

# The Herald

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*A Message From Our Pastor . . .*

Dear Saints,

We are a people that turn away from God and seek pleasures from the world. We say, we believe in God, we believe the Bible, but very few practice what Scripture teaches. Most of us profess we believe the Bible; we just don't want to live by it.

Radical spiritual surgery is needed to remove the cancer of self-indulgence, arrogance, and complacency that is destroying the very soul of our churches. The sins that were once part of the world have infiltrated and engulfed our churches and Christian homes. We are playing church and losing the battle against evil. Judgment must begin in the house of God!

I believe with all my heart, that nothing short of a genuine revival will work to restore us back to God. We need the power of God in our churches again. I want South Florence Baptist Church to be ablaze with God's Glory one more time in my life. With the prophet of old, my heart cries out, **"Oh that Thou wouldst rend the heavens, that Thou wouldst come down" (Isa. 64:1).** We have grown so accustomed to the darkness that we have forgotten the light. God is longing to pour out upon our church the refreshing, reviving presence of His Spirit.

What is genuine revival? Revival, in the biblical and historical sense, is not just a week of meetings. Many churches have meetings without having revival. Revival is the work of God, scheduled on His timetable in heaven. Revive means to quicken or bring back to life. Lost people cannot be revived. They need to be born again and receive spiritual life. Revival is a movement of God in the hearts of His people. **"Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?" ( Psalms 85:6).**

Revival leaves us hungering and thirsting for God. Revival awakens in our hearts, with an awareness of His presences, a new love for God, a new hatred for sin, and a hunger for His Word. The kind of revival we need will radically change our values, commitments, priorities, attitudes, and relationships to God, to His Word, and to each other.

The mighty moving of God's Spirit comes from extraordinary, sacrificial praying. I encourage you to start praying at home, with friends, and church. I'm asking each Sunday school class to pray each Sunday for revival. Let us lift up the precious name of Jesus and have a fervent heart cry for revival before it is too late. It's not too late for us to start praying and fasting for revival. Mark the dates for revival on your calendar. Revival begins April 23 and goes through April 26, 2017. Dr. Herb Reavis, pastor at North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida will be our Evangelist for the week.

Just for Jesus,  
*Pastor Allen*



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SUNDAY  
Sunday School: 8:45 AM  
Morning Worship: 10:00 AM  
Evening worship: 6:00 PM  
Teamkid: 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY  
Worship: 7:00 PM  
T-412 Youth: 7:00 PM  
Mission Friends: 7:00 PM  
RAS & GAS: 7:00 PM

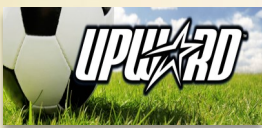
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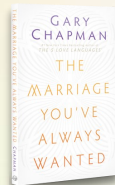




You are all invited to South Gate Bowling Center on Mar. 4th for Family Bowling Night. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes 2 hrs of bowling and shoe rental. We'll bowl from 6-8pm. We are planning to meet at CiCi's Pizza afterward. Sign up on our church's Information Board if you plan to attend.



Upward Soccer registration is open for 5K through 6th graders. The cost is \$70 per child. The cost includes their soccer jersey and shorts. You can register your child through a link on our website or come by the church office. The final evaluation will be Saturday, Mar. 4th from 10am-12pm.



**The Marriage You've  
Always Wanted  
Mondays & Fridays  
At 7pm**



**Mar. 11th at 9am**



**Mar. 12th at 2am**

### March's Bible Verse

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
Was with God, and the Word was God.*

*John 1:1*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1- Libby Edwards         | 16- Brian Shirley  |
| 3- Francis Boateng       | Bry Calcutt        |
| Denise Henderson         | Ashley Miller      |
| Timmy Wise               | 21- Ann Caudle     |
| 7- Denise Poston         | 23- Robin Brown    |
| 9- Mary Lynn Kleinknecht | Makayla Robbins    |
| Taylor Keels             | 27- Zachary Gasque |
| 10- Carolyn Bailey       | 29- Allie White    |
| 13- Pastor Allen         | 31- John Brunson   |
| 15- Hannah Euten         | Paula Baker        |

### Meetings This Month:

*Mar. 7th Mary Heart at 6:30pm*

*Mar. 14th Women on Mission at 6:30pm*

*Mar. 19th Deacons' Meeting at 4:30pm*

*Mar. 21st Men on Mission at 7:00pm*



### *Revival Apr. 23rd-26th*

Apr. 23rd- 9:45am & 5:45pm

Apr. 24th-26th- 6:45pm

Our Spring Revival will be held Apr. 23rd-26th. Our Guest Pastor will be Dr. Herb Reavis, Jr. from North Jacksonville Baptist church in Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Reavis is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, Milligan College, and the Southern Baptist School of Biblical Studies. Please pray daily for our Spring Revival and for the lives that will be touched.



### **SFBC Pig Pickin' Saturday Mar. 18th**

**Come out for our Annual SFBC Pig Pickin' on Mar. 18th. We'll have some great music, fellowship, and food! The church will provide the BBQ, chicken, bread, and tea. A sign up sheet has been posted for volunteers to bring those delicious side dishes and desserts. Dinner will be served at 5pm.**



### **SC Disaster Relief Training**

**Mar. 18th**

**8am-4:30pm**

SCDR Regional Training will be held Mar. 18, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church from 8am-4:30pm. The cost is \$50 for new volunteers and \$35 for returning. Classes will be offered in the ministry areas of : Assessment of Needs, Introduction to Chaplaincy, Children's Response, Communications, Feeding, Fire Response (ash-out), Chainsaw, Flood Response (mud-out), Rebuild, Shower/Laundry, and Administration.

## *The Coming Season*

With the coming of the first days of warm weather we will soon be able to see the buds and blossoms of new life in the trees, plants and flowers around us. As we gaze on this rebirth of life we should also take the time to look at our own lives and continuously praise and worship the Lord of Heaven who showed us mercy, grace and love on the day of our rebirth. It was on that day that God began a work within us that He is going to continue to perfect until the day of Christ (**Philippians 1:6**). **Dear saint of God, as you look at the beauty of the world around you, I pray that your thoughts will be turned to the majesty of what lies ahead of all who know Jesus as Lord and Savior.** 1 Corinthians 2:9 says, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." Can you imagine the pounding of your heart as the great doors of Heaven swing open before you? Can you imagine walking through the doors where the world is left behind and heaven and eternity with Jesus begins? No eye has seen the magnificence of the room which sparkles with the Shekinah glory of our heavenly Father. No ear has heard such music as will be sung and ring throughout Heaven. No heart has felt the love that transcends all eternity. Without even realizing it tears will be streaming down our cheeks as we fall to our knees in worship of the One who has given us everything. On that day we will be surrounded by the angels of heaven as we all lift our voices in praise to Jesus, the Name above all names. The air we breathe will have a freshness that we have never experienced before. The food we eat will have a taste that is unknown in this world because it is the food of paradise. The joy experienced in heaven will be beyond description because we will be in the presence of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. As Christian men and women, we yearn for the day when we will enter our eternal home. But as long as we walk on this earth, we are called to praise, worship and bow down before our Lord God Almighty. On the day you were saved you began your walk through eternity. The joy, love and worship of heaven can be experienced now if we will simply yield ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to fill us to overflowing and release the chains that are binding us from falling on our knees and worshiping God. The coming season is rapidly approaching, and with each passing day we are one step closer to walking through the great doors of Heaven.

Glory to God for His love, mercy and grace,

*Charles*