

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday School—9 am  
Sunday Worship Service—10:30 am

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Wednesday Evening—7 pm

### THE GATHERING PLACE

Mid-week Service  
Thursday Evening—7 pm

### HALLEL PRAISE REHEARSAL

Wednesday Evening—8 pm  
Saturday Morning—10 am

All services and meetings located at Holding Forth the Word of Life, 2029 West Broadway unless otherwise noted.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

### WHAT GOD'S SAYS ABOUT ME IN HIS WORD?

**I am loved with everlasting love.**

#### **Jeremiah 31:3 (KJV)**

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

**Last Week**

**Romans 6:2,11**

—I am dead to sin.

### TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABLE

To schedule your ride for Sunday Services, please call Sis. Karen at 612-522-4337 by 8 pm Saturday evening, leave a message telling how many adults and children that will be riding in the church van along with your call back number. You will receive a call back to confirm your pick up time. Please be ready at your scheduled time so the van is not delayed in picking up others.

**Isaiah 62:10**—Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

**Isaiah 57:14**—And shall say, cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling block out of the way of my people.



## BREAKING THE YOKES OF BONDAGE AND THE SPIRIT OF OFFENSE

Isaiah 58:6—*Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?*

A yoke is all forms of political, economical, or social justice. It is also defined as an oppressive agency such as bondage. God wants all those things that oppress us and holds and us in bondage to be undone. He wants us to be free from anything keeping us from walking in the divine assignment he has created us for. After you do what the word says, then you are ready to receive the rewards He has for you.

Offensive mindsets are a yoke that keeps God's children from gaining the full potential because they look at the world like everyone has done you wrong and they take on attitudes that are contrary to the Word of God. People who have been offended also tend to be the ones that offend others. When you offend others, you become a stumbling block. If you have been a stumbling block for someone it may take a while, but it will catch up to you. It's time to do away with the things of old and get set free.

### **Lions of Judah**

**Happy New Year  
from the Lions of Judah.**

# Holding Forth The Word Of Life Ministries International

**The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody!**

**...and Restoration of Families Begins...**

**DRS. RUFUS & DIANE THIBODEAUX**



**Sunday, January 11, 2008**

**Service Times:**

**Sunday 10:30 am and Thursday 7:00 pm**

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:30 pm**

**Philippians 2:16**—*Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*

**WELCOME TO HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE FROM  
APOSTLE RUFUS & PROPHETESS DIANE THIBODEAUX**



Holding Forth the Word of Life is a dynamic ministry with urban roots, but with a global outreach. Our emphasis is to bring about the restoration of the family unit according to God's Word, to teach believers their redemptive rights and privileges in Christ, and to reveal the character of God as it functions in the believer's life.

**2009 GOD'S YEAR OF EXPANSION,  
INCREASE & FRUITFULNESS**

**Isaiah 54:1-3, Psalms 115:12-16, Genesis 1:27-28, Colossians 1:9-12**  
*All Scripture References NKJV*

**HFTWOL ANNUAL FAST**—Our annual fast will begin Monday, January 5th and will go until Sunday, January 25th from 6 am to 6 pm. Throughout the 21 days of fasting the church will be open for prayer, dates and times will be provided. Also Pastor Rufus and Pastor Diane will be sharing information on the principles of fasting to help us throughout this time of fasting. Foundation Scripture for the Fast is Isaiah 58:6—*Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?*

**NIGHTLY PRAYER**—During the fast we will have prayer at the church every night at 7 pm. A prayer box is available for you to place the prayers you have before the Lord. We will corporately pray for HFTWOL, it's leadership, it's members, our communities, our nation and all other Holy Spirit inspired prayers.

**GIVING STATEMENTS**— Your 2008 Giving Statements are available upon request. Please obtain a release form from Sis. Louvonda and your statement will be printed for you.

**LITTLE SAINTS & CHILDREN OF ZION**— We will minister in dance the first Sunday of every month starting in February. The rehearsals will be held at the church from 1:30—2:30 pm on Saturday. Our January rehearsal dates are the 24th and 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Sis. Michelle at 612-521-3399.

**PRAYER DIRECTIVES FOR HFTWOL**

- Completion of the New Salem Property
- Revival within HFTWOL
- Weekly budget met.
- All debts paid in full.
- Increase for Agape, Oasis, and HFTWOL.

**POWER FROM THE PULPIT**

**Permanent Change**



God wants permanent change within His people. He wants a metamorphosis to take place similar to that of a caterpillar changing into a butterfly. According to Webster, metamorphosis means to change into a different physical form especially by supernatural means, to change strikingly the appearance or character of, or to be transformed. So it is God's desire that once we become a new creature (2 Cor 5:17) that we renew our minds (Romans 12:1-2) and that we are transformed, so that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. He desires PERMANENT change, meaning never to return to a previous state. Let's look at the transformation process (metamorphosis) of the caterpillar. The caterpillar has a limited territory because they have to crawl around. As the caterpillar grows they shed skin because it has outgrown its current skin and needs to be renewed. They still have limits and they know that there is more for them, so just before their last shedding of the skin, they prepare themselves for their permanent transformation. In our terms, they are preparing themselves for their destiny of becoming something beautiful and free. Once the chrysalis which is very soft completely covers the body of the caterpillar, it hardens within an hour and protects the caterpillar. From the outside you can begin to see the transformation because the chrysalis becomes a beautiful jade green color, but there are dramatic changing occurring on the inside.

**NAMES OF GOD**

El-Shaddai (Almighty God) — We come to know God as El Shaddai, when we come to the end of ourselves, when it's impossible to do what He's called us to do, it's then that He undertakes. It's then that He shows us His love and care. It's then that He reveals Himself as "Almighty God."

Abram first met God in a vision in Genesis 15 as "Jehovah, the Lord." In his first encounter with Jehovah, God made him a promise to bless him with a land and a people: "He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the heavens and count the stars-- if indeed you can count them.' Then He said to him, 'So shall your offspring be'" (Gen 15:5 NIV). But something had to happen before Abram would see the fulfillment of that promise. Abram would have to come to the end of himself. He would have to be placed in a position where it was impossible for him and his wife to have children.

Are you at the end of yourself? Do you feel it's impossible for you to do what He wants you to do? If so, then, "good." You may be on the verge of getting to know God as "El Shaddai."

**TITHER'S CORNER**

Malachi 3:8-12, Leviticus 27:30, Matthew 23:23, Hebrews 7:1-2, Galatians 3:13,18, & 26-29

Tips to help you with your responsibility of giving to God to support the work of your local church.

- According to James 1:22-25, when we just hear God's Word and forget to O.D.P.A. it, we are deceived in our thinking about how God operates in our affairs. We think God will help us just because we heard His Word only and did not obey it, see Luke 6:46-49.

This transformation process takes just 9 to 14 days and by knowing his destiny, the caterpillar is able to obtain freedom allowing him to explore new territories. Now this is a permanent process, he is never going to backslide and go from being a butterfly to a caterpillar, but why would they. The same goes for us. Once we are transformed and in Christ, those old things have passed away and all things have become new – that same transformation the butterfly received, we also received. One we get to another level, we can't regress. So there is no going backwards, just pressing forward to our destiny being grounded in the Word of God.

