

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Craving a Revival

Recently we have seen an increased desire in our church members to get things done. We're meeting more often (with Master's Men, Bible Study, and prayer), we're talking more and we are actually making plans to see a greater goal achieved. My

greatest desire is to see our church crave a revival. In order for that to happen, it

has to start in us as individuals. If we can't devote our time to what is required of us in studying, prayer, and fellowship, how can we possibly be ready to give more? Ideally a revival should start when all members have that desire to stay in God's house. It would be amazing to have a good old fashioned God filled service and have everyone begging to come back on the following Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and so on. In our day I just don't see this happening. As long as I've been alive, I've never witnessed this happening. In our day we are too busy and have too many excuses

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PSALM 85:6

for showing up to God's house on days that are not Sunday. Having week-long revivals are almost unheard of because pastors have a hard enough time getting their own members there during scheduled service times. Preparing for a revival is not only

an individual thing, but it takes many prayers from the congregation as a unit. To honestly see a

benefit from revival, we must be praying that God would use the man of God that is delivering the messages, that hearts would be open and ready to accept those messages, and that we would have the desire to make the messages stick with us longer than the 3 or 4 days that revival lasts.

Are you ready to see a move of the Holy Spirit come through our church? As a closing thought, think about this: Del Fehsenfeld Jr. said this: "If revival depended on you -- your prayers, your faith, and your obedience -- would your church ever experience revival?"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Todd York – back problems

David Neal – health concerns

Pete and Anita Bell

Barry and Mable Rollins

Crystal, Steve and Benjamin Forcum

Mrs. Jane's mother

Upcoming fellowship events

The Bouyer Family

Erin Neal and Danny Curry as they approach their high school graduations

Pastor Vic, Associate Pastor Josh Maness, and our other teachers and leaders

Our online ministry

Those who are lost, back-slidden, and unconcerned

Missionaries and those who are risking their lives by witnessing in troubled areas

(If you ever have a request that you want added to this list, see Niki Maness or email us at: faithfreewill@gmail.com)

* Remember those that we mention on a weekly basis *

SINGING PRAISES

Choir Practice

On Wednesday, May 14th, David Lawson, Kaye Maness, and Niki Maness met to discuss new songs for the choir to practice. We have a list of 20-25 songs to add to our books. Niki has searched YouTube for the versions of the songs and has put them on a CD for you to listen to and get the songs in your head. Hopefully by doing this there will be no need to cancel Sunday night services for practice and can practice before services start. If you have an idea of how they go, practices will be easier. Add this to your prayer lists because the choir is what warms up the services on Sunday morning. Singing opens people's hearts and prepares them for worship. We just want to follow God and do His will.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Meetings and Outings

Our recent meeting regarding some updates to the church went well. In the next few weeks/months we will begin renovations on certain sections of the building to improve aesthetics and to increase function. Please pray about these things – the work that is being done before the actual physical work is time consuming and requires accurate decision making.

Monday and Tuesday June 2nd and 3rd, the Annual State Meeting for Free Will Baptists will be at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. If you get a chance, please visit one of these meetings so you can get a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes of running a church. Pray that God will be in the midst of those meetings. To register, visit: www.ncfwb.org/statemeeting.html

On Friday, June 20th our church will be hosting one of the quarterly association fellowship meetings. This service will have one speaker (that will be Brother Pete Cole), singing, and light food afterwards. Niki Maness will be coordinating the food for this event. A sign up sheet for will be

placed on the table in the foyer. Services will begin at 7:30 pm.

The ladies Prayerbelle's group has discussed and begun plans for a fall retreat. We are planning this for August 1-3, 2014 in Burnsville, North Carolina. It will be a weekend trip. See Niki Maness for more details. We have a location set and the only cost will be gas getting there and any food/drinks that we need during the weekend.

The Master's Men have decided to go on a group fishing trip. This will be happening sometime in the next few weeks. See Pastor Vic Redding or Associate Pastor Josh Maness for details.

These will be opportunities to get away together, study, fellowship, and worship as a group. The Bible tells us how important fellowship with one another is. Hebrews 10:25 sums it up well: *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."* We should encourage one another and be supportive of our fellow members. The only way to do this is to spend time together.

WILT THOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN: THAT THY PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN THEE?

PSALM 85:6 KJV

*"We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus Who died, and is now gone above.
Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light, who hath shown us our Savior, and scattered our night.
All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who hath borne all our sins, and hath cleansed every stain.
All glory and praise to the God of all grace, who hast brought us, and sought us, and guided our ways.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again."*