

THE VIEW FROM FAITH

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Faith Family,
Two important events are before us; Revival Services and Thanksgiving. While they may seem to be two entirely different events, I believe they are intricately connected. The psalmist declares in Ps. 116:17; "I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD." Revival in its most true and sustainable form is to sacrifice ourselves upon the altar of God. For the spirit of renewal and refreshing is to ever come from God, there must first be a part of us that dies - dies to self desire, self-will, self-preference. What must die in you for revival to live in you? Paul lives in the spirit of revival because of many reasons, one being that he was willing to "die daily" (1Corinth. 15:31). Are we willing to die to our own selfishness just once for revival to fall?

Another thing that must happen is for God's people to live in the spirit of thanksgiving or "the sacrifice of thanksgiving." Why is thanksgiving a sacrifice? Living in thanksgiving to God is to recognize that we are nothing without Him and that we possess nothing if we do not possess Him. We acknowledge that if He does not possess us, then something or someone other than God does. Here's the thing; as children of the Most High, nothing has the right to possess us but God. Whatever possesses us controls us and commands us. As a disciple of Christ, can you say with all honesty that Christ is the most important element in your life

and that you are possessed by Him, His will, and His purpose? It is difficult to face these questions and a sacrifice to make the necessary adjustments for personal and corporate revival to take place. But if and when it does come, there will be a joyous time of thanksgiving. My prayer for each of us is that we will have a true season of Thanksgiving because of the sacrifices made for God's season of Revival.

~Pastor David

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next Men's Ministry meeting will be November 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.. We again are working together with Swansea United Methodist Church on small projects to help out with doing light repair work on some of the elderly people houses in this area. It is good for us to work together in Christ to help someone that is in need.

God Bless,

~Carroll Derrick

MUSIC MINISTRY

Happy Thanksgiving! Can you believe this year is almost over. It is time for our revival and the choir will be singing every service. Pray that we will be used of God and will bring honor and glory to Him of whom we sing. We are praying for lost souls to be saved and fires rekindled in the hearts of Christians.

The choir is working hard on our Christmas Cantata. Be sure to mark your calendars for Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm. This will be the first time we have done our Christmas cantata on Sunday evening. The cantata we are doing this year is "Mary, Did You Know?" I'm sure you will recognize the title song. Can you feel what Mary felt when she saw her baby boy for the first

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time. WOW - I'm sure her mind was full of thoughts and questions about this baby, but she knew He was a gift from God to this sinful world. So come ready to celebrate with us the wonder of the Baby Jesus come to earth so He could become our Savior.

Serving Him,
~Donnita

PRAYER WARRIORS

Hi, Prayer Warriors,

Prayer Partners will now be Prayer Warriors. We are battling against the devil and his demons so we need to be warriors. Church family we will be changing the continuing prayer list on the back of the Sunday bulletin. It will be printed on the back of the Wednesday evening notes. Copies will be in the vestibule and the prayer room. Continue to turn in your prayer needs, the current list will remain on the Sunday bulletin. We have had a good attendance at our Cottage Prayer meetings, let's continue to prayer for Faith's revival. We still have 15 spaces on our 24 hour prayer vigil that needs filled. Please see me for times available. On Saturday, Nov. 5th we will be walking and praying and praising God on the streets of Swansea. Please come join us. Bring a non-perishable item with you, and T-shirts are available for \$5.00.

~Sue

SWANSEA PARISH NURSE

Stop and Look...

Sitting in worship service time after time we hear the list of those that



are sick. We pray for them in service and at home in our daily prayers. But have you ever stopped to think that their caregivers need special prayers and thoughts too? As you sit in worship service during the month of November look around and see how many caregivers you can identify and add them to your prayer list. **November is National Family Caregivers Month** and celebrates about 65 million people that provide daily care to someone. That someone is

chronically ill, mentally disabled, or aged. That someone could be a child, parent, spouse, sibling or friend. That someone could be you or me. Perhaps former First Lady Rosalyn Carter says it best. "There are only four kinds of people in the world...those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers."

Nearly 10 million adult children over the age of 50 care for their aging parents. Additionally, 78% of adults living in a community and in need of long term care depend on family and friends as their only source of help. The health of caregivers often suffers as they put their loved one first. Statistics show that 23% of family caregivers caring for loved ones for 5 years or more report that their health is fair or poor. Family caregivers experiencing extreme stress have been shown to age prematurely. This level of stress can take as much as 10 years off a family caregiver's life. One thing I do want to stress to those that are being cared for by a family member is that they love you and want to take care of you so there should be no guilty feelings..... just thankful ones.

So what can we as a congregation do for these silent, invisible family caregivers? Say thank you to them, send a note, call, or offer to come by and have Sunday school with them even if it is Wednesday morning!!! Or better yet **ask** what you can do for them. And Caregivers **accept** the gesture. Sometimes that is the hardest thing to do. But "**just do it.**" So from me to you.....caregivers I say thank you for a job well done.

Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

For more information:

www.caregiving.org

www.nfacares.org

Until next time,

~Angie Redmond, RN, Parish

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

November 5, ladies will meet at the church at 11 am to carpool to

the restaurant in Ridgesprings. This lunch will be in lieu of our monthly meeting. It will be our only meeting in November.

Then the next Saturday, November 12th, the ladies are meeting at Rapha nursing home in Gaston to have a bible study with the residents. This will be at 11 am. We will be studying the book of Job.

We usually have Ladies Bible Study every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. The next bible study will be canceled due to revival. Our next bible study at Paparoni's will be November 28th.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We had a super time watching Skillet in concert at the state fair. Thanks to everyone who joined us! In November...

11/13/11: The Rock & Worship Road Show at The Colonial Life Arena \$10.00 @ the door.

Meet at church at 4:00

Date TBA:

"Breakfast for Dinner" fundraiser in the FLC (to help keep cost down for the youth trip to Chilipepper).

Reminder: ALL deposits are due to reserve your spot for the Chilipepper youth Conference. Please see Mike or Jennifer for more details.

Youth focus of study for the month...

Wholly Moses!

11/06: His Call

11/13: His Standards

11/20: His Reactions

11/27: His Outlook

We would absolutely love for you to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday morning.

God Bless,

Mike Sandy

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Nov. 3rd Cottage Prayer Mtg.

Clarks Home 7:00pm

Nov. 5th Community Prayer Walk at 10:00am

Nov. 10th Cottahge Prayer Mtg. Piersons Home at 7:00pm

Nov. 13th-17th REVIVAL 7:00pm

Nov. 20th Thanksgiving Fellowship at 7:00pm

Nov. 26th Church Decorating at 9:00am

Nov. 27th Lottie Moon Kick-off