

# Month at a Glance



FRIDAY  
January  
29, 2010

## EARLY ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST PRAYER

### Prayer Focus #1

Pray that God will give our congregation a heart like His.

### Prayer Focus #2

Pray that God will bless Apostolic Faith Church to become a community that embraces a teachable spirit and a servant's heart.

### Prayer Focus #3

Pray that God would give us wisdom and favor as to how and when to move forward in our building project.

Join us each Friday morning at 6:30 AM as we have an encounter with the Lord. Remember, in the words of Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D., "If you meet the Lord early, you can meet anyone else later on"

For more information on an "Early Encounter with Christ", call Apostolic Faith Church at (773) 373-8500.

## Weekly Services & Meetings

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	7:00 am	<b>Morning Corporate Prayer</b>
	8:00 am	Early Morning Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School/Christian Education
	11:00 am	Breakfast is Available
	11:15 am	Praise and Worship
	11:30 am	Morning Worship Service & Youth Worship
	1:00 pm	FaithWorks Ministries Broadcast WJYS TV (CHANNELS 34 & 62 OR CHECK YOUR LOCAL LISTING FOR THE CHANNEL IN YOUR AREA)
	2:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Corporate Prayer</b>
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	12:00—1:00 pm	<b>Noon Day Prayer - Sanctuary</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Bible Study</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Evening Prayer Service</b>
	7:30 pm	FaithWorks Ministries Broadcast The WORD Network CHANNEL 486
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Youth Bible Study</b>
	7:30pm	Voices of Judah Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	Adult Praise Dance Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 am	Early Encounter with Christ Prayer
	11:00 am	Senior Saints Seminars/Meeting (3RD FRIDAY)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	<b>Brotherhood Prayer</b>
		Men of Faith (3RD SATURDAY)
	8:00 pm	FaithWorks Ministries Broadcast
	11:00 am	Y.M.E.N. (3RD SATURDAY)
	12:00 pm	W.I.N.N.E.R.S. (3RD SATURDAY)

Please DO NOT walk during the Altar Call unless coming toward the Altar. Let's not distract anyone who wants to come to the Lord.

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**Deaf Ministry TTY Phone Number (773) 924-1270**

## Responsive Scripture Reading

Sunday, January 31, 2010

### Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (New International Version)

**MINISTER** <sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

**CONGREGATION** <sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, <sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

**MINISTER** <sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, <sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

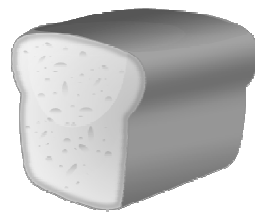
**CONGREGATION** <sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, <sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

**MINISTER** <sup>9</sup> What does the worker gain from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has laid on men.

**ALL TOGETHER** <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

**MINISTER** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**ALL TOGETHER** *Thanks be to God!*

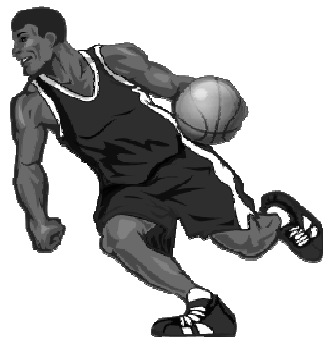


#### DAILY BREAD

The AFC Daily Bread Outreach Ministry will be visiting four shelters on TODAY. We welcome all members of AFC who have completed the Foundations class, who have a servant's heart, and a humble spirit. If this description fits you, please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room immediately after second service for further information and instructions.

#### YMEN

YMEN is inviting everyone out for Family Fun Night with the Chicago Bulls as they take on Dwayne Wade and the Miami Heat. Join them at the United Center on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are available for \$30 and can be purchased from a YMEN representative in the foyer after service or by calling the church office at 773-373-8500 extension 320.



## Pulpit Perspective

### "May It Be"

Taken from the Prime Time with God Devotional

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her (Luke 1:38).*

Have you ever had a boss come to you and give you an assignment which had rules never before used? Not only were the rules different, he was asking you to agree to them not knowing the outcome or impact it would have on your life. That must have been the way Mary, the mother of Jesus felt.

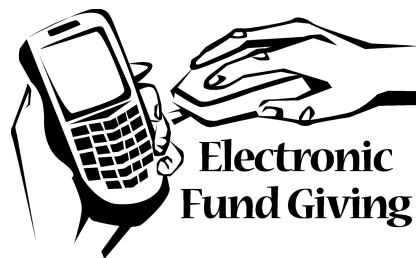
God was about to do something so extraordinary that it required a face to face meeting with the subject, Mary, and his key angel, Gabriel. What God was about to do was so foreign that it needed detailed explanation.

Mary had been handpicked to give birth to the Christ-child. Can you imagine!? However, in order to do so she was going to be pregnant while yet unmarried, something totally taboo in her culture. In fact, women were stoned to death if found to be fornicators. So, when Mary heard the assignment and responded by saying, "May it be," this tells us what a courageous woman of faith she must have been.

She did not understand the implications of what she was about to do. However, she placed her total trust in God and knew that if God chose her for such an assignment, she could trust the outcome to Him. She would even have to trust the explanation to Joseph, who was not going to understand. In fact, when he discovered Mary was pregnant, he immediately considered divorce proceedings.

However, when God saw Joseph's response, He sent an angel to explain the situation through a dream. I am sure the time between her telling him and his dream must have been difficult to explain. She did not know God was going to solve the problem. This is another example of her faith and courage. I would imagine most women might have responded to the angel like this, "I won't do it unless you tell my husband!"

Do you have an assignment from God that seems impossible on the front end? Is God calling you to trust Him for the outcome? Take a lesson from Mary and release the outcome to God.



#### Electronic Fund Giving

#### DEBIT & BANK CARD CONTRIBUTIONS

We now offer an easy way for you to give your tithes, offering and CSP contributions with your debit or bank card during offering. If you would rather make your contribution in this manner, please step outside to the Sanctuary Foyer behind the center doors during offering to complete this very easy process.



#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COURSE OFFERING

In celebration of Black History, Christian Education is offering the class "Black Presence in the Bible". Participants will be enlightened concerning their inclusion in God's word and His plan from the very beginning. This 4-week class meets Tuesday s, February 16 – March 19 at 7PM. To obtain a registration form, please see a Christian Education representative outside the sanctuary after worship service or pick up a form from the literature rack in the main foyer.

## Announcements



#### SUPERBOWL @ AFC

Are you ready for some AFC Superbowl Fellowship & Football? YMEN and the AFC Men's Ministry are calling all football fans to come and bring a dish or chips to watch the Indianapolis Colts take on the New Orleans Saints next Sunday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

#### PRAYER VOLUNTEERS

Our ministry is reaching around the globe and souls are calling in for prayer. Please sign up to volunteer for one of the prayer lines for the FaithWorks Broadcast prayer line. The times are Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings, Saturday evenings, and during both Sunday Morning Worship services. Please contact the office at 773-373-8500.

LOVE IS

**Passion...Kindness...Sharing...Togetherness...Friendship**

### Romantic Couples Night Out

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30PM

"Upper Room" New Zion Banquets

1950 West 13th Street - Chicago, IL

\$75 per couple

Sponsored by the AFC R.E.A.L. Marriage Ministry.

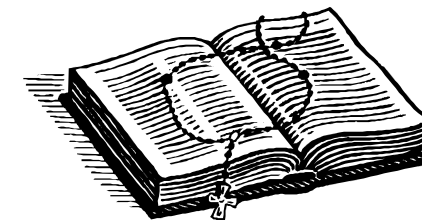
Please see representative today in the foyer for registration and any other questions.



#### SINGLES MINISTRY

The Singles ministry of AFC, Positive Singularity, wants to invite all singles to celebrate God's love in your life on Sat. Feb. 13th at the South Loop Banquet Hall at 26th & State. You don't want to miss this evening of fellowship, poetry, laughter, celebration, food and inspirational fun. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the foyer after service.

### Read Through the Bible 2010



Are you on track with your Bible reading for 2010? Today's reading is Exodus chapters 19 through 21. Don't forget, you can download a bookmark from our website at [www.afcchicago.org](http://www.afcchicago.org).

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