

# THE VIEW FROM FAITH

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silence means to shut the door deliberately on emotions and remember God. God sees us from the secret place. He does not see us as other people see us, or as we see ourselves. When we live in the secret place it becomes impossible for us to doubt God. We become more sure of Him than anything else. Enter the secret place and right in the center of the common round you find God there all the time. Get into the habit of dealing with God about everything. Unless in the first waking moment of the day you learn to fling the door wide back and let God in, you will be working on a wrong level all day, but swing the door wide open and pray to your Father in secret, and every public thing will be stamped with the presence of God." Let's all find our secret place and time daily with our heavenly Father. He promises that it will make the day much more rewarding.

Grace, Love, and Peace,  
~Pastor David

## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Faith Family,  
As I was getting ready for my prayer time this morning, I read today's ( Tuesday, August 23) devotional thought from Oswald Chamber's My Utmost for His Highest. It "just so happened" that the devotional was about prayer and the very things I struggle with in prayer. I want to share it with you, hoping that will encourage you in your prayer time. It is entitled "Prayer Choice and Prayer Conflicts."

*Matthew 6:6; "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."*

"Jesus did not say to dream about the Father in secret but to pray to the Father in secret. Prayer is an effort of the will. After we have entered our secret and shut the door, the most difficult thing to do is to pray. We cannot get our minds into working order, and the first thing that conflicts is wandering thoughts. The great battle is in private prayers is mental wool-gathering. We have to discipline our minds and concentrate on willful prayer. We must have a selected place for prayer and when we get there the plague of flies begins. A secret

## Sunday School Attendance

08/07 -84  
08/14 - 76  
08/21 - 80  
08/28 -69

## AVERAGE FOR AUGUST

77

Our focus for September Sunday School will be...

In This Together

9/4: All Together  
9/11: Grow Together  
9/18: Serve Together  
9/25: Tell Together

We pray that you come and learn together with us in Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45.

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## MEN'S MINISTRY

We will start the Men's Ministry meeting back on September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m... Several of the churches are coming together to watch the movie *Courageous*. We are asking each Man to buy a ticket and also to buy a ticket to give to another man preferably an un-churched man. We ask for you to commit right now and to ask God for the man you know who needs to see this movie. The date for the movie, "*Courageous*" is Saturday, October 1 at 1:15 pm. The entire theater has been reserved for the men and their friends from Faith and Sardis. We are attempting to see if other local churches are interested in being involved. So men, mark the date, make your commitment, invite your friend (s), and be part of a potentially life-changing event. The cost of each ticket will be approximately \$8. We will begin accepting your payment soon.

~Carroll Derrick

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The choir is getting busy again after slowing down a little during the summer months. We have several upcoming events in the next few months we will be getting prepared for.

First, we will be getting music ready for our Homecoming on Oct. 9. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this special time at Faith. Next can you believe Christmas already!? Yes, the choir has started working on our Christmas cantata! We are excited to start working on this year's cantata. It is entitled "*Mary, Did You Know*", and I think you will enjoy it...more to come on this later and an outreach to the community the choir is planning.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for a wonderful time of worship with Amanda Bannister.

Serving Him,

~Donnita

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Our next Prayer walk is Sept. 3 at 10:00. If you are enjoying a three day week end, prayer walk wherever you are. Our Prayer Partner Banquet is Sept. 13th at 7:00. Please fill out a reservation

form so we can plan for you. II Corinthians 5:7 says "we are to walk by faith, not by sight".

~Sue

## SWANSEA PARISH NURSE

### *Those Ol' Time*



### *Sayings...*

Time flies when you're having fun... I can relate because I just got back from a really short vacation. As always it was like Leap Year, a few days short!

The faster I go the behinder I get...Coming back from vacation there is so much to be done. Let's see must clean up the house mess I left behind. Of course it has been dry all summer but while we were away it rained and the weeds and grass need cutting. Some flowers bit the dust and died while I was gone. So they must be taken out back to the plant graveyard. There are mountains of clothes to be washed and put away. I don't do clothes or cooking while I am gone! And in all the busyness I forgot Monday is coming and that means back to work.

Where did the summer go? We move so fast through days, weeks, months and seasons. As I was out and about.....I do shopping on vacation....I saw summer items were on clearance racks and just around the corner within eye shot was the vision of fall. Leaves and vines of all colors were hanging, pumpkins were there on the shelves and of orange and black means Halloween. And I almost forgot to tell you that after Labor Day and Halloween you'll wake up and the next day is Christmas or so the stores think. If you don't believe me just go to Hobby Lobby or Carolina Pottery (which happen to be two of my favorite places to visit) and you will find Christmas decorations all shiny and bright. All of this just makes my heart race. The mere mention of Christmas reminds me that we also have Thanksgiving which makes me think of cooking. And then cooking once again reminds me of Christmas which in turn makes me think of shopping and STRESS.

So I have an idea, let's declare September as SLOW DOWN AND

TAKE A DEEP BREATH MONTH. I know you're thinking I just had vacation. But did I really? I need a vacation after vacation to rest. You know even Jesus took time away. Think about the times he retreated just to rest and restore. Read Psalm 23 and know that it's OK to allow him to lead us beside the still waters...sit by a lake or pond and just take in nature. Lie down in green pastures...well maybe recline in the outside lounge chair and look up at the sky. Play the cloud game and see what shapes you can see. Let Him restore your soul!

Reminder: Free Health Screening will be on Tuesday, September 20th

Until next time,

Call me at 568-5404 or email [angela.redmond@palmettohealth.org](mailto:angela.redmond@palmettohealth.org)

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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies we need your commitment to serve our community. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept 7 at 6:00. Please come and help organize some new or renewed ministries.

~Sue

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer is gone and school is back in full swing! YAY!!

In August our youth ministered to our community by giving away bottled waters outside of the Dollar General. It was a "cool" way to share the love of Christ!

We will close out our summer with a fun-filled trip to Carowinds! We will be going on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will leave the church at 8:30 on Saturday morning. Please see Mike or Jennifer if you are interested in going ASAP!

**In His Services,**

~Mike

### SEPTEMBER QUICK VIEW

3	Prayer Walk	10:00am
	Youth to Carowinds	
7	Women of Faith Meeting	6:00pm
12	Ladies Bible Study	7:00pm
13	Prayer Partners Banquet	7:00pm
15	Men's Ministry Meeting	7:00pm
18	Sound System Fundraiser	8:00pm
20	On-Site Health Screening	7:30am
25	Amanda Bannister in Song	6:00pm
26	Ladies Bible Study	7:00pm