



NICEVILLE

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A Place to Belong....A Place to Become....A Place to Call Home....

A Tale of Two Marias

Maria woke up after a night of fear. She had just suffered through one of the most devastating earthquakes ever. To make matters worse, she lived in the tiny island nation of Haiti, the poorest nation on earth. Few buildings were built to any code. No army or military could come to rescue them. The government is corrupt, and the few police or rescue people that exist, are as devastated as are the citizens. Maria cried herself to sleep after spending hours searching for her family. The pile of rubble that had been their home had fallen. There was no way she could save them, even if they had survived. She cried herself to sleep after hours of work and worry.

A few hours flight to the north, another Maria is crying herself to sleep. She lives in a fine home. She ate a fine meal that evening. Her bed was warm, her house dry, and she was safely tucked away inside. Her life wasn't shaken by an earthquake, but her life was quaking. Six months ago her husband had left her for another woman. Yesterday she found out she was losing her job due to the economic downturn of the economy. She wasn't poor, but she lived paycheck to paycheck. Her stocks were worth half what they were a few years ago, and her home was mortgaged for more than its value. She was okay physically tonight, but she felt a tremor. Her insides quaked with fear.

All around us people are looking for security. They crave stability. They yearn for something that they can believe in; someone they can trust. Our institutions have failed us. The Bernie Madoffs of the world have taught us that we can't trust Wall Street. Enron, WorldCom, and others have made us feel we can't trust business. We flip-flop political parties, hoping that finally one will understand that we want someone we can trust. Divorce, infidelity, and abuse, create personal mistrust in our families. The instability in our families leaves our youth wondering if they can trust anyone to make a promise and keep it.

The world seems to shake regardless of where we are. What should we do? Where can we go? There is only one Kingdom which cannot be shaken.

It is founded on a rock called Christ. (I Corinthians 10:4)

Earthly kingdoms come and go, God's Kingdom will not. The gates of hell will not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

If you are a citizen of this kingdom, there is nothing, or no one to fear. (Romans 8:28-31)

Kings lose power, are defeated, are assassinated, or just die, but Christ is seated on the right hand of God. His kingdom is from everlasting unto everlasting. (Psalms 90:2)

Stay with us this year and study and learn about this kingdom. Better yet, become it. It is a kingdom that can exist in your heart.

Joe Palmer



THIS WEEK AT NICEVILLE

Today:	Early Service	7:45 AM
Feb. 14th:	Bible Class	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Nursing Home Singing	3:30 PM
	Evening Service	5:00 PM
	Capt's & Co-Capt's Mtg-Stickel's	6:15 PM
	President's Day—OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues:	Ladies Lunch—Cia Bello's	11:30 AM
	Marriage Class	7:00 PM
Wed:	Worship Café	5:30 PM
	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Sat:	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Panhandle Opry	6:30 PM
21st:	Team Life #6 - Meeting/FH	6:00 PM
23rd:	Marriage Class	7:00 PM



NURSING HOME SINGING



This afternoon, February 14th, at 3:30 PM, we will meet at the Sterling House in Bluewater Bay for singing and encouragement to the folks there. See Tim Stickel for info.

TEAM LIFE CAPTAINS MEETING

We will have a Team Life Captains and Co-Captains meeting this evening, February 14th, immediately following the evening service at the home of Tim and Sandy Stickel. Please see Tim or Sandy for more details.



Welcome back to Lou Guglielmoni! Lou has been in Phoenix, AZ for the past couple of weeks on a campaign with the Southwest Church of Christ, in which they brought 67 people to the Lord! Let us pray for the church there and their ongoing work with these new Christians.

Please continue to remember all of our military, especially, **Joshua Born** at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, **Mike Kaseman** and **Ryan Ehrhard** in Afghanistan, **Mark Horton** in Okinawa, and **Jason Conner** in CA.

Continue to remember **Steve Horton**, **Patrick Ehrhard**, and **Fred Courington** in your prayers.

Steve Horton has not been doing well lately. Please pray for him and Sue.

Continue prayers for **Fred Courington**. He had to go to the base hospital this past week, but is home now.

Joe Butler's uncle, **Dan**, is out of ICU now, and is doing better. He is in Arizona.

Continue prayers for **Dottie Edge** and her mother.

Johnnie Duke went home on Monday, and is under Hospice care.

Tony Carrender returned from Iraq Saturday morning. Thanks for the congregation's prayers while he was deployed.

Continue prayers for **Hoyt Dossey** and his family's illness.

Continue prayers for **Lovell Moore** that his health will improve.

NHS Associate Band Director Jeff Adams' wife, **Patti**, recently had a kidney transplant. They are asking for prayers for both them, and the recipient of the other kidney. At this time all is going as well as expected.

Prayers requested for **Tara Stokes**. She is in California and has had her baby. She is completing the adoption process, and will be back in a few weeks. Pray for her strength both physically and mentally, but especially spiritually.

Freddy Stokes will be in Okinawa, Japan for the next two weeks.



We will take a group to the Panhandle Opry on Saturday, February 20th. Please meet at the building at 6:30 pm if you would like to ride in the van. Please see Louise Lovell for further info.

AN HONOR TO SERVE

ELDERS

Mark Conner897-2403
Doug McCown678-8562
Ken Stanley678-1494

EVANGELIST

Joe Palmer678-5509

YOUTH MINISTER

David Copeland678-1005

SECRETARY

Kimberly Smith699-7294

DEACONS

Doyle Babe Education
Johnnie Duke Team Life
Dennis Dwyer Treasurer
Ron Higdon Lord's Supper/Greeters
Basel Queen Visitation
Keith Stephens Sound Room
Lewis Williams K-5th Grade & PALS

LEADERS

Dennis L'Orange Missions
Tim Stickel Team Life

MINISTERS

Every member of this Congregation

WEEKLY REPORT

FOR

February 7, 2010

Sunday Bible Class 159
AM Worship 246
Wed. Bible Class 129
Contribution \$5,725.58
Weekly Average YTD \$5,562.59
Budget \$TBD
Building Fund Total \$255,528.25

REMINDERS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Preside Over Lord's Table

February 14th: William Dungan
February 21st: Ron Higdon

Lead Prayer - Sunday

February 14th: 10 AM: Open: Doug McCown
Close: Greg Murry
5 PM: Open: Dennis L'Orange
Close: Bob Lauderdale
February 21st: 10 AM: Open: Doyle Babe
Close: Jim Roberts
5 PM: Open: Keith Stephens
Close: Ken Stanley

Lead Prayer - Wednesday

Open: Kevin Moody
Close: Robert L'Orange

Lead Devotion - Wednesday

Feb. 17th: Don Brock
Feb. 24th: Bill Tipton

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**LOCK BUILDING**

FEBRUARY: Ron Higdon

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PREPARE COMMUNION TRAYS

FEBRUARY: Dianne Nevius

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**PALS SCHEDULE**

February 14th: Justin & Rose Langham  
February 21st: Jim Gummere  
Melanie McCown  
February 28th: Lewis & Woxie Williams  
Jill Roy