

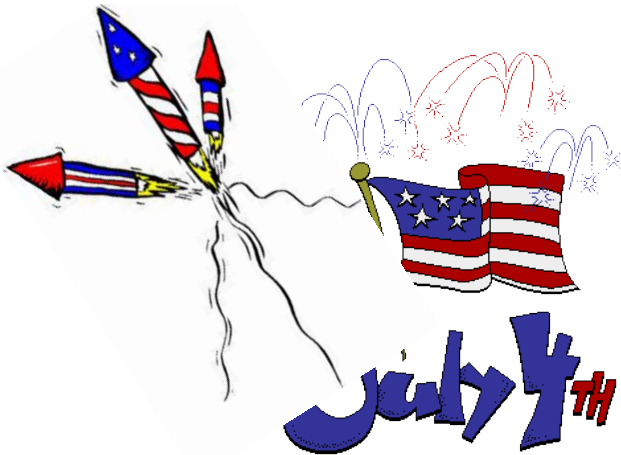


## ALIVE 2011

**Where:** Homestead Hollow

**When:** Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
4:00 – 9:00 pm

**NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE !**



### From the Pastor's Desk: ***A God Who will Revive a Nation*** (Psalm 85)

Let me ask you a question. Imagine for a moment that you heard from God, clearly from the Lord, there is no mistaking it, you knew he was speaking to you, and he said, "Anything you ask me to do, anything at all, I will do for your nation." The only stipulation is that God says there is only one thing you can ask. You can't ask ten things, three things, or two things. You can only ask me to do one thing. What would that one thing be? Perhaps you are thinking, "Lord please do something about the economy." Or maybe, "Lord put a hedge of protection around us, and keep the terrorists away," and that would be a great prayer to pray. Maybe you would pray, "God do something about the mess in the government." You could pray all these things and more. But the reality is if you're going to pray one thing that makes the biggest difference to this country, the one thing you ought to pray is the same thing the Psalmist prayed in Psalm 85: "God will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" This one thing ought to be prayed more than anything else, in fact the only thing that will really help in the long run is this: God will you pour out your spirit upon this land, and God, would you

## “An Evening with Chuck Colson”



At Samford University Wright Center  
**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
Free Event

*A commentary on today's culture from a  
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## **A God who will revive a Nation (Continued)**

touch us anew and touch us afresh? This is also the most important prayer that you can pray for your own life and the life of this church. We all need a touch from God. The question though is this: Is this really possible? Can God revive a nation? Psalm 85 is a prayer for a nation, an entire nation. It is a prayer of restoration. God at one point in time had poured out His blessing on the land—He had forgiven the nation of Israel for something. Perhaps the historical setting is in conjunction with the Jews return to Jerusalem after 70 years of captivity in Babylon. Now, initially there was probably great gratitude to the Lord for the return of Exile. But in time, when these first excellent beginnings broke down and the forward motion to rebuild the city and nation ceased, discouragement and even despair set in. According to the opening chapter of Nehemiah, the people are reported to be in great trouble and disgrace. What should the people of God do in these circumstances? We should do exactly what the Psalmist did, pray. The nation is slipping and the Psalmist is praying – oh God revive us again. Our nation is in the same situation – on a collision course with judgment. Can God really revive a nation like ours? The Psalmist reveals in Psalm 85 what it will take. It's really quite simple. We must **acknowledge the need** for revival. We are not what we once were as a country politically, socially, morally, or spiritually. This is where it all starts, that is, acknowledging the need. Second, we must **believe in the possibility**. God can do it. Now listen, I sympathize with the preachers who say that America is beyond hope. All we can do is get as many people saved as possible before judgment comes. And then they ask you to send them money to get it done. I sympathize, but I disagree. Because when I read history and study the bible, I see that God often moves in times that seem hopeless. In fact, it's ordinarily the darkest times that yield to the greatest light. **We must repent of all known sins**. Now this is simple. When we repent God forgives. The greatest of all mercies from the Lord is forgiveness of sin. If God gives us good health, a happy and supportive family, a good job, and praise from our employer and friends, we think we are blessed. If we lack one of these things, we begin to suppose God has somehow forgotten us or does not care. However, the greatest of all blessings is that when we repent God forgives. Remember, righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people (Prov. 14:34). I think most of us are asking for a God-sized thing to occur—Oh God, revive us. Elmer Towns said it like this: “If you want revival, it is no secret. All you have to do is confess every known sin, turn your life over to the Lord, and get out of the way.” And that's it, it begins with repentance. Incidentally, that is how salvation works. You begin with acknowledging your need, without Christ I am lost. You believe in the possibility, with Christ I am saved. And then you turn from your wicked ways—turn to Jesus.

### Mark Your Calendar

7.3

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7.4

Church Office Closed

7.22

Family Water Day @ Mallard Park

7.30

Flournoy/Powell Wedding

7.31

Brother Bobby Britt Preaches AM Svc

8.7

Prayer Walk @ Williams Intermediate School

8.10

Family Water Night @ CBC

8.14

Promotion Sunday

8.17

DIG Wednesday Nights Resume

8.21

Church-wide Picnic @ Shocco

8.28

Squire Parsons @ CBC @ 6:30 pm

## Profile of the Lukewarm

**Has your relationship with God actually changed the way you live?** Do you see evidence of God's kingdom in your life? Or are you choking it out slowly by spending too much time, energy, money, and thought on the things of this world? I quickly found that the American church is a difficult place to fit in if you want to live out New Testament Christianity. The goals of American Christianity are often a nice marriage, children who don't swear, and good church attendance. Taking the words of Christ literally and seriously is rarely considered. That's for the "radicals" who are "unbalanced" and who go "overboard." Most of us want a balanced life that we can control, that is safe, and that does not involve suffering. Would you describe yourself as totally in love with Jesus Christ? Or do the words *halfhearted, lukewarm, and partially committed* fit better?

- LUKEWARM PEOPLE attend church fairly regularly. It is what is expected of them, what they believe "good Christians" do, so they go.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE give money to charity and to the church...as long as it doesn't impinge on their standard of living.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE tend to choose what is popular over what is right when they are in conflict.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE don't really want to be saved from their sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of their sin. They don't really believe that this new life Jesus offers is better than the old sinful one.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE are moved by stories about people who do radical things for Christ, yet they do not act.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE rarely share their faith with their neighbors, coworkers, or friends. They do not want to be rejected, nor do they want to make people uncomfortable by talking about private issues like religion.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE gauge their morality or "goodness" by comparing themselves to the secular world.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE say they love Jesus, and He is, indeed, a part of their lives. But only a part. They give Him a section of their time, money, and their thoughts, but He isn't allowed to control their lives.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE love God, but they do not love Him with all their heart, soul, and strength.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE love others but do not seek to love others as much as they love themselves.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE will serve God and others,



but there are limits to how far they will go or how much time, money, and energy they are willing to give.

- LUKEWARM PEOPLE think about life on earth much more often than eternity in heaven. Daily life is mostly focused on today's to-do list, this week's schedule, and next month's vacation.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE are thankful for their luxuries and comforts, and rarely consider trying to give as much as possible to the poor.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE do whatever is necessary to keep themselves from feeling too guilty. They want to do the bare minimum, to be "good enough" without it requiring too much of them.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE are continually concerned with playing it safe; they are slaves to the god of control. This focus on safe living keeps them from sacrificing and risking for God.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE feel secure because they attend church, made a profession at age twelve, were baptized, come from a Christian family, vote Republican, or live in America.
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE do not live by faith because their lives are so structured they never have to. **Truth is their lives wouldn't look much different if they suddenly stopped believing in God.**
- LUKEWARM PEOPLE probably drink and swear less than average, but besides that, they really aren't very different from your typical unbeliever. They equate their partially sanitized lives with holiness, but they couldn't be more wrong.

Jesus didn't say if you wanted to follow Him you could do it in a lukewarm manner. He said, "Take up your cross and follow me." **My conclusion? Jesus' call to commitment is clear: He wants all or nothing.** Is this idea of a non-fruit-bearing Christian something we have concocted to make Christianity easier?

*(Adapted from "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan)*

**Revelation 3:16 (NIV)**

***So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.***

# Haiti Report

- **2 young ladies came to know the Lord:** One during our Medical clinic & one during our Tent Outreach.
- We completed the Haitian home our church sponsored and we also helped build a portion of another duplex home.
- We gave out rice and gospel tracts to over 350 families.
- We gave clothes to all the children in the school at Guitton & to some of the children in the community. The rest of the clothes will be distributed to needy children in the Guitton community as SMI sees a need. We also gave some clothes to our Translators (for their children.)
- We painted classrooms, hung ceiling fans, tiled bathrooms, and cleaned desks/chairs for the school.
- We conducted 3 medical clinics and the gospel was given at each clinic.
- We helped with the 1<sup>st</sup> graduation service at the Guitton School, played games with the children, and did a David & Goliath skit for the children.
- We worshipped with the Haitians on Sunday morning. A big percentage of people in this church were voodoo converts! It was an awesome.

## TO GOD BE THE GLORY !

A Special thank you to all our Prayer Warriors! We could feel your prayers! Thank you for praying for us!



Worship with the Haitians



Young Lady saved during Tent Outreach



House we built

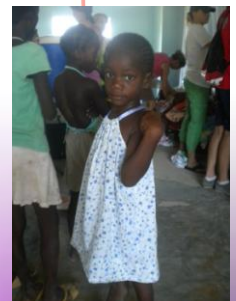


The Construction Crew with the recipient of the House



Dr. Johnnie @ Medical Clinic

One of the many dresses we gave to children in Haiti



# Haiti 2011

The ultimate goal of the church is to worship God. We carry out this goal in many ways; it is accomplished in private when we value our relationship with God by speaking and listening to Him in prayer and by reading His word. Worship can be when we meet on Sundays corporately to praise Him and listen to His Word. We also worship when we are obedient to carry out the Great Commission, which our Lord commanded us to do.

The week of June 18-25 was a week of worship for Cropwell Baptist Church. Forty-four participants from Cropwell Baptist Church sacrificed time, talent, and the comfort of America to go to an impoverished place like Haiti and share the love of Christ to a misunderstood people group. During this time, many of us did back-breaking work to provide shelter for those who had no home. Many of us provided medical attention for those who had no resources for doctors or nurses. Many of us provided clothing to those who had little or no clothing. Many of us gave out rice to people who lived in tents after the 2010 earthquake. Many of us gave out gospel tracts to help with their biggest need, the need to be reconciled to their heavenly Father! My prayer is that all our efforts were pleasing to our Father and that the seeds that we planted will spring forth into new life in the hearts of the Haitian people. I pray that we were as much an encouragement to the Haitian believers as they were to us! John Piper says that this type of worship will not last forever because one day the opportunity for missions will be over and real worship will be around the throne of the Lamb. The Church will be gathered and there will be no need to go and tell. So my challenge is for all of us to engage in worship through the realm of missions. God is glorified in His church when His people worship Him through missions and through carrying out the Great Commission. My hope is that long after this trip we will continue to be about the Father's business. His agenda is simple. We are to go and make disciples of every nation. So let's be about His business! Go and tell your neighbors about His great love, be involved in our state when your help is needed, be obedient when the opportunity comes to help people across our nation, and the next time the call is given to go abroad, worship Him. I promise that He will show Himself to you in ways you have never seen before while you are about His business.

*\*\* The Haiti Team makes presentation 7/10/11 \*\**

*Pastor Bill Daniel*

# WOM

## MISSION MEMOS

It's hard to believe that the opening of school is quickly approaching! Our annual Prayer Walk at Williams Intermediate School will be held on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. During the month of July, we will collect basic supplies for less-fortunate students. Shopping carts will be located in the Welcome Center and the Coffee Station area for your donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation for school supplies, please make your check payable to Cropwell Baptist and designate in the memo "Williams School Supplies." We can all be a part of this mission opportunity by praying, giving, and attending.

Just a note...Our CBC ladies sent 152 dresses and 78 shorts for the children in Haiti. Undergarments and T-shirts were also donated. A huge thank you to all who participated in the "Help Haiti" project!

WOM/KK will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. In addition to knitting, Cleo Coley will share instructions for making "casserole totes." Bring a salad, sandwich, etc. and join us for fun and fellowship.



### **PRESCHOOL SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

This summer our preschoolers will take part in a cosmic adventure praising God. Our program will kick off on Wednesday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. with a night of space fun. We'll have space dogs and lunar chips, some games, and a huge Wacky World inflatable. Then get ready for 5 weeks of praising God (July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3), each Wednesday from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. We'll have music, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, and games. Join us as we learn our God is *wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent, and awesome!* ADULTS, WE STILL NEED WORKERS TO HELP MAKE THESE NIGHTS POSSIBLE. PLEASE CONTACT PATSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP.



**SERVING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10)

It's time to begin thinking about a new church year and Sunday school teachers for 2011-2012. **Promotion Sunday will be August 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you are presently serving and plan to continue, please let me know. Also, if you have never served in preschool Sunday school, please consider taking an opportunity to serve Christ in the Preschool Ministry. Please contact Patsy Flournoy for more information ([pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org](mailto:pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org)). The rewards are eternal!

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT:** July 8<sup>th</sup> (6:00 – 10:00 pm)



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Josh Dorough	7/1	Riley Edmiston	7/22
Gwen Rich	7/1	Martha Bannister	7/23
Grant Hadley	7/1	Juanita Barber	7/23
Brian Spraberry	7/2	Janice Callahan	7/23
Rachel Harmon	7/3	Mary Katherine Carr	7/23
Leah Howard	7/3	Mickey Nickens	7/23
Richard Hughes	7/5	Linda Finamore	7/24
Hilary Hadley	7/6	Christian Anderson	7/25
Julia Bline	7/6	Wayne Melvin	7/25
Byron Benner	7/6	Emily Arrington	7/26
Kelsey Farr	7/7	Anna Claire Hathorn	7/26
Phillip Burden	7/7	Andy Hadley	7/27
Tammy Norris	7/8	K. C. Carpenter	7/28
Betty Wells	7/8	Marley Williams	7/29
Juanita Hannah	7/9	Jennifer Dowdy	7/29
Jeffrey Downs	7/10	Patsy Smith	7/29
Phyllis Bidy	7/11	Tracy Helms	7/30
Floyd Brooks	7/12	Sonya McClain	7/30
Melanie Sullivan	7/13	Scotty Poe	7/31
Donald Chasteen	7/14	Kenny Walker	7/31
Brenda Bible	7/15	Greg Smith	7/31
Randall Stewart	7/15	Caleb Wood	7/31
Jack Golden	7/15		
Dwayne Champion	7/16		
Colton Funderburg	7/16		
Jordan Rotton	7/17		
Rhonda Smith	7/18		
Doug Smith	7/19		
Atha Pilgreen	7/19		
Joshua Bowling	7/19		
Jerome Kendrick	7/19		
Tina Faulkner	7/19		
Kevin Flournoy	7/21		
Etta Gannaway	7/21		
Cindy Stanley	7/21		
Bob Patterson	7/21		
Fredericka Carter	7/22		

# July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Alive 2011 @ Homestead Hollow (4-9 pm) <b>NO EVENING SVC</b>	4 <b>Church Office Closed !</b>	5 WOM/Knifty Knitters @ 10 am	6	7	8 Parents Night Out 6-10 pm	9
10 Kelley/White Bridal Shower 2-4 pm Deacon's Mtg @ 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Resumes	11	12	13	14	15 SS Game Night	16
17	18	19 Knifty Knitters @ 10 am	20 Associational Secretaries Mtg @ Noon	21	22 Family Water Day @ Pt Mallard Park	23
24 Baby Shower for Chrissie Harmon (2-4 pm) FH Children's SS Teachers Mtg @ 4:45	25	26	27 Acts 1:8 Missions Comm Mtg	28 OMEGAS	29 Flournoy/ Powell Rehearsal	30 Flournoy Wedding
31 Bobby Britt preaches <u>AM Svc</u> Offering for Needy in Community			<b>Average SS Attendance:</b> 275 <b>Average Worship Attendance (AM Svc):</b> 380  <b>Summary of Receipts:</b> \$67,835 <u>Under</u> Budget as of 6/26/11			

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