

The Witness

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What Would It Look Like?

What would it look like? Have you ever seen even a bit of it? When things change at a deep level, when priorities and life turns radically upside down. Real Revival!

We often hear stories of someplace else where things happen. Sometimes emotional meetings occur. Sometimes lots of people showing up for services. Extended services, in length, in number of days. Sometimes even national news report on this or that. Is it revival? The short answer I always give is that I don't know. I'm not there. I can't speak for someone else/somewhere else. But I could speak if it happens here.

What would it look like if revival broke out here? Emotions would likely be a part, not as a cause, but as a result – and that is secondary anyway. Revival is a result of real worship to a real God. Revival is a return to God. The Almighty God. The Great God. The Worthy God. The Loving God. The one that reaches out to us. The One who gave Himself to die for our sin. The One who rose and sits on the throne, with a name above every name. The One who will someday return and make all things right. Revival is about worship to the King, to see Him as He is. And there is more.

And when we see Him in His appropriate place, we see ourselves in the proper place – undone sinners. Revival is when we see ourselves as inadequate and unworthy, with sin infused, falling short, offering nothing. So we turn to Him. Looking for mercy and grace. And we find it, discovering the depth of His love, the total sufficiency we have in Him, the grace that enables us to serve with His giftedness, and the real worth that we have. He created and redeemed us, using His workmanship to craft a masterpiece, redeemed and useful in His hands, driven to serve Him. We discover the empowerment to be changed, because of His love for us, because of His grace. How can we not serve Him with our entire life? For this we were created. This is revival.

When we understand His great love for us, we realize that He has this same love for others. It is not necessary for others to continue to live in the mire and hopelessness of this world. God loves them and Jesus died for them. He is their answer. How can we not tell them? Offer them hope and life! This is revival.

Revival is seeing God as He is and worshiping Him, seeing ourselves as we are, seeing the great love that He has shown us in Christ, and then responding to live for Him and reach others. Let's pray that on our Day of Re-

newal, we would be touched with revival. And let us ask Him to start the process in us and through us. Come to one of the Cottage Prayer meetings and pray for revival. We will like what we see.

Pastor Danny



October Outreach

Fall means outreach. Wednesday Night has started, and a raft of kids are here. And some have been saved already. SYATP has just been completed. The Senior Rally is here. Fall Festival is coming.

And in the midst of all of this is A Day of Renewal. A Sunday set aside to especially draw near to God and to reach out to those around us. What specifically can we do?

1. Make sure our schedule is set so that we attend.
2. Let us pray personally that God would do something special in our lives on that day.
3. Let us participate at least in one of the Cottage Prayer meetings – asking God as a community to do

something special and bring people to Himself. 4. Invite a friend to come with us on that day. The first morning of the Day of Renewal we want to especially reach out to others. Let's make it a Friend Day. A special time to invite our friends. Watch the calendar for the Cottage Prayer meeting dates and locations. We are still finalizing the details.

Pastor Danny

At-A-Glance:

August's Gifts: \$26,361.⁰⁰
 2023 Gifts So Far: \$170,011.⁶⁸
 2023 Budget: \$279,287.⁰⁰

Music Newsletter

Psalm 96:1

Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the Lord all the earth.

The Sunday Night Singing on September 17th was fantastic! We had a whole list of folks singing and playing plus numerous congregational singing. I want to thank the praise band musicians, Sherri Jackson, Wayne Miles, and Laura Nolen for the awesome music for each of the singers. Special singers included Sheryl Jobe, Wayne Miles, Bob Clopton, Sherri Jackson, and Jim & Deb Erwin. Donnie Attaway blessed us with his mandolin and Mrs. Betty Caudle did a fantastic job playing a piano special. We even had a special song from all the ladies, then all the men sang a special. The men were actually louder than the ladies, but the ladies sang much sweeter!! Everyone had a great time and look forward to our next Singing in the future.

Senior Adult Ministry

The next Lakeview Assembly Fall Senior Adult Rally will be Thursday October 5th, 2023 at 9:30 AM. The worship and speaker will be David Crain. The program in-

cludes lunch and two snacks.

Please let me know before October 2nd if you plan to attend so I can make reservations.

This Rally is a great time of hearing the Word, music, fellowship and meeting new folks from other churches.

FBCY Cooking Video

The FBCY Cooking video on August 10th saw our Youth Minister Dennis Wagner, Marti Smith and Pat Couch demonstrating quick recipes for fall. They showcased the Dennis' Air Fryer BBQ Chicken, Mexican Street Corn, and Peach Cobbler. Everyone attending really enjoyed the lunch after the video.

The next Cooking Video will be Thursday October 12th in the Fellowship Hall. The featured cook will be Edith McLendon with her Mexican Cornbread. Be sure and watch on Facebook or You Tube or come be part of the audience.

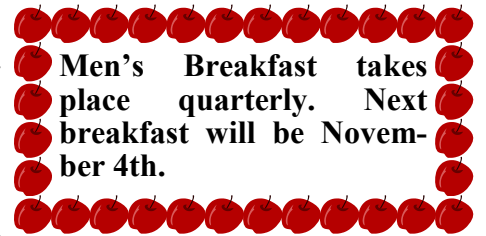
Thanks
 Bro Steve

Thank You...

Eldavada Gilbreath would like to thank her church family for all their prayers!



\$1,290 collected at the time the Newsletter was printed!



Youth Ministry in October

First, I'd like to give a big thank you to anyone that was involved with either See You at the Pole or its afternoon counterpart. Your presence and encouragement were felt by me and the students. I couldn't be happier with our church's involvement with it.

Secondly, I'd like to highlight some of the things we have planned for youth starting in October. We're planning to begin our series looking at the Sermon on the Mount on Wednesday nights. We have a few events bookending the month. Additionally, we're looking forward to the Fall Festival, and are hopeful that we'll be able to serve the community well.

—Bro. Dennis Wagner

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