



FOCUSED ON FOREVER

by Martin Drummond

It's true that wholesome blessings often come into the lives of people who choose Christianity.

But gaining earthly blessings should never be the reason to confess Christ as Savior with our words and baptism.

And any evangelistic message we share should speak most to eternal blessings, not earthly blessings.

Why? Because the latter are not guaranteed.

And when they do happen, the level of blessing from Christian to Christian varies SO widely depending on circumstances, personality, maturity level, Kingdom purposes, etc.

When it comes to eternal blessing, though, EVERY Christian will receive the same gift of eternal life. There will be no "uptown" heaven and "other side of the tracks" heaven. We all will be in the presence of God wearing the same white robes in a place so marvelous that we can't even comprehend it.

Yes, we should rejoice and be thankful when earthly blessings come our way.

But Jesus didn't die on the cross so that we could have earthly blessings.

He died so that we might have life eternal.

"The LORD redeems his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned."
(Psalm 34:22)

The Apostle Paul wrote that Christians should be the most pitied people on the planet if the reason for their self-denying lifestyle had no eternal reward.

He knew that temporary blessings in this life — and he experienced them along with some really hard times — were nothing compared to the ultimate blessing of being with God forever in heaven.

This truth is why Psalm 34:22 is so encouraging.

It's so much more important that God redeems His servants into the next life rather than simply give them stuff in this life.

Yes, some ministries unfortunately place a huge emphasis on linking material wealth with spiritual practices. It's actually embarrassing to see such "carrot"-based conformity pressures being displayed in the media to the glee of Satan who tempted Jesus to see wealth as more valuable than faith.

Jesus got it right, though. He focused on the forever, not the "now or never."

Listen, stuff decays. A soul that seeks refuge in God's promises won't.

Ever.

This is the greater blessing.

This is what should compel us to focus upon spiritual gain, not material.

This is the Good News we are called to share — hope that will take wing forever.

It's Family Dinnertime!

Invite a friend and come to our next **Family Dinner Night** set for **February 22** from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Please join us for great time of fellowship with plenty of food.

In addition to a delicious menu below, a study hall with tutoring is offered from 7-8 p.m. so that kids can have homework assistance while adults enjoy small-group studies.

The menu will be:

- Homemade Meat or Vegetable Lasagna
- Garden salad and rolls
- An incredible dessert
- Peanut butter station for kids

There is no charge, but donations are welcomed to provide for next month's meal. Please join us as we feed our bodies and our souls with the things of God.

Stronger families *and* a stronger church WILL result.

Volunteers are needed for the dinner in the following ways:

- Donations
- Making dessert (Leah has recipe)
- Food shopping Tues 2/21
- Room set-up Tuesday 2/21
- Cooking 12-3 p.m. Wed.
- Set up serving table @5:15 pm
- Manage drink table
- Help with cleanup at 7 p.m.

Please let **Leah Kinnaird** know of how you'll help.



*Cena de las
Damas*



*25 de FEBRERO a las 4pm
en la iglesia*

TEMA:

Amor Incondicional

DISERTADORA:

Teresita Terán

*Por favor, comuníquese con Zaida Velásquez
a más tardar el 18 de febrero si va a asistir.*








Women of Faith is holding a new and exciting One Day Event featuring Author, Singer and Television Host **Sheila Walsh** along with hilarious Christian Comedian and storyteller **Ken Davis** coming to the James L. Knight Center in Miami on **March 17th 2012 from 10am-5pm.**

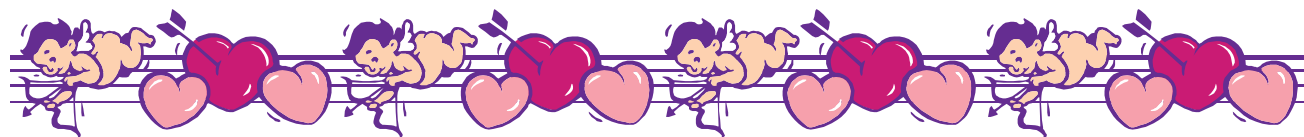
**This is a one day only event that combines biblical insight and in-depth teaching with humor and inspiration.
What if “One Day” could change everything?**

Tickets are \$59 & \$79. The seats are general admission. The \$79 seats are closer to the stage but still not assigned a seat number. Lunch is not included.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Tania Veloz.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5  ANNUAL MEETING 2pm	6	7	8  OLDIES GOLDEN 11am	9	10	11  Valentines Banquet 6pm
12	13	14	15	16	17  Kids Bash 7pm	18
19	20	21	22 Family Dinner 6:15pm	23	24	25  Cena de las Damas 4pm
26	27	28	29			



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Marian Colman
 2nd David & Linda Hiers
 3rd Heidi Molina
 6th Bob Fifer
 6th Marc Hargraves
 6th Renee Hernandez
 6th David & Sherry Medder
 8th Carl Paschal
 9th Rachel Hernandez
 14th Nicolasa Hernandez
 14th Doris Torres

15th Gladis Garcia
 16th Ray Bowen
 16th Kim Schoenfeldt
 16th Ricky Velásquez
 16th Tania Veloz
 17th Doris Wilkosz
 17th Sixto & Ada Rosa
 18th Amelia Hernandez
 20th Alice Dacosta
 23rd Danny Abdo
 24th Mark & Kim Schoenfeldt



Serving Schedule

FEBRUARY 19

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Marc Hargraves

OFFERING MEDITATION

Tom Fields

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gene Kinnaird*
Bobby Veloz
Pete Moolah
Chris Kinnaird

DONATION COUNTERS

Gene Kinnaird
Eppy Suarez

FEBRUARY 26

Tom Fields

Marc Hargraves

Eppy Suarez*
David Hiers
Danny Abdo
Jake Mills

Tom Fields
Steve Chin

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

19 DE FEB

ORACION OFRENDA

Santiago León

ORACION SANTA CENA

William Terán

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Teresita Terán

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Pedro Madera
Jaime Rivera
Gregorio Belmont
Nelson Garrido

26 DE FEB

Gregorio Belmont

Marino Polanco

Pedro Madera

Jorge Velez
Nelson Garrido
Santiago León
Marino Polanco



Email us at sdchurch@bellsouth.net and we'll do our best to get you answers!

Got Questions?



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