

NEW DESTINY PRAISE AND WORSHIP CENTER

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October 2013

DESTINY CONNECTIONS

October Theme

“The Game of Life”

- Pillars of the Kingdom Leadership Meeting — October 6, 6PM
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors — October 10, 11AM - 1PM
- Dr. Ogletree will be speaking at Pastor Raul Tijernia 1yr Anniversary — October 13, 5PM
- Corporate Prayer — October 19, 8AM
- Young Adult Meeting October 19, 9:30AM
- GENESIS Meeting for New Members with Dr. Ogletree — October 19, 9AM
- Patmos Ministry for Seniors Bible Study — October 24, 11AM - 1PM
- Pastor’s Anniversary Revival with Prophet Todd Hall — October 24-25, 7PM
- Pastor’s Anniversary Celebration with Rev. Byron Murray, 8AM & Rev. Remus Wright, 10AM; Psalmist Gaye Arbuckle — October 27
- Pastor’s Anniversary Celebration — Rev. Richard Rollerson & Bethlehem Baptist Church — October 30, 7PM

Pastor’s Corner

“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

1 Corinthians 13:11

Games, games, games, and games we play in this life. I remember when I was growing up in the 60's that most games were with movable parts, remote controlled cars and stuff. Nowadays, most of the best games are on tablets or computers or systems connected to the TV set. Life changes in so many ways but when you think about games they are all the same.

Games have different designs and structure. But there are several realities about the games. They are designed to keep the kids and adults connected to a long-term system. They are designed to challenge your speed and mind. They are designed to allow you to compete with someone in another network or state. They are designed to form a level of addiction and even make the gamer lazy. Could some games be idols in the eye of the players? I mean, we know more about the game than God’s word.

This month, as we study God’s word, we need to understand that life is not a game. God is not against us

having fun but we cannot believe that our existence is a game to be played. John 10:10 says that the thief comes to kill, steal, and destroy. Part A of this verse releases a reality that life is not a dress rehearsal. Every day, all day the devil is ready to take God’s greatest creation out.

Jesus said in the same verse of John 10:10 that he came that we might have life more abundantly. Great news; meaning more full or more complete. As we mature in God’s word we learn that there are many things that we have outgrown and need to give up. We learn that spiritually we are too old to react or act in certain ways.

As we study God’s word we



learn to put away childish thinking and conduct (1 Corinthians 13:11). We learn that we can never outgrow His word like we outgrow shirts, suits and dresses. As we study, we learn not to let negativity and doubting people get next to us like before. We put away selfish ambi-



tions and anger when we cannot have our way. We learn that God designed man to grow in his nature (Luke 2:52). Albert Einstein says, “You have to learn the rules of the game; and then you have to play better than everyone else.”

My prayer is for New Destiny to mature and grow up, to learn, discern, and understand God’s written word. My prayer is for New Destiny to learn the voice of God and follow his precepts. My prayer for New Destiny is to endure hardships as a good soldier. My prayer for New Destiny is to become a generous giving culture. My prayer for New Destiny is to have a heart for the lost and to reach the community with God’s love. My prayer for New Destiny is that we love one another, support one another and continue to build one another up. Until we make it to our heavenly home. “We didn’t lose the game; we just ran out of time.” ~ Vince Lombardi



“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” (James 5:14-15)

We deeply care about all of our members and their families, so we are asking if you are sick, shut-in or have lost a loved one to please let us know. We would love to partner with you in prayer and minister to you during these life experiences.

Please call the church office at 281-580-8686 or visit our website, www.newdestinypwc.org under pastoral care on the home page.



Cancer is a disease in which cells become abnormal and form more cells in an uncontrolled way. With breast cancer, the cancer begins in the tissues that make up the breasts. The cancer cells may form a mass called a tumor. Getting a mammogram (x-ray of the breast) can help find the cancer early. This gives a woman more treatment options and makes it more likely she will survive the cancer. Although the focal point of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is on women, male breast cancer is rare and is generally overlooked. Any man can develop breast cancer, but it is most common among men who are 60-70 years of age. About one percent of all breast cancers occur in men.

The best overall preventive health strategy is to reduce known risk factors as much as possible by avoiding weight gain and obesity (for postmenopausal breast cancer), engaging in regular physical activity, and minimizing alcohol intake. Women should consider the increased risk of breast cancer associated with combined estrogen and progestin menopausal hormone therapy when evaluating treatment options for menopausal symptoms

Please help support Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October by wearing anything pink or visiting the Wellness Ministry's table in the foyer for free brochures and pink ribbons. Educating ourselves, monthly self-exams and mammograms are important!

New Destiny Praise and Worship Center

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“Where Everyday People Experience Change”



Sunday Worship Services

8am & 10am

Wednesday

6:30pm — Mid-Week Prayer Service

**7:00pm — Reflection In The Word
Bible Study**



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THE GAME OF

OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

LIFE



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When I was growing up we always played board games and I still enjoy playing them even now. My favorite games are Monopoly, Dominoes and Scrabble. I don't play Monopoly as much because the game usually lasts so long.

I have a stack of board games and when Dr. Ogletree developed this month's sermon series it got me thinking of all the strange names they all have. Those words they use for game names have stuck around in my head for several days now and after thinking about them for awhile, I decided we could learn a little about choices we make in our lives from some of them.

Monopoly What's monopolizing your time? What is monopolizing your thoughts? What is monopolizing your life?

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

Clue Are you seeking the answers? Finding out all the mysteries of the Bible? Do you have a *clue* about what you believe and why?

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Psalm 119:10

Twister Are you twisted up with sin? Sin has a way of entangling you. You can't serve two masters.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24

Risk Do you take chances with your witness? Are you showing up in places or doing things that you know could tempt you? That can cause some risky consequences.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is fin-

ished, bringeth forth death. James 1:13-15

Sorry Do you confess your sins so you keep your fellowship with the Lord? Do you follow the biblical guidance on forgiving others?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Trouble Are you a troublemaker? Do your actions cause others to fall?

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. Romans 14:13

We play games as entertainment, to spend time with our kids, or just for the plain enjoyment of the game. We think of games as light hearted things, but everyday living isn't quite so light hearted. We move space to space and hit high-points and low-points on the way. The thing is that we don't move around that great game-board of life by taking some dice in our hands, rolling, and seeing what numbers come up before we move. Our spaces and directions we move in are all by our own choices. Only we have the power to decide which way we are going to go, how many steps we are taking, and how long we will stay at a point.

We choose what we end up doing. We have control of the board. Sure, circumstances and things come up in our lives but only we choose how we deal with them. Only we choose how we are going to live from day to day.

In Joshua chapter 24, Joshua brought all the tribes of Israel together and reminded them of Who God was. The people had gone off to serve other gods and Joshua gave them a powerful demand that day, "*Choose you this day whom ye will serve*". This is what we personally have to reflect on and decide upon each day. Are we going to serve the Lord *today* as we take life step by step?

So, how are you playing the game of LIFE?

Ministry in Action

