

A Note from Pastor Phil

Where did 25 years go? It's hard to believe 25 years ago we merged two churches on May 1, 1994. Our first service had about 50 people including anything that could breathe. Both church leaderships dissolved and we put in a whole new constitution on June 1, 1994. We kept the original incorporation keeping the recently filed new name "Word of Life Christian Fellowship." Over the years, we have seen hundreds of thousands of dollars go to mis-



sions, hundreds of thousands in building improvements, modestly hundreds of lives here in our area impacted, and thousands of lives overseas. Thousands of lives have been touched by this church in a place called Henrietta, and it keeps happening! To God be the Glory!!

I plan on sharing on what these 25 years have been to me on Sunday, May 5, in the morning service. I have been asking the Lord what to say that day, and I can tell you the biggest thing is, grace, grace, God's grace. I can tell you that God builds his church, "and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." There have been personal conflicts, leadership conflicts, health attacks, building permits, financial pressures, and yet, God has proved Himself faithful as we have remained standing like it says in Ephesians, "having done all else STAND."

One of the greatest blessings from being here all these years are the friendships that have lasted over the years. Even at times when people have left the church, I have been blessed to keep godly relationships with them. I want to thank them all very much. Lastly, I want to thank my family for all

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Eduardo Elmasian to Speak at WOL, May 19, 2019

May is Mission's month at WOL. This year, we are happy to have with us the brother-in-law of Connie Vellekoop. Pastor Eduardo Elmasian is the founder of El Arca Internacional, a fellowship of churches he and his wife, Cathy, were involved in planting in S. California, Mexico, and Argentina. His ministry of su-



pervision of the churches, pastoring and preparing leaders, as well as counseling, marriage seminars, and a radio program keep him busy. However, he especially has a heart for ministry to pastors. Pastor Elmasian is author of several books in Spanish, including one on discipleship. He has been married for forty-one years and has three daughters and two granddaughters. Note: The name of his fellowship of churches "Ark International Fellowship" stems from his Armenian background, thus "Noah's Ark."



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Prayer 9am The evening prayer mtg has been moved to Thursday night	2 Fantauzzo's Life Grp will join the prayer mtg at WOL 7-8pm National Day of Prayer RWC BASIC 7p	3	4 Walk for Life 9am In Touch Bunch 2pm FWYC 4pm will be hosted at the Yu home
5 Worship 10am Pastor Phil Communion Anniv. Potluck Kids Club 6pm Youth Grp 6pm Life Group 6pm	6	7 McDonald Life Group 7pm (new date)	8 Prayer 9am	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast 9am
12 Mother's Day Worship 10am Pastor Phil No evening programs	13	14	15 Prayer 9am	16 Fantauzzo's Life Grp 6:30pm	17	18 Brentland Woods 2pm
19 Worship 10am Eduardo Elmasian Youth Fundraiser meal for NEWC Kids Club 6pm Youth Grp 6pm Life Group 6pm	20	Elim Fellowship Oasis Conference, Lima, NY WOL Offices closed			24	25 Men's Breakfast 9am Worship Team Mtg for new members 1pm
26 Worship 10am Pastor Phil Mission Potluck No evening programs	27 Memorial Day	28 McDonald Life Group 7pm	29 Prayer 9am	30	31	

Youth Fundraiser Meal for NEWC, May 19, 2019

The Stand4 Youth Group is hosting a fundraiser meal on Sunday, May 19, at Noon, to raise money for worship camp! This fundraiser is happening in May so they can get the early bird rate. The suggested donation for the meal is \$5/person or \$20 max/family. Donations are also accepted online at wolcf.org. Please note your donation for "youth worship camp." The North East Worship Camp will be held at New Hope Fellowship in East Bloomfield, New York, July 8-13. The youth will stay overnight for the duration of the worship camp. For more information about registering your youth for this camp, contact Pastor Jonas Cortes at jonasccg@hotmail.com, or Pastor Bet Cortes at Godzgood4ever@gmail.com.



Missionary Update: Bruno and Beth Sene

And as many of you are enjoying spring, we are entering our fall season! Here are some of the highlights of our year so far. As the worship pastor, Bruno has not only been leading worship at many Sunday services, but also organizing the team, working on updating and fixing the sound system, and raising up new worship leaders. We have also been pastoring the worship team members and are excited to see a powerful team being raised up! Being back in Brazil and close to Bruno's extended family members, we have felt a burden to invest in the lives of family members who have not been living for the Lord. Bruno is leading a life group at his uncle's house with this purpose in mind. Bruno's cousins are actively participating, and we are already seeing results! Bruno's aunt came home from a trip and exclaimed, "Wow! My son is changing!" God is so faithful! Would you pray and believe with us to see our cousins and all participants of the life group surrendering 100% to Jesus?! We also want our children to not only love God but also love living for Jesus. So, I have begun leading a children's life group. Every week the kids from this life group are praying for their friends who they want to win for Jesus! On the home front, Paul has started second grade. He is already reading and writing in Portuguese! This past Saturday he turned 7! Daniel continues to pick up Portuguese at home and playing with friends. He loves all hands-on activities, and especially baking and cooking. Sammy turned 1 in February. His cuteness just seems to grow as he learns new skills and becomes more and more interactive with everyone. We want to thank you again for partnering with us to see God's Kingdom grow here in Brazil!



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they have sown into the church with me these years. All four of our girls have worked here in the church, on worship team, teaching Sunday School, and generally anything mom and dad asked them to do. They have been great!! My wife Sheryl is a rare gem in pastoring the church right alongside me. If you only knew how she carries the work here in many ways. I also want to thank all of you for one incredible gift. You have loved my wife and me so much, but more than that you have loved and helped raise our four girls. They love this church because of all of you. They love God, serve God, and love the local church! Thank you all so much for 25 great years. We are glad you are here to continue on in what God is currently doing at Word of Life!



Photos in 1994 of foyer and main sanctuary that soon after were updated in stages to add seating into foyer then later remove overhang ceiling. This is now the current Mosaic Room.

LIFE GROUPS



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For Kids During School Year:

Kids' Club, Grades K-5
Two Sunday nights/month 6 pm
Contact: Mrs. Kreider
jkreiderfamily@gmail.com



For Men:

Men's Breakfast
Contact: Phil D'Alessandro
oppilf66@gmail.com



For Youth:

Stand4 Youth Group, Ages 11-19
Sunday nights, 6 pm
Contact: Pastors Jonas & Bet Cortes
bethanycortes@wolcf.org



For Women:

Women of Promise Meeting
Once a quarter
Contact: Sheryl McNeill
office@wolcf.org



For College & Career:

Sundays once a month
McNeill's House
Contact: Sheryl McNeill
office@wolcf.org



For Young Families

For those with young kids
Saturdays/monthly, 4-6 pm
Contact: Albert & Sarah Yu
sarah.d.yu@gmail.com



For College Students: BASIC

(Brothers and Sisters in Christ) RWC
Thursday nights, 7 pm
Contact: Katie McNeill
katie.mcneill15@gmail.com



For Empty Nesters:

1st Saturday/month. 7 pm
Contact: John & Adele Squires
jandasquires@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Bible Study
2 Sunday nights/month, 6 pm
Contact: D'Alessandro Family
gotothebeach17@gmail.com



For Everyone:

First Wednesday Prayer
1st Wednesday/month, 7 pm
Contact: Church office
office@wolcf.org



For Everyone:

REACH Bible Study
1st & 3rd Thursday nights 6:30 pm
Contact: Fantauzzo Family
djfantauzzo@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Outreach
3rd Saturday/month 2 pm
Contact: Dan Neumann
drneumann2@gmail.com



For Everyone:

Bible Study
2nd & 4th Tuesday nights 7 pm
Contact: McDonald Family
ncfmichael@aol.com

Word of Life Leadership:

Lead Pastors: Phil and Sheryl McNeill
Elders: Jim Blake and Albert Yu
Worship/Youth Pastors: Jonas and Bet Cortes