



# Preserving Christian Homes

## March 2025

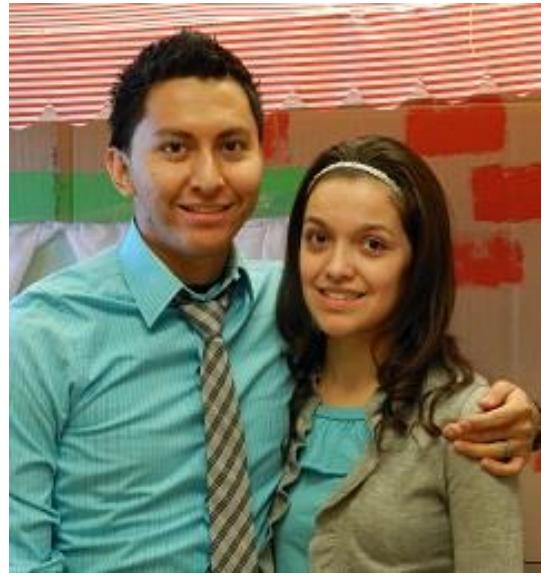


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### ***It's about Moments***

If you have heard it once you have heard it several times, "things are not what they were in the good old days". Each generation says something similar. I am of the generation when a gallon of gasoline only cost 25¢ and you could buy \$2 worth of gas and drive around all weekend. Cars weren't very economical then and frankly no one cared. Now, that doesn't mean we lived in a society where no one cared what things cost because nothing could be further from the truth. When folks went shopping, they looked for bargains. I am being facetious but imagine if a modern-day Noah had to build an Ark and found himself standing in Home Depot or Lumber Liquidators. Hopefully, he would demonstrate the same level of obedience as his forefather but I suspect the cost of lumber may make him pause. Today, folks don't buy newspapers to look for things on sale. Frankly, most people don't buy newspapers for anything. Years ago, you had to buy the newspaper to learn what was going on around you. The Sunday newspaper was something special. It was several times as thick as the daily editions because it was packed with advertisements. People spent hours going through it to find what bargains were available that week because the cycle would reset itself the following week. Everyone focused on not just the price but was it a good value. It wasn't uncommon for Grocery Stores to also award you a number of stamps based on how much you spent. These stamps were then glued in a book and if you collected enough full books of stamps you could redeem them free for household items. There were also vendors who placed kitchen items in their laundry soap boxes or other popular products. The goal was to make providing for a family more affordable and of course continue to use their products. It wasn't uncommon for a young couple to say we are not going to start a family until we can afford it. Whether you decide to have a family which includes kids should not be solely about economics. I remember the day my wife told me we were pregnant with our first child. It was on our Date Nite and I had taken her to a really nice restaurant. When she told me she was pregnant I screamed like a little girl causing the nearby Waiter to drop his tray. People stopped eating and looked at us as if I had lost my mind. When I shouted we are having a baby everyone clapped and cheered. When it was time to go we were informed a couple at another table generously paid for our dinner. They had already left so I was unable to thank them. I was so pumped I even opened the car door for my wife which I haven't done since we dated. On the drive home I kept asking Connie how she felt and I should have paid more attention to my speed. We were pulled over by a Sheriff's Deputy but he was unimpressed about our newly discovered pregnancy and gave me a ticket anyway. After Connie went to bed I sat on the sofa thinking. Can we afford the expense of a child? We have to get a bigger apartment, buy baby furniture and wonder if I will be a good Father. This was killing my buzz so I went to bed because tomorrow is a work day. Fast forwarding that was the first of four children. We have two boys and two girls. I wouldn't be honest if I said the cost associated with raising a family didn't on occasion worry me. However, we have no regrets and what I do want to share is some of the moments. The miracle of childbirth is undeniable. The feeling the first time I held each child is humbling. I remember when our oldest son Thomas first learned to ride his bike without training wheels. After he did it he climbed off his bike and performed a sorry moon-walk as if he had conquered the world. He thought he was cooler than a polar bear's toenails. I laughed so hard and told him how proud of him I was. That brought a smile to his face and he gave me a hug I can still feel today. Sharon our youngest was the one who hung around me the most. If I was working on the car or fixing something around the house, she was there to help and learn. Traditionally, it would be one of the boys but that didn't happen. For her sixteenth birthday, a boy she liked was taking her to the movies. Before they left the house I took him aside and shared a moment with him. I told him how much I loved my children and if any of them were hurt, specifically my baby girl, I would be very upset. While talking I repeatedly tossed a rock up in the air. I then looked him straight in the eye and asked him if he was feeling me. All of the moments with my kids were not happy ones. From time to time we had to discipline our kids because they repeatedly did something wrong. Trying to explain you are doing this out of love doesn't relieve the moment. Neither does trying to explain to a child why you had to break a promise. That is the very last thing a parent wants to do. It comes down to the moments and I wouldn't trade those blessings for anything in the world.

## March Anniversaries



*Congratulations to  
all of our Couples*



*Sis Karen Payson was Baptized in the name of Jesus and subsequently received the Holy Ghost. We all rejoice*



*Bro Joshua Harding along with his Wife and darling four daughters have been a Blessed addition to the Living Word Church family*



*Rev and Sis Fransisco Batista were newly licensed and now join our excellent Ministerial Team*

## Pastor's Corner

*There are so many exciting things going on, I hope you have found a place to plug in. If you haven't yet asked where you can get involved find a member and ask them today!*

### Upcoming Events at LWC

March 7-8, 2025

- Catalyst Conference with Mark Brown and Matt Woodward
  - This conference is for everyone! We are moving our Wednesday service to Friday that week to accommodate the conference. This conference is free so please come!

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Revival Sunday with Matt Woodward

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Bible Study Workshop- This is for anyone who wants to learn more about Bible Studies or who wants to teach a study.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Midweek is Moved to Thursday for the Missionary! Please come out and hear their burden!

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

- All Nations Sunday! - Stay Tuned for more information!



**Looking Ahead.....**

**May 8-10, 2025**

- Men's Camping Trip to Chama

**May 15-17, 2025**

- HOME Marriage Conference, childcare will be provided

*For more information, please visit our website, app, or Facebook page. Be sure to subscribe to our reminders through the app.*

**Pastor Marquart**

**Save the Date! October 3-5, 2025**



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

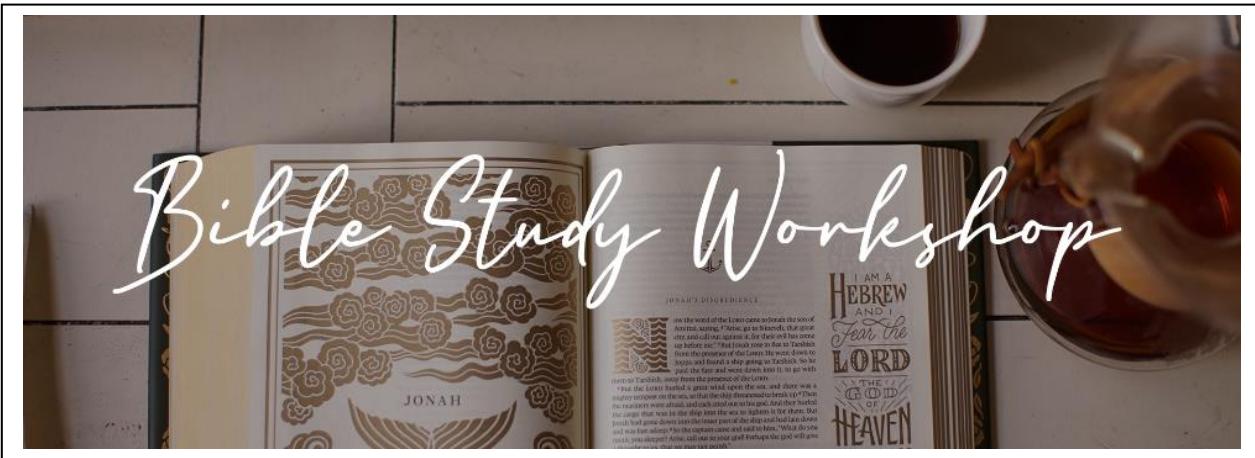
Friday-Rev. Wayne Huntley  
Saturday- Anniversary Celebration Dinner  
Sunday- Rev. Wayne Huntley



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**2025**  
**H.O.M.E**  
**CONFERENCE**

# Bible Study Workshop



# CATALYST 2025

## YOUTH/HYPHEN CONFERENCE-NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

7-8

March 2025

Friday@7- Rev. Mark Brown

Saturday@10- Rev. Matthew Woodward



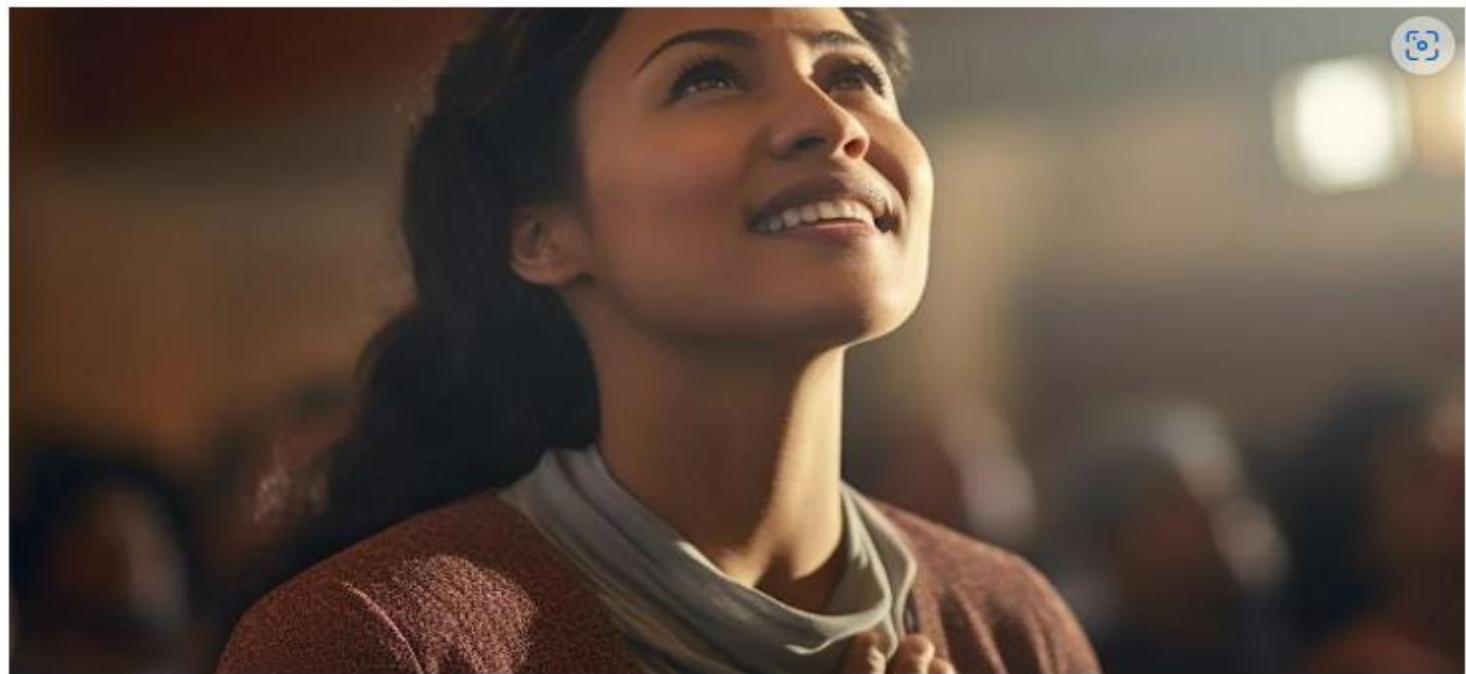
FRIDAY NIGHT



SATURDAY MORNING

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

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



### About the event

#### Texico District Section 6 Ladies Conference

Get ready for a day full of empowerment, inspiration, and connection at the Texico District Section 6 Ladies Conference!

*Date: Fri, 28 Mar, 2025 at 05:30 pm and Sat, 29 Mar, 2025 at 02:00 pm @ Farmington, NM*

# MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Praise Team Practices@ 8:30 Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 10:30	3 Pastor's Birthday! Life Support- Celebrate Recovery @ 7:00	4 Tuesday Prayer@10  <b>5 Midweek is moved to Friday</b> Catalyst Praise Team Practices@7	6 Grief Share @7  <b>7 Catalyst Conference @7:00</b> Mark Brown	8 Catalyst Conference @10:00 Matthew Woodward		
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