

Praying for Revival

We recently had home prayer meetings to prepare for revival. Five homes participated, with a little over 50 in total attendance. It was a great time of both fellowship and seeking God's face. I hope and pray this is the beginning, not the end of our prayers. Join with me in praying this simple prayer, "Let the Holy Spirit come and take control. Send a great revival to my soul."

The Spice of Life

Variety is the spice of life. You have heard that phrase and probably said it a time or two. It first appeared in the poem *The Task* as "Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavor." That poem was written by William Cowper. William Cowper was a Christian writer in the 1700's. You might know a few of his hymns:

*There is a Fountain
God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

He was also close friends with John Newton, the writer of the hymn *Amazing Grace*. Though God used him in a mighty way, Cowper always struggled with depression and even tried to take his own life several times. God spared him each time.

William Cowper's life is a reminder that life is not always easy. People get depressed. We lose loved ones. Cancer strikes without notice. Family disappoints. Variety might be the spice to our lives, but Jesus is the source of our lives. He is the only way to add flavor to this dull world. He is the spice that preserves our soul. He is the joy that uplifts our hurting hearts.

Your Pastor,

Jason R. McNaughten

Commit Your Life

Luke 23:46, "Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last." How many of us have read these words and rushed past them? How often do we slow down and appreciate the final moments of the crucifixion? As we examine Jesus' final words, we find several applications for daily Christian living.

First, Jesus committed His life to trusting and following God. We often struggle with health concerns, job worries, or family issues. How can we trust the Father and hold onto worry? We can't. Jesus' example teaches us to trust God more in our daily lives, but especially in difficult times.

Second, Jesus shows us the wisdom of trusting God with our lives. When we chose to worry or become anxious about a pending situation, we waste time, energy, and effort. I've never arrived at the end of a testing season thinking I should've worried more. I also wonder how much time I wasted in fear.

Third, Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary demonstrates bravery. I am not just talking about the bravery to be beaten, forced to carry a cross, or allow yourself to be mocked. No. I am talking about the bravery to trust God's plan for salvation. When He was in the garden praying "Not my will, but thine," Jesus decided to follow the plan of salvation. Christian, we should follow Christ's example, bravely following God's plan for our lives trying not to worry, but wisely trusting Him.

Youth Pastor,

Joshua Peeler



April

5 th Henry Robillard	14 th Carol Vincent
7 th Cody Weston	15 th Josh Peeler
11 th Nancy Robillard	16 th Laura Glaser
12 th Dot Herring	21 st Sharon Gaude'
12 th D.D. Spivey	26 th Julia Gaude'
14 th Aubrey Bookout	

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Wed. Services: 11:30 AM, 6:00 PM

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- *Easter Service, 10:00 only, Egg Hunt to follow*
- *Ladies' Bible Study, Weds., 9:30am & 6pm*
- *Wed. Adult/Youth Bible studies @ 6:00pm*
- *Continue 40 Days of Prayer*
- *Annual Tea and Thee, Saturday, April 14, 11am*
- *Revival, Apr. 28 & 29*

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