

NEWSLETTER

Fish Locker Fellowship



The Fish Locker is a non-denominational, evangelical, Christian Fellowship called to preach the Word and to inspire in all people a love for Christ Jesus, a hunger for righteousness, and a consciousness of our purpose to God and our fellow human beings, especially so, as the time of His appearing draws near.

We're not about "having it all together" or even pretending that we do. We're just a Christian family trying to grow together toward a God who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ. We don't pretend to have all the

answers, therefore, we lean on the inspiration of God's Word, and the influence of His Holy Spirit in us for counsel, for wisdom, for understanding, for our witness and power for living, for revelation of His Word, and for the Truth... to be our "Helper" and "Comforter" as we follow Jesus. "In Him we are complete. (Col 2:10)

We pledge our lives to Christ and covenant to love one another and to demonstrate the power of His Love in our worship, witness, ministry, & lives.

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

That are wise, not in things natural and civil, but in things spiritual; who are wise unto salvation; that are wise to know themselves, their state and condition by nature; their impurity and impotence; the insufficiency of their own righteousness; the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the dangerous circumstances they are in; that are wise to know Christ, and him crucified; to believe in him, and trust in him for everlasting life and salvation: these at the resurrection shall shine, both in body and soul; their bodies shall be fashioned like to the glorious body of Christ; their souls shall be filled with perfect light and knowledge, and be completely holy, without any sin upon them; and this light and glory that will be upon both soul and body will be like the brightness of the heavens when the sun is risen; yes, it will be like the brightness and glory of the sun itself, as our Lord affirms in Matthew 13:43 *Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

JANUARY 22ND FAMILY & FRIENDS SUNDAY



D. Joseph (DJ) & Lisa Bryant- Old friends to the Fish Locker family. DJ & Lisa have a wonderful "Gospel Motown" style of worship that is smooooth. A husband & wife team with, son & daughter in tow; they've been ministering in song & testimony for 16 years.

Letters from Kenya

SOWETO ORPHANAGE & WIDOWS CENTRE

11/20/11

We thank God and appreciated for your reply, actually all happens for good to those who believeth, We honor your decision indeed we need to depend upon God for you coming in Africa, and i know he is faithful God and his promises are Yes!and Amen!

Pastor you are in our Heart for what you are doing in the lives of orphans and you are in our daily prayer day by day and we are trusting God to work with you, may God bless you

Receive greetings from our orphans, church committee, church members and pass our greetings to our Fishlocker members and all who have decided to stand with us through you, may God bless you.

Pastor William

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

11/22/11

Blessings Dad, we appreciate and Honour what God has given through you, work of your hand and Blessed is the Hand that one receiveth,we bless you, your family and saints for standing with us through you pastor, pass



to our mum who has unto us by ensuring we offering on time, you adopted our thank God and this far looking forward to



may God bless the giveth than the Fishlocker our greetings been ablessing receive the Finally since orphans we is through you, work together

in ministry work and if possible we may ask your cover for Fishlocker ministry here East Africa Kenya, we,ve asked our bishop and he is also interested hence we are still asking God to just confirm,God bless you and increase you, your family,ministry work,and the Fishlocker family we love you.

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR SUPPORT OF THESE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN WITH YOUR LOVE OFFERING





**FROM PASTOR
WOODY**

Greetings!

*Two are better than one,
Because they have a good
reward for their labor:
For if they fall, one will lift up
his companion.*

*But woe to him who is alone when he falls,
For he has no one to help him up.*

*Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm;
But how can one be warm alone?*

*Though one may be overpowered by another, two can
withstand him.*

*And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
-Eccles 3:9-12*

As I look back over 2011, I can not help but marvel at my Fish Locker family. Most have battled through great storms; many financial, some addictions, failing relationships, high emotions, infirmities, and loss of family members & friends.

Through it all I've watched you grow and I've seen and tasted of the fruit you bear... and I thank God for your faith and your love for one another. Keep trusting in Jesus, my friends!

Some of you however (yah, you know who you are) are still lagging a bit. You just haven't quite got it, but I'm encouraged. I can see, and I believe, that you're soon getting it. Remember, the Lord says "that we all fall short of God's Glory". Another way of looking at that is this... if we are just "short" of the Glory, than we are a whole lot closer to the end than we think; So start sprinting. We'll all cheer you on. Just don't quit!

My wife, best friend, & help-mate Sandy, of course tops the list of people I marvel (it's a marvel she puts up with me). She's always been my "forever friend" and constant companion. We've had a blessed life together and are so thankful for it and the relationships we've gained (and so highly value) as your pastors at the Fish Locker.

I want to thank the elders for the sacrifices they have made to serve this church family and the work of this ministry. Perhaps they don't always live up to everyone's expectations, but being perfect people isn't one of the qualifications. If it were... well... it's not and they're not, I'm not, and neither are you. So let's leave it in God's hands. Thank you Father for Grace!

I want to especially give credit and a big thanks to Linda Bollinger for the incredible job that she does with the children's church and also the food pantry. Helping her with these duties are Stacey Hickey (Linda's daughter), Vicki Delosier, Sharon Griffin, Tammy Darrow, and Donna Connell. My thanks and Blessings to all!

Can't forget to thank God for Mike Connell and Walter West, Jr. for all the stage & sound work and time they have contributed; and Minister Pam Delosier for the wonderful selections and her directing of the Sunday

worship music. Also thanks for hosting & leading the Wednesday women's bible study and of course can't forget "Seekers".

To my brother Dan Delosier, my gratitude for his commitment to preparing and organizing a schedule for the weekly communion and for all the other things he does, too numerous to mention. Thanks to Pam Delosier, Charlene & Walter West, and Lucy & Ken White for the communion messages and thanks to all that help with the serving.

Also for the Monday night men's bible study, a huge thanks to Ministers Walter and Dan... I think I should include brother Jim in that, too. I'm sure he contributes a lot of that wisdom he's stored up. Thanks guys also for all you have contributed to the men's breakfast's.

To wonderful folks like the Irbys, the Darrows, and the Brosekers who open their homes to this church family, thanks! God will reward you for your hospitality. And also a big thank-you to Eva for putting up with those gals on Monday nights.

My blessings to Pastor Shirl Friend and husband Minister Chuck Friend, and Assistant Pastor Joe Darrow for their commitment to the Sunday evening worship services. Pastor Shirl delivers some great messages.

And for those GREAT MEALS on Family & Friends Sundays and all the other special occasions that require food preparation.... Minister Charlene West. I say this with the utmost sincerity from all your church family, "We love you"! I'm 45 lbs. heavier than when I first met Charlene. Sandy says, "Thank you Lord!" Special thanks and hugs to all the ladies, and you guys, that contribute to the meals with sides and desserts. Also thanks to all that help with the clean-ups. We are blessed by so many with servant's hearts.

Another special thanks to brother Jim Salb for his special gifting and preaching. Always a blessing to us.

And finally to all of you that I have not mentioned by name, you are in my heart and in my prayers. I do see the things that you do, and I am blessed and proud of you. Thank you for giving to the Lord.

I now, with your added strength and commitment, look forward to all that the Lord has for us in 2012. To God be the Glory! Thank You Jesus!

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. 3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. -3 John 1:2

STAY BLESSED & KISS THE SON!

"I hate this Church!" -Satan

PRAYER REQUESTS:

“Seek ye first...” The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees.



1. Continue praying for Joe’s healing and that the needs of the Darrow family are met.
2. Keep our brother & sister Steve & Tracey in your prayers as they sort out their lives.
3. Continue praying for Lonnie Griffin... Also pray for Lindsey & daughter Rose through this troubling time Send cards & letters to Lonnie Griffin, 101 Gay Street, Denton Maryland 21636. Also keep Lindsey & little Rose in your prayers. Don’t forget mom (Sharon)
4. Lift up pastor Sandy’s mom & dad... Also Donna’s mom & dad.
5. Please pray for salvation for our loved ones, both family and friends
6. Try to remember each person in our church family individually. Everyone has hurts, habits, or hang-ups and need our prayers.
7. Don’t forget to pray for your pastors & elders.

CHURCH NEEDS:

1. Person to operate the sound board & computer for Sunday evening services. Must be skilled in sound and Apple computers. OR willing to commit and learn.
2. Sunday morning service “Greeters”.
3. Person to oversee coffee ministry. (make coffee, report supplies needed, clean-up)

MISC. STUFF

- Pastor has desk in office to give away. (you must haul)

Question: "Why is church attendance important?"

Answer: The Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25). Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), “spur” one another (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its “body parts” need to be present (1 Corinthians 12:14-20). Likewise, a believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21-26). For these reasons, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer's life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense “required” for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

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SUNDAYS

- 8:30 am - Fish Locker’s Radio Coffee House program on 96.7 WCEI
- 9:00 am - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service

MONDAYS

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study @ the Irby’s home
- 1st Monday of month, Elders meet @ 6:00 p.m. at the pastor’s home
- 6:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study @ the West’s home (except the 1st Monday of month)

WEDNESDAYS

- 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study @ the Delosier’s home
- 6:00 p.m. “SEEKERS” young adult gathering @ the Delosier’s home

THURSDAYS

- 7:00 p.m. - Mid-week adult Bible Study @ the Irby’s home

SATURDAYS

- 7:00 am (last Saturday of month) - Men’s Breakfast & fellowship

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year’s Day	• Elder’s Meeting • Women’s Bible Study		• Women’s Bible Study • “Seekers” Meet	Adult Bible Study		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	• Men’s Bible Study • Women’s Bible Study		• Women’s Bible Study • “Seekers” Meet	Adult Bible Study	Happy Anniversary! Pastors Woody & Sandy	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
note: this month, family & friends will be on the 4th Sunday	Martin Luther King Day • Men’s Bible Study • Women’s Bible Study		• Women’s Bible Study • “Seekers” Meet	Adult Bible Study	Happy Birthday! Viki Delosier	Happy Birthday! Stacey Hickey
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Family & Friends Sunday Happy Birthday! Steve Stammer & Damien West	Happy Birthday! Mike Connell • Men’s Bible Study • Women’s Bible Study		• Women’s Bible Study • “Seekers” Meet	Adult Bible Study		Men’s breakfast & fellowship
29	30	31				
	• Men’s Bible Study • Women’s Bible Study					

A MESSAGE FROM FROM THE CUBICAL OF PASTOR JOE

Greetings!

In this issue I thought I would start with helping you to get to know your Bible. To help you get deeper in GOD's word. I encourage you to explore your Bible. By doing so, it will bring you closer to GOD and enrich your understanding of the word.

Today there are many different copies of the Holy Bible, any of which can help get you going on your spiritual journey. For example, you have Bibles in the King James Version, The New King James Version, The Amplified, and The Message. Just to name a few, any Christian based faith Bible will help you see and spread the good news of GOD's message of Hope, Love and the TRUTH.

In each issue I will address history on different books of the Bible and some key verses of that book.

Let's get started!

DID YOU KNOW?

Moses is historically credited with writing the first five books of the Bible by Jewish and Christian scholars alike. It is known also as the Pentateuch.

The first book in the Old Testament is called Genesis. The first book of Moses, Genesis, is the most God-centered chapter in the Bible. The expression "and God said" occurs ten times.

In most Bibles, in the first chapter and the first verse you may find the word Bereshith. In Hebrew the meaning of the word is "in the beginning" which is also the Hebrew title of the book Genesis. The word Genesis comes from the Greek word Geneseos. Depending on its context, it translates to "Birth genealogy" or it can mean the "history of origin".

So wouldn't you say that in Hebrew or in Greek the title of the first book in the Holy Bible is appropriate in its description IN The Beginning.

Background and Geography:

In chapters 1-38 the author (Moses) not only tells of the beginning of creation, he also gives details on the culture, construction techniques, sale and purchases of land, map making, genealogies and much more like great destructive floods, migration of peoples, legal customs and procedures and other things and subjects of great importance during the

times of ancient Mesopotamian. These subjects and many others were a vital source to the people, tribes, and families of ancient Bible Mesopotamian during this times.

In your study (reading) see if you can identify some of the individuals and events that take place in Mesopotamia; Which one or ones of the patriarchs settled in Canaan?

As in chapters 1-38 reflects on mostly Mesopotamian in character and background, (39-50) reflects in most part of Egyptian influence, like Egyptian religious and social customs, administrative procedures, Egyptian funeral and mortician practices to the grape cultivation practice.

There are some Egyptian names found in these chapters and words; Can you find them?

During the ancient times, in the time of Moses, it was a sin to call "God" God. Or Yahweh which is the personal name of God in the OT. The generic name for God in that time was Elohim. It was a sin because his name was holy.

Genesis speaks of the beginning of man... made in His own image (God's), man's sin and redemption. I could go on and on.
-More to come

Some Key Verses:

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Genesis 13: *Lo Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him.*

Genesis 13:12 *Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.*

Genesis 23:1 Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old.

Genesis 33: *Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants.*

