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intercession, but to utilize the common-sense circumstances God puts you in, and the common-sense people He puts you among by His providence; to bring them before God's throne and give the Spirit in you a chance to intercede for them. In this way God is going to sweep the whole world with His saints. Am I making the Holy Spirit's work difficult by being defiant, or am I trying to do His work for Him? I must do the human side of intercession, and the human side is the circumstances I am in and the people I am in contact with. I have to keep my conscious life as a shrine of the Holy Ghost. Then as I bring the different ones before God, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for them. Your intercessions can never be mine, and my intercessions can never be yours, but the Holy Spirit makes intercession on our particular lives, without which intercession someone will be impoverished."

God is always at work, not only in us and around us but with others as well. May we see all He is doing, be completely obedient to His bidding, and take every opportunity to put our Christianity into practice. Have a great May!

Pastor David

Sunday School Attendance

04/03-91

04/10 -88

04/17 -90

04/24 -92

AVERAGE FOR APRIL

90

CHURCH SCHOOL



EXCITEMENT!

Every Sunday at 9:45am

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Faith Family,

For the month of May, I want to share a devotional thought with you from Oswald Chamber's "My Utmost for His Highest." It deals with the different situations and different people we meet in life. Many times we find it bewildering, wondering why God allows us to go through strange and difficult situations. Each of us experiences them. Maybe you are in such a place right now. Is it possible that He does it so that our Christianity may cross paths with someone who is not a believer. Hopefully these words will encourage you and make you aware of God's guiding hand.

"All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

The circumstances of a saint's life are ordained of God. In the life of a saint there is no such thing as chance. God by His providence brings you into circumstances that you cannot understand at all, but the Spirit of God understands. God is bringing you into places and among people and into conditions in order that the intercession of the Spirit in you may take a particular line. Never put your hand in front of the circumstances and say, "I am going to be my own providence here. I must watch this, and guard that."

All your circumstances are in the hand of God. Therefore, never think it strange concerning the circumstances you are in. Your part in intercessory prayer is not to enter into the agony of

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VBS 2011
JUNE 5TH – JUNE 10TH
6:00pm-9:00pm



Grab a cab and get ready for a week paved with bright lights and big dreams! There's fun around every corner for each and every age in our Vacation Bible School. Where we will learn that faith and Life Connect. You will then learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus – sharing the message of Christ with their world. Volunteers & helpers are still needed AND are welcomed! Please pray for God's guidance as we prepare for 2011 Vacation Bible School,
~Jennifer

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next Men's Ministry meeting will be May 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm. We did not have a meeting in April due to scheduling conflicts. We have scheduled another fund raiser for June 18, 2011. We will be preparing for this soon. This is a fund raiser to raise money for the Romanian Church Summer Camp. Go ahead and mark you calendars.
God bless,
~Carroll Derrick

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hallelujah! He's Alive, He is Risen, What a wonderful Sunrise service we had again this year at the campground. What a super place to hear the message of the Risen Savior.
 I wanted to thank all the choir members that worked so hard on our Easter music. They did a super job. A special thank you to the sound crew-Tony & Chris - for the time they spent in putting our words up on the screen with such perfect background pictures to match the words....We hope the music helped you to travel back to the first Easter and remember the words He's not here, but He is Risen.
 We are getting ready to start the busy summer season. We will continue working on some new music and would love to have you join us. We are planning a 5th Sunday Singing for May-stay tuned for more information. Let's keep praising His name!!
~Donnita

PRAYER MINISTRY

May 5th is National Day of Prayer. This began July 20, 1775 as "a day of public humiliation fasting and prayer." If our founding fathers thought it was

important in 1775, it is still important today. Place a reminder around your house, on your phone, TV, in your car, and praise and pray, praise and pray for our country and for ourselves. ..."Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." I Corinthians 16:13-14. May 7 we will prayer walk Swansea. Meet at the church at 10:00. Trust God with our town by lifting our neighbors in prayer.
In His Service,
~Sue

SWANSEA PARISH NURSE
Mending a Broken Heart

Losing someone you love is one of life's most stressful events and can cause us much pain. Within our hearts we all know that death is a part of life. Death gives meaning to our existence everyday because it reminds us how precious life is and that we are not promised tomorrow.



When an unexpected death occurs within our family or in our community many of us feel numb and shocked. We say "No, It can't be." Denial, disbelief, shock and sadness overcome us. Along with these emotions our mood can change quickly from despair, sadness guilt and even anger. All of these feelings are normal and common reactions to loss. Mourning is a natural process we must all go through to accept the loss we feel. Remember everyone grieves and mourns in their own way and time. There are no steadfast rules that govern grief. But here are a few things to think about.

- ♥ Seek out caring people that understand your feelings.
- ♥ Don't be afraid to really tell others how you feel.
- ♥ Take care of your health.
- ♥ Postpone making major life decisions such as moving, remarrying or changing jobs.
- ♥ Be patient. It will take time to absorb your loss and accept your changed life.
- ♥ Celebrate the memories you have of your loved one.

In closing let me say Chandler Fulmer Allen was loved by many. She touched lives with her patient spirit and sweet smile including mine. Indeed she will be missed by all. For the family and friends left here take comfort in an epitaph on an old Irish tombstone. **Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.**

With much sadness, until next time,
~Angie Redmond, RN, Parish Nurse
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The two Bible Studies at Paparoni's have been great. There has been 40 - 50 women and a couple of men attending. The two scheduled in May are on the 7th and the 23rd. Our monthly women's meeting is May 17th at 7:00 in Mr. W.B. room. Saturday the 21st we have Clothing Distribution from 7-11:00am. Ladies please come out on Friday to help set up the clothing and come an hour or two on Saturday. Men if you are free please come by at 11:00 to help clean up. We need volunteers; this is a community ministry that needs everyone's support. We need food for LICS for the months of June, July and August. Children are home from school and many parents need help with food. Bring non-perishable food items and put in crate by the Welcome Center. Thanks again for meeting and surpassing our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

In His Service,
~Sue

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer is fast approaching! We have a very busy schedule coming up! Upcoming youth events...
 May 13 & 14: D Now Weekend Discipleship Now Weekend is something we are trying for the first time and we are very excited! Faith youth along with Sardis & Swansea First youth will be joining together for a weekend of fun, faith and learning! Our weekend will start @ Sardis with us watching the movie, "To Save a Life". We will have pizza & popcorn. We have breakout sessions to talk about the movie. Later we will go late night bowling! We will spend the night @ SFBC. On Saturday will have more breakout sessions, worship time, free time, and much more. We will end the fun up around that evening. Due to the seriousness of this event we are asking that only 7th graders and up participate. The cost will be \$25.00/person. Please see me or Jennifer if you are interested in attending or for more details.
 May 22: Annual church softball game
 We need all youth to participate...we need to keep our winning streak alive!!!

Our focus of study for May is: "Fit to Lead"

- May 1: Fit Without Fear
 - May 8: Body Building with Influence
 - May 15: Find a Personal Trainer
 - May 22: Committed to the Goal
 - May 29: Be a Personal Trainer
- Please come and join us!

God Bless,
~Mike Sandy