

WEEKLY AT KOINONIA

Sunday

7:30 am: **Open Prayer**
8:15, 10:00, 11:45am: **Sunday Services** ~ Pastor Ray Viola.....Sanctuary
9:15 am: **Worship Ministry Prayer** (2nd Sunday)Prayer Room
9:30 am: **Koinonia Kids Ministry Prayer** (2nd Sunday)3rd Floor, Room 6
1:30 pm: **Water Baptism** (2nd Sunday).....Agape Hall
6:30 pm: **Topical Bible Study** ~ "One Baptism, Many Fillings" ~ Pastor Ray.....Sanctuary
Praise and Worship (last Sunday)Sanctuary
Kids' Time ~ ages 5-12.....Agape Hall
Battalion Boys Club ~ ages 13-18.....3rd Floor, Room 1
Challenger Girls Club ~ ages 13-18.....3rd Floor, Room 6
KSOW - (Koinonia School of Worship)3rd Floor

Monday

12:00 pm: **Women's Prayer** (1st & 3rd Monday)Prayer Room
7:00 pm: **Women's Prayer** (2nd & 4th Monday)Agape Hall

Tuesday

7:00 pm: **Topical Bible Study** ~ "The Life of Christ" ~ Pastor Dave.....Agape Hall

Wednesday

7:30 pm: **Bible Study** ~ Numbers 19 ~ Pastor RaySanctuary
Exhortation/Corporate Prayer/Communion(3rd Wednesday).....Sanctuary
Youth Group (13 -18 year olds).....Agape Hall
Kids Club Night: Skippers, 2-3 yr. old boys/girlsToddler Room
GIRLS: Scooters, ages 4 - 53rd floor
Voyagers, ages 6 - 73rd floor
Pathfinders, ages 8 - 93rd floor
Trailblazers, ages 10 -123rd floor
BOYS: Treeclimbers, ages 4 - 73rd floor
Stockade, ages 8 -123rd floor
Helpers for Boys' & Girls' Clubs are always needed and welcome.

Thursday

6:30 pm: **The Father's Heart Outreach Ministry** (1st thru 4th Thursday) ~ See info card in parlor
7:00 pm: **India Meeting** (1st & 3rd Thursday)Agape Hall
7:00 pm: **Ladies Dessert & Coffee** (4th Thursday)Agape Hall

Friday

6:30 pm: **Men's Meal** (4th Friday)Agape Hall
7:00 pm: **College & Career Bible Study** (1st & 3rd Friday) ~ Joe & Courtney FantauzzoAgape Hall
7:00 pm: **"Living Sacrifices" Singles Bible Study** (2nd Friday) ~ Doug & Dawn Landers.....Agape Hall

Saturday

7:30 am: **Men's Prayer**Prayer Room
8:00 am: **Men's Prayer Breakfast** (last Saturday).....Agape Hall

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify the church office if you or a member of your family is going to (or are in) the hospital for an illness or for surgery, so we can schedule a visit and pray. "I was sick and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

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"Jesus is Lord of All"

February 7, 2010

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.
And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.
Who is he who overcomes the world,
but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

1 John 5:4,5

Sunday Morning Message

"To Him That Overcometh"

LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Ray Viola

TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES

As we come to a close in our study of the letters of Jesus to the 7 churches, we see that in each letter, there was a specific promise given to overcomers (**Revelation 2:7,11,17, 26; 3:5,12,21**). We will also see later on in this prophetic book that one last promise is given to all who overcome (**Revelation 21:7**).

We are living in a day and age when promises are made but seldom fulfilled. Our government makes many promises that they never fulfill. Even within the ordinance of marriage, many people (some even reading this article) have lived the horrible experience of broken promises. Thus, it is not hard to see why so many people are skeptical and suspicious when they read these incredible promises of Jesus. However, herein is where we need to resist the devil's original lie, "Has God said...?" (**Genesis 3:1**) with a resounding, "Yes, Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (**Mark 9:23,24**)

You see, a promise is only as good as the one making the promise, and when we read these amazing promises given to overcomers in **Revelation 2,3** and **21:7**, the One making the promises is the living, risen, glorified Lord Jesus Himself (**Revelation 1:12-18**). All of the promises of God are Yes and Amen in Jesus Christ, and are ultimately meant to give glory to God (**2 Corinthians 1:20**).

It is also clear that these promises are not given to just anybody who "believes" in Jesus (**James 2:17-19; John 2:23-25**). A "profession" of faith that is void of evidence of repentance and regeneration is not the overcoming faith that Jesus is referring to. Who is the one that overcomes but he that is born of God (**1 John 5:1-4**). Thus, overcomers are people who have been regenerated by the Spirit of the Living God (**1 Peter 1:18-23**). Overcomers are not simply people who "go to church"; overcomers are the Church over whom Christ is the Head (**Colossians 1:18**) and Bridegroom (**Ephesians 5:25-32**).

The conclusion that we draw from these precious truths of Scripture is this: The promises granted to overcomers are not rewards or accomplishments based on our performance, but the fruit of the new birth (**John 3:1-8**), which comes from Jesus Himself, Who is the Author and Finisher of our faith (**Hebrews 12:1-2**), to Whom be glory both now and forever, Amen (**Hebrews 13:20-21**).

Meditation: 1 John 2:13,14

"I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING: TODAY at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary. ALL welcome!

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING SERIES: Discovering Our Jewish Roots with Rabbi Jim Appel will begin **February 21st** in the Sanctuary. See insert for schedule details and plan to join us!

HOME FELLOWSHIP NEWS

****NEW BIBLE STUDY: "Wept"** for teen & college girls on 4th Friday monthly, 7:00-9:30pm at Anne Loria's. Look for card in the fellowship rack over the agape box for the address.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

BABY BLESSINGS MINISTRY ~ This ministry for expectant parents offers prayers and support during pregnancy, labor and delivery. Register by filling out a brochure from the parlor and leaving it at the church office. Questions or comments, contact Lori LaBarbera at 671-0229.

CORPORATE PRAYER & COMMUNION ~ On the **third Wednesday** of every month at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Anyone wishing to be anointed with oil is encouraged to come at this time, or call the church office or anyone in leadership for anointing at any time.

FAMILY/MARRIAGE MINISTRY ~ We are committed to helping you prepare for marriage, enhance your marriage, or recover from a broken marriage. If you desire support or assistance in any of these areas, please contact the church office (385-0450).

THE FATHER'S HEART OUTREACH MINISTRY (formerly Homeless Ministry) ~ If you desire to donate clothing or toiletries, make soup, or visit the homeless (1st-4th Thursdays, 6:30pm), see the Ministry Table in the parlor for more information, or contact Russ or Anne Loria at 472-4331.

HAS AND NEEDS MINISTRY ~ Opportunities to help one another via e-mail. Info sheet in parlor.

HOME FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY ~ See the Home Fellowship Ministry wall display above the agape box near parlor for information cards on all home groups. If the Lord puts it on your heart to open your home for a Bible Study or Prayer Group, please contact Dave Hoppe at 385-3610.

ITALY MINISTRY ~ Monthly prayer meeting in support of the Lord's work in Italy. Contact Bill Wyman (739-8312) for more information, including the date and location of the next gathering.

THE JOY HOPE MINISTRY ~ For those going through the trials of cancer to find encouragement and live out **Galatians 6:2**. Contact Susan Pazda at 594-0458 for more information.

KOINONIA SCHOOL OF WORSHIP ~ See brochure in the parlor. Questions, contact Pat Tharp.

MEAL MINISTRY ~ If you are interested in blessing families with a meal when they have a baby, surgery, etc., or you know of someone in need, contact Kim Ostrowski at 381-4643 or 734-4327.

MEN'S MINISTRY ~ **Men's Meal Night - 4th Friday**, 6:30pm in the Agape Hall; sign up in parlor.
~ **Men's Prayer Breakfast** - 8:00-10:00am on the last Saturday each month in the Agape Hall; please sign up in the parlor. ALL men WELCOME! No charge for meals.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ~ **CDs** and **DVDs** of Bible studies and special events can be purchased at the **Media Center** next to the Sanctuary.

~ Various **Topical, Devotionals, Old and New Testament** studies from Pastor Ray's teachings are available in the **bookstore/library section of the parlor**.

SINGLES' MINISTRY ~ "Living Sacrifices" monthly Bible study & fellowship on 2nd Friday, 7-9pm in the Agape Hall. All adult singles welcome! Questions: Doug (298-4605) or Dawn (309-0178).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ **Midday Prayer Meeting** on **1st & 3rd Mondays** in the Prayer Room. Starting time is noon. Join us for a time of prayer & sharing. Sorry, NO childcare available.
~ **Evening Prayer Meeting** on **2nd & 4th Mondays**, 7:00 pm in Agape Hall
~ **Ladies' Dessert & Coffee** - monthly on **4th Thursday**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Sign up in the parlor; bring a dessert (or healthy alternative) to pass. ALL LADIES WELCOME!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MM DATE NIGHT: Formal dinner/dance for married/engaged couples, **February 13th** at Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford. Tickets \$45/couple at the office.
NOTE: Time changed to 6:00 pm. TODAY (February 7th) is the **LAST DAY to buy tickets**.

WATER BAPTISM: February 14th in the Agape Hall after 3rd service. If you have not been baptized and desire to be, please sign up in the parlor and get a baptism CD from the office.

MEN'S RETREAT: Fri.-Sat., **February 19th-20th** at Marriott. See poster for details. Sign up sheet and registration forms in the parlor. **Deadline is THIS FRIDAY**. Questions, see Pastor Dave.

FATHER/DAUGHTER SNOW DAYS: Friday-Saturday, **February 19th-20th**. Winter fun with optional overnight @ Camp Hickory Hill. Information/registration forms online or in the parlor.

Don't forget to check the bulletin board and Kerusso for more upcoming events.