

Today's Worship Schedule: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

"The Refiner's Fire"

Text: Malachi 2:17-3:6

Pastor Jody Bowser

February 19, 2012



A Note From Pastor Jody

The story is told of a man who wanted to learn more about the process of refining silver. He called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work.

The man didn't mention anything about the reason for his interest in silver beyond his curiosity about the process of how it was refined and made pure.

As he watched, the silversmith held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. The silversmith explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, so as to burn away all the impurities.

As this was being done there in front of him, the man thought about God holding us in such a hot spot. His mind then went to the verse in Malachi chapter 3, where we're told that God "sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." The man asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The silversmith answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The man was silent for a moment. Then he asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" The silversmith simply replied, "When I see my image in it."

On the Calendar Today

- Last day to sign up for the Women's Retreat (in the foyer).
- Sign up at the Info Center to help with meals.
- Sign up for the Women's Event on March 3.
- Sign up for "Bringing the Biblical Jesus to the LDS" class.

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday Feb. 19	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service Nursery—2's & 3's Central Station, kids Pre-K—2nd; room 308 The Berean ABF, room 311
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service Nursery—2's & 3's Sunday School, Kids (Pre-K—3rd), Kid Central area "The Zone" (4th/5th), room 311 "The Rock" (6th/7th/8th), room 102 "Dunamis" (Sr. High 9th-12th), room 300 ABF classes for adults (see info box)
	11:30 a.m.	Worship Service Nursery—2's & 3's Central Station, kids Pre-K—2nd, room 308 Deaconess meeting, room 306
	5:30 p.m.	Perspectives Class, room 311
Monday Feb. 20	7:00 p.m.	PRESIDENT'S DAY—OFFICE CLOSED C.O.R.E Ministry Prayer Forum, room 211
Tuesday Feb. 21	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Studies
	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Lunch, gym Boot Scootin' Exercise, gym Women's Bible Study, room 311 "Mosaic" group, at Molitors' (4129 W. Peninsula Dr.)
Wednesday Feb. 22	5:15—6:15 p.m.	Simple Suppers (donations accepted) iShout, room 311
	5:30 P.M. 6:30 p.m.	Kids Club (N-3rd), Kid Central area "The BLAST Zone" (4th/5th), Gym "The Rock" (6th/7th/8th), room 102 "Dunamis" (9th-12th), room 300 Adult Choir, room 311 Adult Classes (see Adult Min. box)
Thursday Feb. 23	8:00 p.m.	Worship Team Elders Touch-base/Starbucks
	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grief Share, room 211 A Call to Prayer, room 100
Friday Feb. 24	5:50 a.m.	Men with Direction meeting (men's accountability group)
	4– 5:30 p.m.	Open Basketball (Sr. High-Adult) Women's Retreat begins
Saturday Feb. 25	6:00 p.m.	Alpha Group, room 300 (Youth room)

KIDS Ministries



Kids Activities:

- The Sunday School and Kids Club classes are participating in a drive to gather school supplies for the children of Nicaragua. Please place items in the tubs in the foyer.
- Kids' flag march is March 5th. Meet 15 minutes before each service in the gym.

Youth Ministries



Upcoming Activities:

- "Dunamis" ...Mar. 11, 6:00 p.m.; Rooted, room 300
- "Rock" ...Feb. 26, 1:00 p.m.; Stand Out, room 102
- "The BLAST Zone" ...Mar. 31, 9 a.m. ; Church cleanup

Adult Ministries

Adult Baptism Class:

- Next class: TBA

Membership Class:

- Next class: Sunday, April 22, 2012

Life Groups:

(For more information, pick up a **Life Groups brochure** at the Information Center or contact Erik & Jane Borg at 762-0194.)

ABF Classes:

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

- "The Bereans" (rm 311) For adults nearing or in retirement years

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

- "Foundations" (rm 101) For couples maintaining a strong marriage while raising a young family
- "The Coffee House—A Journey for the Soul" (gym) A comfortable place for all adults to fellowship with other believers and deepen your relationship with Christ.
- "Prime Time" (gym) For those in the prime of their spiritual journey
- "Parents of Teens" (rm 100, downstairs) Got teens? Need help?
- "Seeking Pilgrims" (rm 308) For all adult ages.

Wednesday Adult Classes: 6:30—7:45 p.m.

- **Sportsmen Ministry**, led by Pastor Kent, Tim Erlenmeyer, Mike Nordin (East Overflow)
- "Encountering the Old Testament," led by Pastor Jody (Sanctuary)
- **Women's Bible Study**, led by Kelly McCracken (room 101)
- **Moms In Prayer**, led by Karen Dirks (room 211, Conference room)
- **10 Choices** by James McDonald, led by Cary & Liz West (West Overflow)

Information on Upcoming Events



Senior Adult Lunch
(+60 years of age)
Tuesday, Feb. 21st
11:30—1:00 p.m.

These gatherings are a time of fellowship, food, singing, Bible study and prayer. (\$3 donation accepted)
Menu: Stuffed chicken breasts, rice, vegetables, Tuxedo Truffle chocolate cake

"Bringing the Biblical Jesus to the Latter-day Saints"
led by Marilyn Scroggins will begin Feb. 28th at 6:30 p.m. Sign up today in the foyer.

5:15—6:15 p.m.: Simple Suppers this Wed., Feb. 22, Potato bar, salad & dessert. Donations accepted.

Women's Event

Saturday, March 3rd
3:00 p.m.
Speaker: Kathy Eikost
Sign up today in the foyer (free tickets)

Deaconesses Need Your Help!

Please sign up at the Info Center to help with meals (for new mothers, funerals and care of our hurting people). For more information, contact Terri Williams (771-0461).

BOOT SCOOTIN' EXERCISE CLASS FOR WOMEN is moving to Thursday evenings beginning March 1 (more info in next newsletter).

Women's Retreat, February 24-26

Simply Fragrant

"God uses us to spread His knowledge everywhere like a sweet-smelling perfume. Our offering to God is this: We are the sweet smell of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are being lost." 2 Cor. 2:14b-15

Speaker: Staci Copley

MC: Debbie Roeber

Worship Leader: Denise Krober

Place: Camp Lutherhaven, ID Cost: \$155

Sign ups: **Last day to sign up**, in the foyer.

Contact Liz Matern for more information (765-9472).



Prayer Focus: Joshua told the people "consecrate yourselves for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you." Joshua 3:5

Our prayer reminder MUG table will be available Feb. 26th. Drop off your change or grab a mug if you don't already have one.

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