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July 2010 Pastor Randy Richards *Sunday School 9:45 ~ Worship Service 11:00*

A note from our Pastor

Happy Fourth of July! I hope everyone will truly stop and take time to reflect upon what Independence Day really means to us and our great Nation. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..." God, the Creator, has not only endowed us with certain unalienable rights, but has also showered us with his countless acts of love, mercy and grace made possible by the death and resurrection of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. It is because we are totally dependant on Salvation through Him that we can experience true spiritual freedom. Each type of freedom demands responsibility. With responsibility in mind, I want us to turn our minds and focus our hearts towards Revival. It is kind of hard to believe that July has arrived and our revival is just around the corner.

What is Revival? Revival can mean many things to different individuals. Many people today mistakenly measure how great a Revival is by if or how many people are saved. Some feel that you cannot have a revival until souls have been saved. On the contrary, I believe that when a church gets revived then the lost that are present will be saved. I realize that God can save a contrite and repentant soul at any time regardless of the state of the church. However, I do believe that when a church gets into a state of revival that the moving of the Holy Spirit that occurs will serve to help and aid those who are lost to repent and be saved. In other words, the lost being saved is not necessarily the cause of a revival but more often rather a result of revival. Thus, Revival is the awesome, sustained, manifested presence of God that can change the moral and spiritual life of an individual, church, community, and country. Revival is God shaking, stirring, and changing his people from a state of apathy and self centeredness to being a praying, humble, and contrite people with a passion for God's Glory and a great burden for the lost. Revival is also the fullest expression of the Lord Jesus Christ in every believer and a great awakening among the lost when many repent and are saved! In order for the church to have revival, we must see the need of revival. Revival takes us being determined and refusing to give up on God to bring revival. It takes us living in total obedience to the Holy Spirit and refusing to allow sin to dominate our lives. It takes us humbling ourselves to God and serving others in love and forgiveness. We must be willing to confess and ask God to forgive our sins. Revival is all about prayer and pleading for intercessions from the throne of God on a daily basis. We must want revival! Be desperate and willing to pay the price for revival and seek for revival until it comes! Please continue to pray for Brother Larry Waddell who will be helping in our revival. I believe that God is going to send great messages through him that will help to revive us and convict the lost among us to be saved. Let's just make sure we do everything in our power to make sure the lost is among us! Please pray for our sick and shut-ins. May God bless and "Lord, revive us again!"

In Christ's Love,
Randy