



“Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.”

--Psalm 85:4-7, NKJV

You cannot read Deuteronomy 28 without coming to the conclusion that our nation is only beginning to experience the consequences of our national turning away from God.

And yet, the Bible makes it plain that God desires to be gracious to us, to forgive our sin and heal our land, as it says in 2 Chronicles 7:14. Nevertheless, the Bible says before any of that can happen, God’s people must pray, and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways.

Unfortunately, that doesn’t appear to be forthcoming...unless God’s

people experience revival. Revival isn’t a time for sinners to be converted; it is a time for God’s people to be repentant. In order for revival to take place, something that was living must be revived.

Therefore, revival is not a time for conversions, it is a time for renewal.

That means if we are to see a true revival take place in our generation, we must make our hearts ready for it to happen.

I hope that we are making our hearts ready for revival, because God is sending us a tremendous opportunity for it to happen. **Brother Carroll Roberson** and his wife, **Donna**, will be here with us **May 10th-13th**, in the **Sunday AM** and **PM** services and then at **7 PM** each evening.

Bring your friends and neighbors to hear the tremendous singing and gospel preaching that God can use to stir our hearts and bring revival to our lives.

Ladies need to remember to bring their female friends and relatives to attend the **Ladies Brunch** the men of the church are preparing just for you on **Saturday morning, May 2nd**, beginning at **9 am**. As Mother’s Day approaches, this is our chance to let the special ladies in our lives know how much they mean to us!

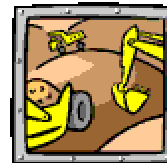
Ladies and Men of the church who enjoy golfing need to sign up to raise funds and play 18 holes for the **Mary Ida Tidsworth Golf Classic** at

Pipestem on Friday, May 15th. See Kerri to sign up and play!

Sunday evening, May 17th, will mark the start of our new **Sunday Night Place!** Our PM services will be totally revised and we will all meet together at **6 pm** for praise music, before splitting into several classes for all age groups. RA’s, GA’s, Acteens, Youth on Mission, and adult Bible studies will be happening, and we will start off our new offerings by getting back together for a few snacks, before leaving between 7-7:30 pm.

This should make Sunday evenings completely different and more concentrated. You’ll not want your family to be anywhere else, when you can be at **The Sunday Night Place!**

Blessings & Peace,
Brother Dan



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Spring is here at last! That means we can begin working on the final phase of outside construction on our new

Multi-Purpose Ministry Center! The guttering has already been installed, along with the doors, and most of the outside windows.

Soon we will be sealing the lower back portion of the first floor area so it will be completely waterproofed before backfilling the area behind the building. This will make the area safer and allow us to begin installing the metal exterior to the second story and the last of the exterior windows.

Brother Wayne Davidson tells me that we will also soon have the lower level blocks insulated to make the entire building more comfortable and help the acoustics inside, as well.

Please keep giving those weekly and monthly offerings to the building fund and remember that much of that money is going to be used to begin installing the heating and cooling system and the wiring for lighting and other systems that will help us prepare the building for our upcoming **60th Anniversary Celebration Service in July**.

Let’s keep giving and let’s keep watching what the Lord will do and how He will add to our gifts!



**** Calling All Children (1st - 5th Grades) ****

Our next Children's Fellowship Night is Friday, May 29th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.! The theme of the evening is . . . **Campfire Meeting!** We'll play lots of fun games, make S'mores, and have a time of sharing around the campfire! If you like fun, you'll love what we have planned -- you might even get a little wet before the evening is over! So, grab a friend and come join the fun!!

The Place

Starting Sunday, May 17th we will be replacing regular Sunday night service with Sunday Night Place, with a new time at 6:00pm. There will be something for everyone. Mission friends are for preschoolers, GA's are for girls grades 1st-5th, RA's are for boys grades 1st-5th, Youth for middle and high school students and college, Adult Bible Study and snacks following classes.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

05/14/09 Tender Mercies -- NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET -- leave church at 6:30

6/7/2009 Missions Race Day/Tailgate Luncheon (I think this is the 7th, but please check the calendar to be sure) All funds raised through this will go towards the Clifford Compton Mission Fund. Sunday School classes will be sponsoring, and supporting/cheering, racers in the main race again this year. Sunday School classes are encouraged to plan their tailgate meal. Everyone is encouraged to make a car for the Outlaw Race -- You don't need to sign up until the day of the race for this one. Come one, come all, and enjoy the day while supporting our local mission fund.

06/11/09 Heaven Sent -- NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET -- leave church at 6:30

07/09/09 Bluefield Union Mission -- Youth - - leave church at 5:00

08/13/09 Tender Mercies -- NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET -- leave church at 6:30

09/10/09 Heaven Sent -- NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET -- leave church at 6:30

10/08/09 Bluefield Union Mission -- NO CLASS OR GROUP SIGNED UP YET -- leave church at 5:00

The group listed for a Monthly Mission Project is the group that has signed up for it. If your group is not listed for an event and you want to go -- be at the church at the appointed time and go with them.

If your Sunday School class or group wants to sign up for one of the Monthly Mission Projects (Tender Mercies, Bluefield Union Mission, and Heaven Sent Ministries), please see James Linkous for scheduling.

We have several people signed up to greet people as they come in on Sunday morning. If you would like to be one of the "greeters" please see John Hughes or Barry Roland.

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Fall Festival of Marriage

If anyone is interested in going to the Festival of Marriage in Ridgecrest, NC you need to let Debbie Sigmon know by May 24th, 2009 and turn in deposit.

Standard Accommodations is \$94.00 a night (94 x 2 = \$188.00) \$129.00 conference fee and \$74.00 for 8 meals total of \$391.00. You will need to make a deposit of \$223.00 when reservations are made.

Deluxe Accommodations is \$114.00 a night (114 x 2 = \$228.00), \$129.00 conference fee and \$74.00 for 8 meals total of \$431.00. You will need to make

a deposit of \$243.00 when reservations are made.



If you are interested in buying a Boomerang Express t-shirt for VBS the sign up sheet is in the foyer. T-shirts are \$6.00 and button up shirts are \$20.00. Orders and money are due by May 13th.

Golfing FORE Missions

It is time for the second annual Mary Ida Tidsworth Mission Endowment Golf Tournament. The golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 15th at 8:00am on the 18 hole course at Pipestem State Park. The Registration fee is \$35.00, and is due by Wednesday, May 6th, this includes green fees and use of a cart. You can see Kerri Johnson for your fund raising packet, feel free to copy and give to anyone interested in participating. For any questions or more information please call me anytime.



We have many new books in our library.

Gay Totten's choices for this month are... "It's A Dog's Life, Marmaduke", "52 Timesavers For On The Go Moms", "Roses For Mama" by Janette Oke and "God's Plan To Protect His People In The Coming Depression". There is something for everyone. Come by the office and check something out.

The committee on committees will begin to meet to fill positions on the committees. If you would like to serve on a committee or if you are now on a committee and do not wish to remain on that committee please contact Jennie Hughes, Jimmy Jones, or Virgie Holmes as soon as possible. Committees are a very important part of our church and we need dedicated persons to serve the church in this capacity.

60th Anniversary

As time is drawing near for our celebration of 60 years we would ask that you contact former members and invite them to this special day for our church. Mark your calendars for July 19th beginning with a combined Sunday school at 9:45, Worship at 10:45, Dinner on the ground at 12:30 (everyone bringing a couple of your favorite foods), Afternoon services at 2:00, and ending with an ice cream social. This will also be our "Old Fashioned Sunday" so start getting out those clothes you would have worn 60 years ago (some of you young ones may have to look at pictures). Thanks, Jennie



On April 14th Derek and Ashlie Rife became parents again to **Bryer Russell Rife, 8lbs 5.5ozs 23 inches.**