacher begins negotiations. Once the young adult graduates from whatever level of academia they choose, they enter the "real world" and a whole new series of deals begin. You enter the workforce and begin a career of negotiating work for compensation. You will also make deals on how much of the cost of your medical coverage will be paid by you and what portion will be paid by your Employer. You will also strike a deal with a Mortgage company or Landlord concerning payment agreements for your lodging. The list goes on and on. After a lifetime of making one deal after another, it has become a part of our culture. As a result, we begin to make deals in areas which aren't really negotiable. Lord, I will be a better Husband if you bless me with this promotion at work. Lord, if you help me get that nice truck I saw yesterday I will try to attend Church more often. In *Exodus 34:27-28*, it says; 27 ***Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."*** 28 ***Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments.*** This was not meant to represent a menu where you chose the ones you like and ignore the items you don't. Nor were they something meant to use as a bartering chip. Parents, teach and show your children while there are some things in life where a deal can be made, some things are not negotiable. When it comes to something which can jeopardize their salvation, the answer is No Deal!



Living Word Church wishes to  
congratulate  
***Bro. Nate Medina***  
on his successful graduation from  
the Police Academy

## June Anniversary



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



***Bro Francisco and Sis Gabriela Batista***

Recently we were blessed with a welcomed example of diversity and love. Bro Francisco preached in Spanish while his wife Sis Gabriela translated. The beauty of it all was although translating for those not familiar with the Spanish language was helpful, the anointing by which Bro Francisco spoke did not make it totally necessary. God Bless our Ministry.

### Praise the Lord Living Word Church!

We are living in exciting times, and I am glad that God has chosen us to be a part of it. I am seeing LWC grow not only numerically but also in relationship with our Heavenly Father. Our Spanish ministry is growing, and we are so excited to see what God is doing at LWC!

We had our first Bilingual service at the beginning of the month and Bro Francisco and Sis Gabriela did a FANTASTIC job preaching together. We look forward to more services like that in the future at LWC.

This was also the first month of Life Support-CR and we are thankful for the time and effort the Porquis and team are putting into helping people with their hurts, habits and hang-ups. I believe an emotionally healthy church is so important and that is why we are offering this support group as well as Grief Share. If you have any questions about either group, please see a member of the Ministry staff and we can direct you to the appropriate person in charge.

We also had an amazing time at our HOME conference last weekend and we are grateful for all the couples that chose to come and make their marriage a priority. I can promise you will never regret prioritizing your marriage and making God the center of it. Bro Powell offered some amazing insight, and we all learned a lot as well as grew closer as couples and developed some friendships. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to attend the next one, you won't be disappointed.

We have several events coming up this month and I wanted to highlight them. Just a reminder Vacation Bible School (VBS) is at the end of this month, it is a free event, and you can register online anytime. We will have Bro David Moore here to assist with it as well as the Hernandez's and their team. If you have any questions about this event please see a member of the Sunday School Staff.

We also have Youth Camp June 4-7 in Amarillo, Texas as well as Crusader's Camp in Amarillo, Texas June 18-21, if you wish to attend, please register online through [www.texicodistrictupci.org](http://www.texicodistrictupci.org).

We will NOT be having Midweek on June 19<sup>th</sup> due to our Revival Services that weekend with Bro Wayne Huntley; you don't want to miss that! We will have services Friday@7, Saturday@5 and Sunday@10:30. Please see our calendar for more information or see a member of the Ministry Staff for more information.

Please get plugged into any of our events and services we have going on, we have something for everyone!

I am always praying with and for you all and are here if you need anything. I love you all very much!

**Pastor Marquart**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**June 16, 2024**

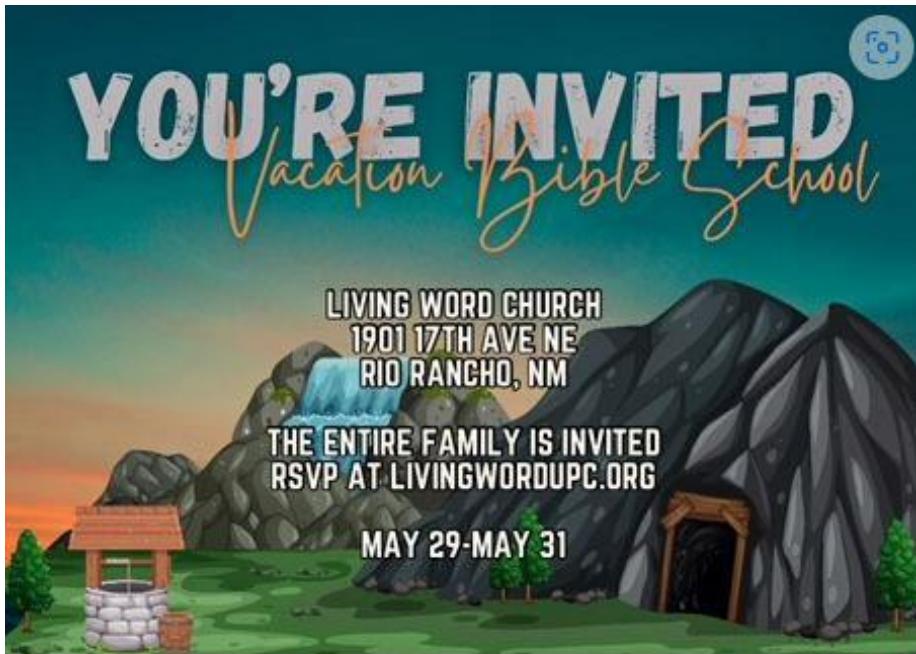
## Memorial Day

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, our Country has set aside that day to recognize those in our Armed Forces who selflessly gave their all in support of one of the things we as Americans cherish most and that is our freedoms. Anyone who has served will tell you that when they are performing their sworn duties whether in training or actual combat, they were aware bad things are possible. They are cognizant that the result of what they are involved in may leave their loved one without a Spouse. Their children without a Parent. Or a Parent without a Son or Daughter. Unfortunately, too often this very thing happens. For those Soldiers/Sailors/Airman who survive there remains a deep feeling of lose and not relief that on this occasion I survived. During my military career I have lost over two dozen people I shared a helicopter with. You have no idea what an individual goes through when you are returning to Base with someone who you earlier talked with and made plans because you expected to have a tomorrow. The silence during the flight home is deafening. All of this you must quickly put behind you because in a day or two the series of events will be repeated, hopefully with a better outcome.

For those who survive we say, “*Thank You for your Service*”.  
For me, those who didn’t survive I say, “*I will never Forget*”.

**“We don't know them all, but we owe them all.”**





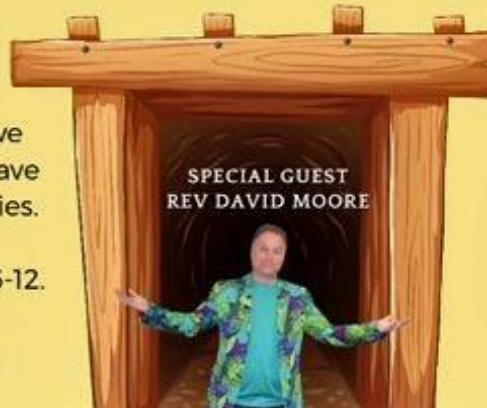
## SCHEDULE

May 29-May 31  
6pm-9pm

June 2  
10:30 am

Bring the entire family as we learn about God. We will have a lesson, snacks and activities. All activities will be age appropriate and focus on 6-12.

RSVP at [livingwordupc.org](http://livingwordupc.org)



### FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **EPHESIANS 5:1-2 NIV**

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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Kids Revival with Bro David Moore@10:30	Life Support@7	No Pastor's Prayer Youth Camp	Midweek Matters@7 Youth Camp	No Pastor's Prayer Grief Share@7 Youth Camp	Families of Faith@7 Youth Camp	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 10:30 Family Worship 11:15	Life Support@7	Pastor's Prayer@10	Midweek Matters@7	Pastor's Prayer@10 Grief Share@7	Youth Activity@7	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Revival Sunday Wayne Huntley 10:30	Life Support@7	Pastor's Prayer@10	Midweek Matters@7	Pastor's Prayer@10 Grief Share@7		
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<u>Freedom</u> <u>Friends Day!</u> <u>BBQ TO FOLLOW!</u>						