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REVIVED

Recently we have talked about getting an AED for the church. This is an automated external defibrillator. To put it simply, it's a heart shocker. It can analyze the rhythm of someone's heart and shock it back into rhythm as necessary. It is truly a life-saving device!

Somedays, I think I need a good shock to get my heart going for the day! Physically, and spiritually.

I believe more than ever Christianity, and the Church/Body of Christ, needs a jolt of power to surge through it...to awaken it and get it back on rhythm with the Lord! I believe this can happen, mainly because the Lord desires this to happen. When Jesus told his disciples that he would be leaving, he said "wait in Jerusalem until you have received the promise of the Father" which was the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:8 we see Jesus telling them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NIV

Much like this day at Pentecost, the Church's revival will also come when we "wait" before the Lord in prayer, "receive power" from the Holy Spirit, and become "witnesses" to the world around us. People who live like this truly make an impact on the world.

In the *Last Days Magazine* years ago, they wrote a piece on the late Keith Green and his life.

"When musician Keith Green died in a plane crash on July 28, 1982, the world lost a special man whose heart was aflame with the gospel message. Before his untimely end, Green took the world on his seven-year spiritual journey. He held back nothing and was consumed with loving Christ and the church." (CBN, courtesy of Last Day Ministries).

The power of the Cross and the work of the Holy Spirit change us, and then we change the world around us. This is why times of refreshing and renewal are important for the church. We need to capture the awfulness of sin again, as well as the glory and majesty of our God and King.

Blackaby says it this way,

"When Holy God draws near in true revival, people come under terrible conviction of sin. The outstanding feature of spiritual awakening has been the profound consciousness of the Presence and holiness of God." (Henry Blackaby)

But how does this happen? It's actually fairly simple, as Anne Graham Lotz declares.

"Revival begins when you draw a circle around yourself and make sure everything in that circle is right with God" (Anne Graham Lotz).

As I mentioned in the message Sunday, Jesus is saying to believers, there is so much more for those who will "hunger and thirst after righteousness...they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:3).

Pastor Scott & Cindy

Awake

One man awake, awakens another.
The second awakens his next-door brother.
The three awake can rouse a town,
By turning the whole place upside down.

The many awake can make such a fuss,
It finally awakens the rest of us.
One man up with dawn in his eyes,
Surely then multiplies.

Lawrence Tribble,
during the Great Awakening



Praises:

- Praise the Lord for more new visitors Sunday! Some were visiting family, while others are looking for a home church. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to touch all in Your name.
- Praise the Lord Beth Pinkerton helping us with music Sunday! What a blessing she was, as well as the praise team!
- Praise the Lord for those seeking the Lord! God is working in people's lives and some are very close to coming to Christ. We believe one day they will be saved and begin their life living for the Lord!
- Praise the Lord for our R!OT Youth leaders! They are putting together a retreat and are making connections with many teens each and every week. May the Lord bless them as they continue to work with our youth.
- Praise the Lord for Bev Murphy! She is allowed visitation time and when Pastor Scott went this week she sounded like the sweet Bev we all know! She truly loves and misses her church family!

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for pouring out of the Holy Spirit through our upcoming revival with Rev. Billy Huddleston and Rev. Mark Murphy.
- Pray for the R!OT Youth Retreat in October. May it be a time for our teens to unplug, rest, refresh, and fellowship together!
- Pray for our Nation – For the Lord to bring peace and guidance for the elections, the Supreme Court nomination, and the continual unrest.

Upcoming Events & Announcements



Did you forget your Alabaster Offering on the kitchen table? No worries... you can turn yours

in this coming Sunday before and after service. Areas all around the world are depending on us to give to this important cause now more than before.

Reminder: There will be no Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting the week of revival, so come and join us at the closing revival service!



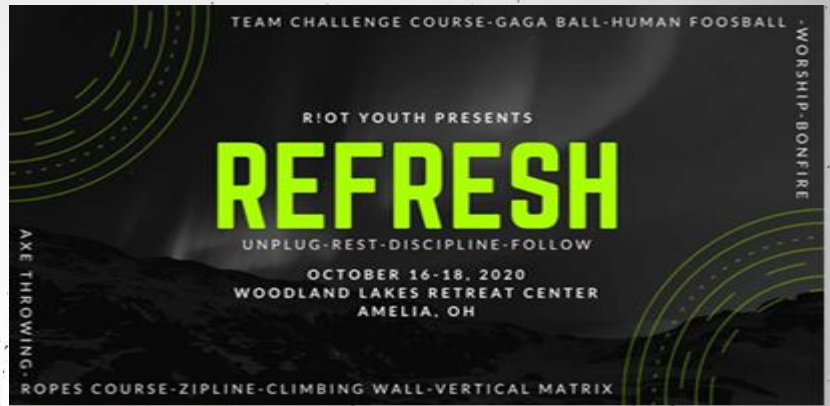
Special Request: For our *Trunk & Treat* event, we are in need of candies / treats to be donated, so we can pass them out to the children on Oct. 31st. Donations can be delivered to the church office or given to Dana or Katrina. Your help is appreciated!



Fall Revival with Rev. Billy Huddleston, Evangelist & Rev. Mark Murphy, Song Evangelist

Sun., Oct. 4th (10:40am, 6:00pm) & Mon. Oct. 5th – Wed. Oct. 7th at 7:00pm nightly

Please take to pray for this time of renewal in the Lord!



We wanted to remind you about this great opportunity for the youth to attend the REFRESH Weekend! It'll be a great time doing fun activities like axe throwing, ropes courses, connecting with friends and spending time learning about how important it is for us to rest and refresh in Christ. For more information about the event & necessary registration forms, please visit www.swnazarene.org and look for the banner scrolling across that looks similar to the image within this post! Hope you can join us!

**Blake & Jenna Bolerjack
In Concert - Sunday,
November 22, 2020
at 10:40am**

