

# Dunford Family Ministries



...advocating unity, family and community

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## Embrace The Drama!

Hello Everyone!

I don't care who you are, *drama* in this life is inevitable. By "drama," I mean "*issues that happen in which you are often not in a position to change.*" What's somewhat amusing is how each of us can be tempted to think everyone else has a better lot than we do; a life free of unwanted drama. Not true! This month many of us will be reflecting on the historical event that gave every person on the planet the right to call God our Father. That is the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. And I dare say, even His story was not exempt from drama.

One of my favorite accounts is the trip to Bethlehem. Joseph has to take his *pregnant fiancé*' on an eighty-mile (give or take) *donkey ride* to an unfamiliar place where he has a *debt* hanging over his head. His friends and family think he's nuts. And poor Mary is heavy with child as well as the cares of the world. Even though both of them had received instructions from God, (by way of an angel), they were still faced with some real life issues. *The one thing they had to depend on is the one thing we have today. God!*

Drama can be the "thorn" that presses each of us into

Christ like we never could have imagined possible. So it is my prayer for all of us throughout December that our God and King will shed light on our "issues" and help us realize *they are here to make us better, not bitter.*

November found us visiting two schools (Oklahoma Bible



Academy and Monroe Elementary) and a new congregation. Westside Church of God In Christ has been a part of the spiritual heritage of the Enid community for many years. We were blessed by the impromptu opportunity to share a message with the congregation. God was faithful

to fill our family with songs and words of confirmation. Thank you, Westside!

The last month of 2009 promises to be full of joy and celebration. At the time of this letter, we are scheduled to facilitate worship services at both First United Methodist Church (December 13th, 8:30 & 10:30 am) and First Presbyterian Church (December 20th, 10:30 am). We would also like to invite you to *A Dunford Family Christmas*, a night of singing, drama, and encouragement, taking place at Davis Park Christian Church on Sunday, December 20th at 6pm. (For more information, visit [davisparkchristian.org](http://davisparkchristian.org).)

*Thank you for the part you play in this ministry. May God continue to demonstrate His magnificent favor upon you, your family, and all whom you hold dear. We love you!*

*Lorenzo & Jennifer*

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