

SOLD OUT NEWSLETTER

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INSPIRATIONAL † CALENDAR OF EVENTS † BIRTHDAYS

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform, inspire, and to invite anyone seeking a loving and caring church family. All are welcome (Adults 18 and over) to join us in praise and worship. 9:30 am Sundays. See calendar for details.

SOLD OUT MISSION STATEMENT

We believe we are here for the purpose of praising and worshiping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe in being completely Sold Out for Jesus, and we honor Him by taking to heart, His teachings and applying them to our lives. We are committed to being full time followers of Christ. We allow our light to shine brightly as a lighthouse beacon reaching out to others. We are called to be present to support each other in fellowship whether we are feeling triumphant or experiencing tribulation. We believe in praying unceasingly with and for one another offering comfort and support according to God's Word. Our mission is to take the word of God out into a broken world to those who struggle and feel lonely, hopeless and abandoned. Going out and sharing the message that there is hope. That Jesus Christ saves souls from the muck and mire setting the lost on a solid foundation.



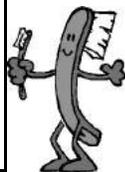
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THE SOLD OUT COFFEE HOUSE HAS PROVEN TO BE A GREAT PLACE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CONVERSATION. A PLACE TO GO ON A SATURDAY MORNING WHEN YOU HAVE NO OTHER PLACE TO SHOW UP



COME JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND
8:00 am to 10:00 am every Saturday

The Continental Inn is located at
12810 US HWY 19N
Clearwater, Florida 33764
contact Dawn @ 727-458-7124



FOOD PANTRY



**On the first (May 4th) and third (May 18)
Saturday of each month during coffee house.**

THE SOLD OUT BAND

The Sold Out Band is the worship band for Sold Out Ministries Inc. Sold Out Ministries is an outreach ministry that provides worship and various outreach services. Currently serving in Clearwater at the Continental Inn, Sold Out reaches out to show the love of Christ to so many in great need during some of the most difficult times of their lives. Being a transitional housing facility for those recently released from jail/prison, on probation, homeless, facing addictions or other difficulties, the Continental Inn affords Sold Out a great opportunity to serve. Whether it be the Sold Out Band playing out at a venue, or hosting a Bible Study, game night, the Saturday Morning Sold Out Coffee House, Sunday morning Worship service, sports watch party, movie night, the Sold Out Storehouse (Thrift Store), road trips to local Celebrate Recovery programs, or BBQ/pool/picnic/baptism events in the Continental Courtyard. . . Sold Out provides a family experience full of unconditional/non-judgmental love. Sold Out is available to play at your next event. Be sure to visit our website, email us at soldoutallin@gmail.com. Or contact Dawn @ 727-458-7124



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



THE BLANK PAGE

A blank page is an artist's canvas to paint a masterpiece. It is a sculptor's lump of clay to be molded into something magnificent. It's a place for a writer to assemble the right words in the right order to create an unforgettable story. All three are gifts from God. I continue to encourage and invite anyone who wishes to contribute to this newsletter. See Jim For Details

It is said that you don't know what you have until it is gone. Either you consciously make a decision to change your way of life, leaving behind friends, family, residence, responsibilities and everything that is comfortable. Or when life is rolling along smoothly and you feel secure in your way of life; everything feels right. Then something unexpected comes out of the shadows and forces you away from all that you love. Back in January, that is what happened to me. I was arrested and sent to Jail to resolve a situation that I allowed to slip through the cracks. Sitting in jail I was in shock because one moment I was sitting here writing and the next I was in the back of a transport vehicle. There wasn't much I could do in jail but wait for the county where I was wanted to come and get me. I held tight to the knowing that my Lord and Savior was with me. When the shock finally subsided I realized that God was about to use me in a mighty way. I believed that this situation was not about me at all. God had a plan to use me to encourage others by my testimony sharing with others what God had done for me and that there is hope. People started to share their burdens with me. While listening to what others were sharing with me, I felt that my situation wasn't so important any more. Many men were headed off to prison. I was able to share my experiences with them while I in prison. To those that I interacted with, I gave my address and suggested that when they got to where they were going, to write to me and I would surely respond.

Back in January when I was working on the February Newsletter I chose the topic of freedom for this page. Little did I know that as I did struggle to fill this page, my freedom was teetering on the edge. At this time I would like to place on this page what was intended for the February Newsletter.

After the excitement of the Holidays, that have just passed, I find it challenging to come up with a topic for this month's (February) Food for Thought. I sit here staring at the cursor that blinks endlessly, waiting for me to start tapping on the keys. When this happens, I will usually just walk away from it for a little while. But not this time because there are a couple ideas going through my head.

Freedom is the word that at this moment is flying around in my head wanting attention. There have been many other thoughts that don't cry out for attention, like the words free, freely, and freedom. Now I just have to pull

it together so that it makes sense. *“And the Lord God commanded the man, You are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17)* God gives us the freedom to make choices. We strive to make the right choices in life, but sometimes temptation will lead us to make the wrong decision, thus paying severe consequences.

There are many who, including myself, made a wrong choice, lost everything including freedom and spent time in jail, and prison. Freedom, in the physical sense, is a very precious thing to be lost. We who have been incarcerated know that while behind wire, steel bars and gates, separated from family, that it is possible to be spiritually free. *“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)*

I found that even though my freedom had been taken from me I could know the truth that would set my heart free. A freedom never before experienced. A freedom that no matter where I was or what was going on, I could be content. *“I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:10-13)*

Jim Ellis 

On Sunday January 13 a question was asked of the Sold Out Family. That question was What is God to me? The following is the response from the family.

† “He is almighty, He is glorified, He is our Savior. He is our guiding light.”

† “God is my very good morning this day in which I give thanks. He is who I go to for everything. I try to wear His armor everyday. He is who I give thanks to for everything. I even praise Him in the storm.

† “What is God to me? Strength in all times faith lacking but forgiveness always granted. I believe He died for mankind and His name will be praised and worshiped in the end and judgement will prevail. I believe in the Holy Spirit and forgiveness.”

† “In Him we live, move, and have our very being. He is the Lord of my life.”

† “GOD: Father, lover of my soul, almighty, awesome, sovereign, tender, loving, Abba, Daddy. That’s my God!”

† “God is my Lord!”

† “God is judgement; He follows what we do and keeps score. He’s merciful and loving also, but someone’s got to determine where people go. So ultimately He’s judgement. He’s jealous, loving, merciful and judging.”

† “God is the Daddy that I never had. He is the Love I never knew and the peace I needed.”

† “Everything.”

† “God is all.”

† “God is good to me.”

† “God has been my healer.”

† “Jesus is the living word. He wants to consume my life as my **BEST AND ONLY FRIEND**. That Bread, that water of life. He’s that kernel of corn that was planted and produced one hundred percent. A Holy and righteous God full of compassion and mercy.”

† “God is my Savior.”

† “Who is God to me? FATHER.”

† “God is Love, He gave me His Son and my Wife and daughter. He makes me complete.”

† “To me, God is Love. He set me free from the wreckage of my past. He is my salvation.”

These are the Glory days.

My past is past, my future is bright, God’s promises are true and His word is sure. With God as my helper, I will be all he wants me to be, do all he wants me to do, and receive all he wants me to receive. These days are Glory Days.

Max Lucado

Glory Days

Palm Sunday Service

While Milt and Dawn were away on their camping trip, the Sold Out Family was blessed with Praise and Worship with Mike, Stan and Paul. The Palm Sunday message was delivered by Keith. And we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast prepared by Monroe assisted by Rob. Andrea introduced one of her creative projects. The "Palms".



Easter Sunday Service

With Milt and Dawn back with us, the Sold Out Family experienced an interactive Resurrection Sunday Service. Praise and Worship with the Sold Out Band, a Cardboard Testimony, and nailing our names to the cross. Breakfast was prepared by Monroe. In addition to the day's activities, a meal was prepared for the Sold Out Family and a movie was shown.



SOLD OUT FAMILY EVENTS

For the Month of May

† Sundays Sold Out Church Service Doors open at 9:15 am

† Bible Study Every Thursday evening. Doors open at 6:15 pm

† Sold Out Coffee House 8:00am to 10:00am Every Saturday morning come join us for coffee and fellowship. Food Pantry is held on the first and third Saturday. 5/4 and 5/18

† Sunday May 19th Movie Night: Collateral Beauty 5:00 pm

† Sunday May 29th Memorial Day Pool Party/BBQ Time to be announced.

SOLD OUT ON THE ROAD EVENTS

For the Month of May

† Thursday May 30th The Sold Out Band will be at Harborside Celebrate Recovery
2200 Marshall Street Safety Harbor, Florida

† Sunday May 5th Milt and Dawn will be leading worship at Freedom Ministries 10:00 am
5595 66th Street North St. Petersburg

† Monday May 6th The Sold Out Band will be playing at Celebrate Recovery 6:15 pm
Abundant Life Church 1550 Belcher Road Largo, Florida

† Tuesday May 14th The Sold Out Band will be at Pinellas Park Celebrate Recovery
6:30 pm 9025 49th Street North Clearwater, Florida

† Sunday May 19th Dawn and Milt will be singing at Pinellas Hope 5:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED

ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF

EACH MONTH

SEE ANDREA FOR DETAILS

