

FIRST THOUGHTS

I hope you are enjoying the book *Tell Someone*. I have heard lots of positive comments concerning the study and I know our teachers are doing a great job with it. I have also noticed the encouragement some have received to invite others in to the church and to share Jesus. For instance, Sunday night after church my children were famished, of course, and wanted Popeye's for supper. So, Sam, Noah and I went through the drive through to pick up some chicken. When we got to the drive though I paid Tabitha for the chicken and then she closed the window. When she closed the window, Sam said, "Tell her about Jesus, Daddy. Daddy, tell her about Jesus!" So when she came back I complimented her on her service and told her I would pray God's blessing on her. Then I simply asked, *Do you believe in Jesus?* She responded very positively declaring herself as a believer.

I thought about that encounter several times since then. What if we all encouraged one another to share Jesus the way Sam encouraged me? What if we all held one another accountable to invite others into the church the way Sam held me accountable? If we did, we would share our faith and invite the community into the church a lot more than we do now. I want to encourage you to find a partner or partners who will hold you accountable to inviting others in to the church and to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. I think you will find it will drive you to share and invite more often.

I began a new book study on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 entitled *What Every Christian Ought to Know*. If you did not make last Wednesday night, you are not too late. We will discuss chapter 1 Wednesday October 5 at 5:30. Please come join us, you will grow and will be encouraged as we study the truths of God's Word.

Also, mark your calendar for November 6. That night we will be having a movie night in the East Parking Lot in front of the sanctuary. We will be showing a powerful, overtly Christian movie entitled *Woodlawn*. You will love this movie which is based on a true story. Please invite your friends and neighbors who need Jesus and need a church home. Movie Night is a wonderful opportunity for you to TELL SOMEONE!

Dr. EW

IGNITE NEWS

H.E.A.R. Challenge, Bonfire, and Movie night!

the PB&J Challenge is now the **H.E.A.R challenge** and it starts THIS SUNDAY, October 2nd! H.E.A.R stands for Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond. Matthew 7:24 says "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Romans 10:17 says "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." This challenge is for our 5th and 6th graders. We want to help them grow in their faith and the best way to do that is through spending time in God's word everyday. Boys and Girls wishing to participate in this challenge will be given a bible reading plan and a Journal. They will be encouraged to read their bible, Journal about what they read, and pray at least 5 days a week. In their Journal they will Highlight one verse that stood out to them, Explain, in their own words, what that verse means, Write a sentence how they can Apply this verse to their life, then write a prayer of Response to the Lord asking Him to help them live out what He has shown them. In order to complete the challenge, and be eligible for a special trip, Boys and Girls must complete at least 120 Journal entries by March 31.

We need your help! We are looking for encouragement partners as well as financial partners to help make this challenge a success. Encouragement Partners will be paired up with a child that has accepted the challenge. They will be asked to pray for the child everyday. They will also be encouraged to write letters of encouragement and/or touch base with the child, with the parents permission, to offer words of encouragement throughout the challenge. They will also be given a copy of the reading plan to know how to pray for the child along the way. Financial Partners are needed to help offset the cost of the Journals as well as the special trip for those that complete the challenge. You may want to be an Encouraging Financial Partner! That would be awesome, but not required. If you are interested in partnering with us, Please call me and let me know!

We will also be having our 2nd annual IGNITE bonfire at the home of Dan and Jennifer Lane after church on October 9th. We will have hotdogs, smores, hayrides, glow-in-the-dark games, and more. Make plans now to attend!

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IGNITE NEWS continued

You will also want to mark your calendars for MOVIE NIGHT! This year we will be showing "Woodlawn" in the parking lot across the street from the sanctuary on Sunday night, November 6th. Be praying about how you can help! We will need chili cooks, dessert bakers, greeters, people to help set-up, popcorn poppers, cotton candy makers, and a clean up crew. Please call the church office to sign up to help. Set up will begin at 3:00pm. We will start cooking and playing games around 4:30. This will give us a chance to build relationships with visitors before the movie starts at 6:30.

I hope you will make plans to be a part of all that we have coming up in the next month!

In Christ,
Tim

Online Giving is now available!

Go to FBC Rayville's website at www.fbcrayville.org and click on the GIVE button. After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

DR. WREN'S SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to fbcrayville.org and click the Sermons link at the top of the page. Church activities and upcoming events are also posted on the website. Share the web address with someone and invite them to church.

Altar Flowers 2016 - 2017

Sandy Adams is preparing the calendar for altar flowers. If you would like to sign-up to provide Sunday flowers for the sanctuary, please call Sandy at 728-2238.

BECOMING A NURSERY VOLUNTEER!!

If you are available to help in the church nursery for an hour or two Sunday mornings between 8:30am and 10:45am, on a rotating basis, please contact Mrs. Wanda Ringle in the nursery or the church office to be added to the volunteer roster.



FIRST NOTES

Pathway to His Presence

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:2 If you long to feel the manifest presence of God in a real way as I do here's some great truth that I've come across recently. First of all, the roadblock to His presence is sin and disobedience. When we willfully choose sin, we cannot experience God's manifest presence. Secondly, the Word of God tells us the way into His presence is worship. There are many wonderful disciples in the Christian faith that help us grow in our relationship with God, but the clear pathway to God's presence being manifested in our lives starts with worship. As hard as we try, we cannot work our way into God's presence, and we cannot read our way into His presence. Over the years, what I've come to discover as a worshiper and a worship leader is that I cannot manufacture God's presence. Believe me I've tried. And as many of you know, I love to use scripture and utilize a variety of music styles to aid in worship, and those tools certainly help. But what I've found is that God's presence is unlocked and poured out when His people genuinely worship Him with grateful hearts. The all-knowing, ever-present, all-powerful God searches us deep within and is longing to manifest His personal presence to those who will love and worship Him with all their hearts. Brothers and Sisters let us become more aware of His presence and pursue it through our worship.

Children Choir: *For the Glory of the King!*

Children's Choir Is Back!!! Starting on Sunday October 9th at 6:00pm, our children will be working on the dramatic Christmas musical, *For the Glory of the King*. Rehearsals will be during "Joy Explosion." The tentative performance date is December 11th. Come have your kids be apart of this festive celebration of the Lord's birth.

The Arrival: Celebrating the Joy of His Birth

Calling all singers! Come and be a part of Sanctuary Choir as we lead our church in worship each week and prepare for Christmas. This year's musical is *The Arrival: Celebrating the Joy of His Birth*. It is a powerful and uplifting musical sure to stir our hearts to worship the Lord. As always we're looking for more singers, so come and join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for refreshing rehearsals. For everyone else, don't forget to mark your calendars. The tentative performance date for the Richland Association Choir Fest is set for December 4th 6:00pm at Start Baptist Church.

Raymond

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

8:30am.....Worship Service
 9:45am.....Sunday School
 10:45am.....Worship Service
 6:00pm.....Evening Worship

MONDAY

1:30pm.....Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

9:30am.....“God Speaks”
 4:00pm.....“Through the Bible” Study
5:00pm Supper
 5:20pm.....Praise Team
 5:30pm.....“God Speaks”
 5:30pm.....“What Every Christian Ought to Know”
 5:30pm.....Men’s Study
6:00pmIGNITE-Children’s Activities
 6:15pm.....REFUGE-Student Worship
 6:30pm.....Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:00am.....Men’s Prayer
 9:30am.....Ladies’ Prayer Group
 5:30pm.....Richland Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share



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MONDAY, Oct. 31st, 6:00PM
 IN THE WMU BUILDING
 “Potluck”

DEACONS’ MEETING
 Sunday, Oct. 9th, 4:30pm

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST
 Sunday, Oct.16th, 7:00am
 In the Family Life Center

SECOND HELPINGS
 Saturday, Oct. 8th
 Family Life Center



BONFIRE
OCT. 9TH

Hotdogs, smores, hayrides,
 glow-in-the-dark games, and
 more!

First Ray



Oct. 16th - 30th

Shoebboxes will be distributed Sunday, Oct. 16th, and are due back by Oct. 30th.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Beginning Sept. 30th, the sanctuary will be open everyday from 12Noon - 1:00pm to pray for our nation. You can pray for the entire hour if needed. If you are not able to come to the sanctuary and pray we ask that you take time to pray for our nation when you can.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Britney Talbert | 13 Merle Raborn | 20 David Knight |
| 2 Blake Branch | Mallory Branch | 21 Emme Hoychick |
| Vera Hicks | Everett Brooks | 23 Fischer Haught |
| Adam Townsend | Denise Copeland | 24 Daniel Lane, II |
| 3 Tim Boles | Jack Neyland | Tammie Berry |
| 4 Charles Willoughby | Dee Adams | Alexa Clack |
| 5 Sharon Rogers | Dee Adams | Mary Rogers |
| Forrest O’Neal | Erle West Barham | 14 Parker Morris |
| 6 Claude Mercer | Charles Rogers | 15 Melissa Morris |
| 7 Emily Garrett | 25 Massey Thames | 16 Taylor Hixon |
| Jake Perrin | Jerry Hunter | 17 Alvin Lane |
| Charlotte Sims | Hal Senn | 18 Reed Trisler |
| 9 Reatagae Wooden | 26 Sandra Green | 19 Madison Mitchell |
| Christene Stracener | 27 Peggy Eppinette | 20 Louise Trahan |
| 10 Haleigh Branch | 29 Brier Williamson | 21 Riley Bridges |
| Lawrence Medlin | 30 Jennifer Lane | 22 Harrison Cooper |
| 11 Nellie Henry | Dixie Livingston | 23 Jacob Hoychick |
| 12 Annette Newsom | Mary Bruyninckx | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

30th 40 Days of Prayer Begins

October

8th Second Helpings
 9th IGNITE Bonfire
 16th - 30th Operation Christmas Child

November

6th Movie Night “Woodlawn”
 8th Colonial Manor