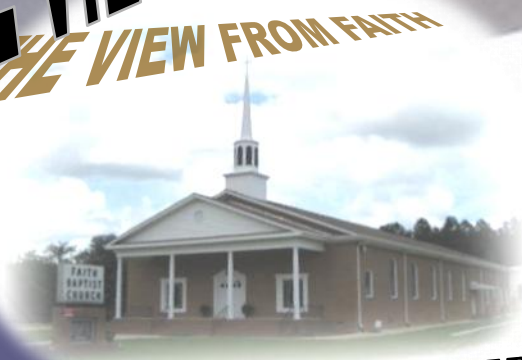


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repent, and trust God once again. The blessings of God on America will begin with God's blessings on America's Christians. Would we listen to and obey the words from the Bible that tell us what must be done if we are to ever see America great once again?

2 Chronicles 7:14; "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

May God bless America in the years to come because His people have turned back to God!

~Pastor David



We invite and encourage you all to come and join us for Sunday School beginning each and every Sunday morning at 9:45!

Sunday School Attendance

06/05 -95

06/12 -73

06/19 -83

06/26 -86

AVERAGE FOR JUNE

84

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next Men's Ministry meeting will be August 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm. We will not have a meeting in July due to the heavy schedules. June has been a busy month with VBS, BBQ fund raiser, and World Changers. I want to thank everyone for helping with all the functions that we had in June. They were all very successful. We were able to raise \$2,031.41 for

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Faith Family,
"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, which among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This is the opening of one of the most famous documents in the history of the world, the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. Contrary to what the revisionists of history may say, God is found deep within this document and also deep within the birth and foundation of this country. What began 235 years ago was not only the forming of a nation but a great work of God; His sovereignty, and His blessings. In her short history, America has proven that when she places God in His rightful place, His protection and provisions flow. But when she turns her back on God, the windows of heaven are sealed shut. We sing the words "God Bless America" but we fail to do what will cause God to bless America. We forget that the greatness of America depends, not on the politicians but on the believers who are placed here by God to be the salt and light in the darkness. If God is to ever bless this nation again, His people must confess,

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Emmanuel Ministry Summer Camp! I want each of you to pray for the Mission Team going to Romania the first of July.

God Bless

~Carroll Derrick

MUSIC MINISTRY

July is HERE already-means we are half-way thru this year. We have lots of things happening in the music ministry in the next few weeks. Of course Sunday the choir will be singing patriotic music for our July 4th week-end service. So make plans to come join us as we thank God for allowing us to live in this free country.

Summer Music Camp. This will be held August 5-7, 2011. We have fliers made up and ready to put out in area businesses and also forms are available for you to register your children or grandchildren. You may call the church office for more info or for a registration form or see me during one of the services. We want to give the children a chance to express themselves thru music while at the same time learning about God and His love. Looking forward to a great time!! Looking for helpers as well - this cannot happen with only a couple of people, so ask the Lord if this would be a place you could serve? The field is white and we need laborers...pray and seek His answer.

Praising Him,

~Donnita

PRAYER MINISTRY

July is another busy month for our church family. Let's support all of our ministries with prayer. July 6th we have 14 missionaries traveling to Romania. Remember them in prayer everyday in every way. Pray that Jesus' light will shine through each one of them. They will return home on July 16th. Also we have our community youth doing mission work around Swansea and Gaston. Pray for the leaders, youth and the lives they come in contact with each day. Always remember to pray for one another and encourage one another. We are many members but one body in Christ. Romans 12:4-5.

Love in Christ,

~Sue

SWANSEA PARISH NURSE

Hot Topic...

Unlike heat cramps and heat exhaustion heat stroke is a true medical emergency and can be fatal if not treated quickly.

Know the facts. Those that are at risk include the elderly, infants, those with diabetes, heart and lung disease, athletes, outdoor workers, people that take certain medications, you, me...bottom line all of us are susceptible. Certain medications may put you more at risk for a heat stroke: examples are antihistamines, diet pills, diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers, seizure medications, heart and blood pressure medicines like beta blockers and vasoconstrictors. If in doubt check with your doctor or pharmacists to see if you are taking any medicines that may increase your risk.

To prevent a heat stroke you should stay inside if the heat index and temperatures are high. If you must go out be sure to wear loose light colored clothing, a wide brimmed straw hat, apply sun screen and drink fluids without caffeine.

Common symptoms of heat stroke include the absence of sweating, red or flushed skin, rapid pulse, nausea, vomiting, skin cramps, difficulty breathing, confusion and sometimes agitation.

What to do? Call 911. Get the victim to a shady area, Remove clothing and get cool water on the skin with cool compresses, mist or use the water hose. (Gently though!) Fan the victim to promote sweating and evaporation. You may also place cool gel or ice packs under the arms, on the back, neck and groin areas.

So remember watch the weather and notice the heat index and any heat warnings. Stay inside but if you are tempted to go outside...remember someone may be watching you...me!!!

Call me at 568-5404 or email angela.redmond@palmettohealth.org

~Angie Redmond, RN, Parish Nurse 803- 568-5404

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Back to Papparoni's Bible Study in July. See everyone on July 11 at

7:00. We have a lady from Gaston leading us in a study of Philippians. Faith Baptist received a certificate for being the top ranked church per capita giving in Lexington Association for our Annie Armstrong Offering in 2010. Yea to all of you who supported this Missions Offering.

~Sue

YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy 4th of July!

This month we will be participating in Community Changers again! Community Changers is for those who have completed 6th grade and up. This year the event will be housed at Swansea First Baptist Church and will run from July 10 until July 15. We will be working on several projects in and around our community. We always need adult help, so please let us know if you are interested in helping in any way.

Due to various reasons we will not be going to a summer camp this year. However we are planning several very fun day trips. Locations and dates will be announced ASAP!

We have 2 of our youth going to Romania this year! Chloe Outlaw and Jay Sandy! We are very proud of them and ask that you join us in praying for them and the entire mission team as they serve our Lord.

Youth studies for July:

Make It Personal

7/3: My Rights

7/10: My To-do List

7/17: My Relationships

7/24: My Assignment

7/31: My Service

Please join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:45! God Bless,

~Mike & Jennifer Sandy

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Fri, August 5 th	5:00p - 8:00p
Sat, August 6 th	10:00a - 2:00p
Sun, August 7 th	3:00p - 6:00p

Finale Performance at 6:00pm on Sunday, August 7th

Afterwards, Join us for Food & Fellowship!