

◆ The Church's AGM is today after worship.



The Church of Christ meets here at  
48 Convoy Avenue,  
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## FAITHFULNESS is one Ingredient for a Strong Marriage

By David Cariaga

Hardly in our world today, we see men and women who will stand by their word. Truthfulness is almost rare and Christians are not even spared by this problem. One can tell who they are and what kind of people they are when their patience is tested. Charles Stanley says, "Too many Christians have a commitment of convenience. They'll stay faithful as long as it's safe and doesn't involve risk, rejection, or criticism. Instead of standing alone in the face of challenge or temptation, they check to see which way their friends are going."

I want us Christians to dwell on "faithfulness", for us to see ourselves and where we are heading. When a person marries his/her partner, his commitment must be pure and true and not a commitment of convenience. However, we see so much divorce, conflict and children suffering because of "unfaithfulness." Francois de La Rochefoucauld says, "When a man must force himself to be faithful in his love, this is hardly better than unfaithfulness." One cannot force himself to be faithful. It is a choice we have long chosen. Why? Faithfulness goes with, honesty, commitment, patience, sincerity and dedication. This is for a lifetime commitment, promise, dedication....and so on. In the first place, our decision to love someone is within us and must stand with a strong foundation. Dictionary says "Faithfulness" means true to one's word, promises, vows, steady in allegiance or affection; loyal; constant: reliable, trusted, or believed. When a person cannot be faithful to his/her partner, what assurance can he/she give that the next person will be for a lifetime?

According to one friend, "this is a disposable relationship." Does it mean, people are disposable? And as times and years build up having good memories and most especially "children", are they also disposable? What problems can't be solved if both are faithful and true to their commitment? Paul said in Ephesians 5:33(New International Version) *Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband. In the Old Testament, Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her* (Ruth 1:16-18: New International Version).

If married couples carry these principles and passages, staying together will never be a problem. Their lifetime commitment will not be rocked by any trial. The, relationship will never be like disposable plates, spoons and cups – thrown to the garbage after use. It will always be a relationship cherished, valued, flourishing and blessed with good children. That is what our God wants to see.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

29	30	31 No Bible Class	1	2	3	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am
5 Potluck 	6	7 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	8	9	10 Vision Channel 9:30 am 	11
12	13 Scottie Simmons Adoption B'day 	14 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	15	16 James Bortey B'day 	17 Vision Channel 9:30 am 	18 Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9am
19 Annual General Meeting	20	21 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	22	23	24 Adrian Nocon B'day 	25
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**Bible Mad Gab:** Grate Manner Knot Hallways Whys ( See Job 32:9 for answer)

**On for cleaning.....** Shirley Taylor and Erma Gorman

**Food Bank Items:** Peanut Butter; Soup; Kraft Dinner;

Condiments; Canned Meats/Fish/Fruit; Dry Spaghetti/Sauce

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## Order of Worship

### Bible Class



9:45-10:30am Sundays  
David Cariaga (John Chapter 15)

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays  
David Cariaga



### Prayer Time

10:30—10:45 am Sundays



### Worship

11:00 am Sundays

### Leadership for Worship

Song Leader.....Jeremy VanSlyke  
Worship Prayer.....Shola Komolafe  
Presiding at the Table.....Daren Simmons  
Assisting.....Jonah Simmons  
Scripture Reading.....Wayne Taylor  
Sermon .....David Cariaga  
Collection.....Daren Simmons  
Closing Prayer.....Lee-Andrew Duncan  
Announcements.....Lee-Andrew Duncan

**John 4:24**

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship  
Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

## Prayers for those we love...

1. Wisdom for the spiritual Leadership of all the churches.
2. Our bible class teachers and students.
3. Church evangelism, spiritual growth and unity.
4. Missionaries—Joel Osborne, Ruth Zimmerman and Ron and Karen Clayton.
5. Key to the Kingdom program, teachers and students.
6. Wisdom for the leaders of our country and the military.
7. Those not worshipping with us today.
8. All Brethren living in isolated areas.
9. That Sel's dad will be healed of his prostate cancer and that her mom will have the strength to live through the process.
10. That Jocelyn's Brother-in-Law will be saved and God will ease his suffering.
11. That the Evacuees of Fort McMurray will find homes, financial help or new jobs, and have their needs met.
12. That Corey and Claudia will become strong in the faith again.
13. Ann Landry is out of the ICU. Pray for her health.
14. Those of our congregation travelling.
15. That Gizel Attedjro would stay focused and grow in faith as she studies at the Great Lakes Christian college .
16. That Paul & Heidi Taylor would return to Jesus's Church.
17. Our sister Susan McLellan had a baby boy named Quintin. Although she was discharged, he is currently in the neonatal intensive care unit. Pray for Quintin's healthy development during this sensitive time.