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The Altar

*A broken ALTAR,
Lord, Thy servant
rears,*

*Made of a heart
and cemented with
tears;*

*Whose parts are
as Thy hand did
frame;
No workman's
tool hath touch'd
the same.*

*A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth
cut.*

*Wherefore each
part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this
frame
To praise Thy
name.*

*That if I chance to
hold my peace,
These stones to
praise Thee may
not cease.*

*Oh, let Thy
blessed SACRI-
FICE be mine,
And sanctify this
ALTAR to be
Thine.*

**George Herbert
(1593-1633)**

The Tabernacle...

The study of types and shadows is a subject that has interested me greatly. When I was a child I remember our teen boys Sunday school teacher, Dr. John Sawchuk, explaining to us the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. He told us: *Every article of the tabernacle represented Jesus Christ and His work in the believer by the Holy Spirit.* He had some pictures and tried to help us see some things.

As I got older and my education was being furthered, Rev. Carl Malz at Trinity Bible College taught us that the proper name was—The Tabernacle of the Congregation, Exodus 29:44. He gave us a book entitled: Lectures on the Tabernacle, by W. J. McClure.

For the first time I had my own black & white pictures of the tabernacle and all her articles of worship

Today as I teach types and shadows I have PowerPoint, a laptop computer and a LCD projector. Better yet, in some classes we use a 50 inch flat screen monitor. Our students view the articles of the tabernacle in brilliant color. They watch as the tabernacle spins around allowing the viewer to observe every side and every angle. We have computer generated models of the Outer Court, The Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies.

It is almost like being there as we discuss every part, every type and view the shadows of Christ. I would like to



The Altar of Incense

say all the shadows of Christ. However, after every teaching it seems the Holy Spirit shows me something I forgot or didn't know before.

But nothing compares to having God step in, like He did in the Tabernacle of Meeting. Nothing compares to the Holy Spirit revealing, and teaching. All I can say is when God shows up it is *MAJESTIC*.

Recently, while teaching at the Bible Institute on the smoke coming from the Altar of Incense, God came into our room. As the students were sitting there, contemplating the beauty and intricacy of all that God built into that huge tent, we came the point were we realized that this was the tent. It was in this tent that Moses received daily communication from God. It was in this tent that the Shekinah Glory came down. It was in this tent that God would step into the presence of Moses and the congregation. But it is meaningless if it is only a story. The true meaning comes when God steps into our living reality—that's when a story lives.

I remember for a few moments looking at myself as I taught. It was as though my spirit was hovering above my body. God removed me and He took over. When my spirit was reunited with my body I looked on the faces of the students. Many of them had tears running down their cheeks. I realized that for a brief moment God had taken over that room and was teaching, using my body as His vessel.

Majestic is the only thing that can be said for that type of moment. The interesting thing is that the next day another teacher came in and confirmed the word that the Lord had spoken the day before. That, my friends, is the Holy Spirit at work.

You see God desires to take us beyond a few tattered pictures and dull black & white prints from old books. He isn't even impressed with computer generated models. He desires that His people would come into the Glory of His Presence.

You see, when the Glory of God comes down, it is overpowering. Exodus 40:34&35 says: *Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the Tabernacle of Meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle.*

Allow God's Glory into your reality. It is *MAJESTIC*.

Men's Breakfast... Joe Cuoco Ministries...

**Saturday
February 7, 2009
8:00 AM**

**Breakfast will be served
by
Gordon Hawkins**

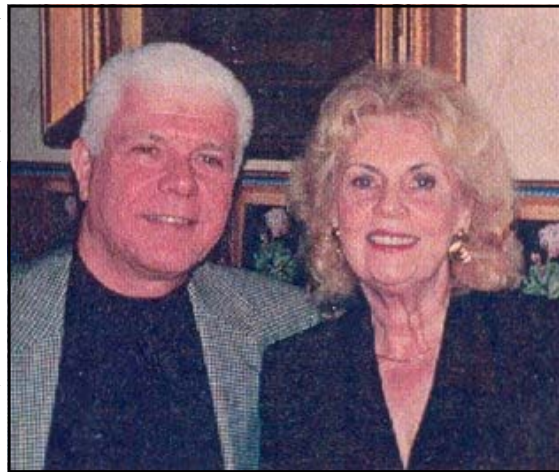
**Bring Your
Bible,
A Friend,
And Your Hunger
for
Fellowship,
Prayer,
The Word,
And
Good Food.**

Joe and Herborg Cuoco will be ministering during the Hour of Power on Sunday morning, February 15, 2009.

The Cuocos were called into the full-time ministry in 1980 and pastored for 22 years. In 2002 they sensed a call to become Missionary/Evangelists to countries around the world.

The Cuocos have ministered in Norway, Ireland, Africa and Greenland. Wherever God leads them they see lives touched and changed by the power of God.

Miracles, signs and wonders are often seen in their ministry. Joe preaches with a strong emphasis on healing, revival and the glory of God. Their heart for the miraculous excites



Joe & Herborg Cuoco

and strengthens the congregations desire to reach out to the lost.

Pastor Al Christiansen of Tree of Life Ministries states, "My wife and I have known the Cuocos for 30 years.

Their love for the church, and for the lost is Christ centered. Their compassion for the sick has captured their hearts and has led them into an incredible healing ministry. We have watched the Cuocos as the Lord continues to mightily move in and through them. Watch and see how the Lord moves amongst your congregation as the Cuocos minister the Word by preaching and demonstration. Your church will never be the same again!"

An offering will be received.

Buzz Hergott...

On Sunday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. Rev. Buzz Hergott will be ministering to our congregation.

We enjoy so much the ministry of Buzz and Sandy Hergott. The Hergotts helped found and served as co-pastors of River of Life Church in Shakopee. After many years of faithful ministry they have sensed a change of direction in their lives. We

are so glad they have landed at Rejoice Christian Center for a time of refreshing and strengthening as they prepare for the



Rev. Buzz Hergott

next chapter in their lives.

Buzz has one desire and that is to *please God*. His phone message asks: *Have you done something to please God today?*

Brother Hergott will be ministering on Divine Healing. We encourage you to invite someone to this service that is in need of a touch from God.

Come expecting God to pour out of Himself in this service.

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Women of God International... Gospel Jam..

Dr. Sharon Predovich will be the featured speaker at Women of God International on Friday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. We believe Dr. Predovich is one of God's chosen apostolic vessels of these last days.

Known as "The Mother of Nations," she ministers widely overseas as well as in the United States. Sharon, and her husband Bill, are co-pastors of Resurrection Life Church and World Ministry Center in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. She is also the founder and president of Women's International Ministers' Network, a



Dr. Sharon Predovich

global fellowship for licensed and ordained women. More recently, she founded RezLife Ministry Institute. RezLife is a school for equipping men and women for the ministry.

As a gifted five-fold minister, Sharon moves with great prophetic insight and compassion.

Come expecting to receive from God!

Rev. Carol Fraser, the director of Women of God International and the founder/director of On Eagles Wings Ministries will be the facilitator at this service.

An offering will be received

Join us for Gospel Jam on Friday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

The February Jam will be led by our own John Didier. If you have a song to sing or a

poem to share, please be sure to stick it in your pocket and bring it along.

Following the Jam there will be a pizza fellowship in the coffee room.



Bring A Friend!!!

A Very Special Time...

You are cordially invited to renew your wedding vows...

Sunday, February 15, 6:30 PM

Dr. L. D. Kramer will be ministering on the subject:

The Challenge of Forgiveness.

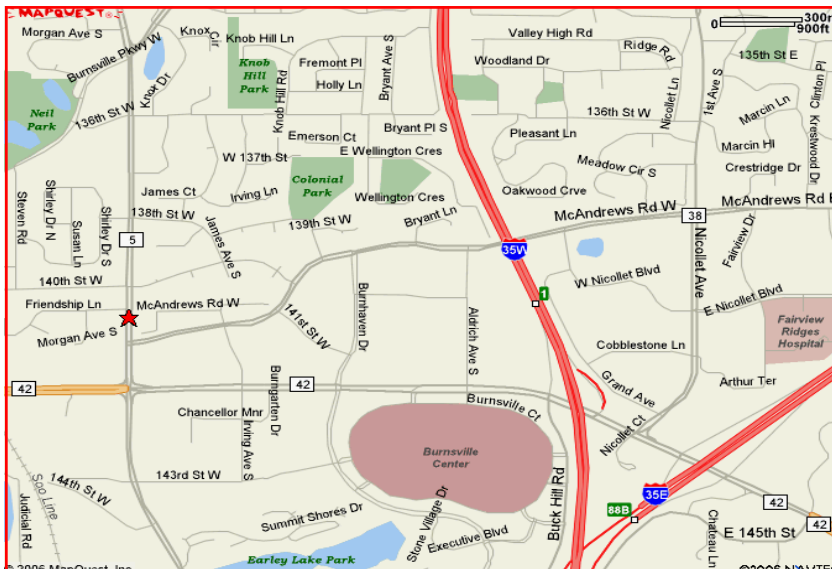
Dr. Daniel E. Cole will help couples renew their vows.

A cake reception will follow in the church parlor.

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Valentine's Day Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecake

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups finely crushed chocolate wafer cookies
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, diced
- 2 cups sour cream
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup white sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Mix the chocolate wafer cookie crumbs with 2 tablespoons of the white sugar, and the melted butter. Press firmly into the bottom and 1/2 inch up the sides of one 9 inch spring form pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 8 minutes.

To Make Cookie Dough: In a bowl beat 1/4 cup butter or margarine with the brown sugar and 1/4 cup of the white sugar. Stir in the water and 1 teaspoon of the vanilla. Beat in the flour and the semisweet choco-

- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 teaspoons white sugar

late chips. Stir until combined.

To Make Cheesecake: In a food processor or with a mixer beat 1 cup of the white sugar, and all the cream cheese. Add 1 cup of the sour cream, the eggs, and 1 teaspoon of the vanilla. Mix well and pour into prepared crust.

Drop cookie dough in 2 tablespoon portions evenly over the top of the cake, pushing dough beneath the surface. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 40 minutes. Cake will jiggle slightly in center. Spread topping over hot cake. Let cake cool, then chill in a refrigerator until cold, at least 4 hours.

To Make Topping: Mix the remaining 1 cup sour cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and the 2 teaspoons white sugar until smooth. Spread over hot cake.

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