

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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REVIVAL...

let it begin in me! February 5-12, 2012

Over the last three weeks we've looked at three questions regarding revival: What is revival, when is revival needed and when can revival be expected? This week I wanted to explore the answer to this question: What hinders revival?

There are five false loves in a congregation that will hinder revival. The first is the love of tradition. Revival and change are almost synonymous terms. There is no way true revival can occur without major changes disrupting and reordering the life of the church. While God is orderly and dependable, He is always fresh and vital.

The second is the love of disorder. The ordering of priorities according to Scripture and sound spiritual judgment is a discipline in which most churches fail miserably. If God were to step physically into the position of leadership in our church, what changes would occur immediately? If we know what changes He would make, why do we persist in the disorder?

The third is brevity. For many no sin is more awful than that committed by the overtime preacher or teacher. Consider this strange phenomenon: the love of brevity seems exclusive; that is to say, it does not apply equally to all things in life but only to spiritual things. How many of us thrill when the

ballgame goes into overtime or extra innings? Can the Maker of time be advised how much time He is allotted to accomplish His will and purpose in His own Church?

The fourth is comfortable truth. The love of comfort is closely akin to indifference and can scarcely be separated from it. Revival and the exclusive love of comfortable truths are bitter enemies. Churches may fill their padded pews with careless listeners who love the low lights, soft tones, and conversational sermons on pleasant subjects, but they will never fill heaven until they declare all the truth of Scripture with the convicting, disturbing power of the Holy Spirit.

The final is love of respect. "What will people think?" This is a question the church must never ask. Our greatest concern must be, "What will God think?" Many would prefer to be thought righteous than to be righteous. When the church places the respect of men before the favor of God, it has neither.

Love you all,

Pastor Steve

(Thanks to Richard Owen Roberts book Revival.)

Parents-make sure your student is attending the Love Waits weekend. The dates are this Friday and Saturday, January 27-28. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening for parents, grandparents, and students. It has become customary for parents to take part in the True Love Waits ceremony by giving their child a ring, necklace, or bracelet as their visual reminder of the commitment and promise they have made. If you haven't already ordered or purchased one, check with Family Christian bookstore as they have had them in-store in the past.



Life Action Ministries Presents: True Woman-Now is the Time Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Maryann Loveing is described as a God-centered woman, fun-loving wife by her husband, Ryan. She has served ten years in the ministry with her family and now shares with women the freedom found in seeking and following God.

Jennifer Slenk had a radical transformation in her life during a Life Action conference. She has a passion to pursue God with a broken and surrendered heart. She shares with women, out of a desire to see them meet with God in a life-transforming way. She and her husband Ben travel with Life Action seeking the Lord for revival in individ-

ual lives, local churches, and the nation.

Maryann and Jennifer will be our special guest speakers for the Ladies Luncheon.

So ladies don't forget to make your reservations for the luncheon on Tuesday, February 7th @ 11:30 am-1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

This is a FREE luncheon for guests, moms however, please bring a sack lunch for your children and mark the reservation card with the # of children you will need childcare for. In addition, moms of home-schooled kids we want you to also have the opportunity to attend so bring your kids with you and the Life Action Team will provide team members to work with your children on their studies for that day. Questions? Contact Jeff Moody at 327-4771.

Kickin' Sr.'s Valentine Luncheon

***Monday, February 6, 2012
11:15 am @ Culinary Art School-
(old Swinburne School)
Tickets are on sale for only \$8 each-
Menu:
Beef Brisket, salad, side dish and
a yummy dessert!***



***Deadline to purchase tickets is
Wednesday, February 1st.***



Singles- don't for- get on Fri- day, January 27th

there will be a get-together at the San Juan Baptist Assoc. building from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. This is a wonderful ministry for the Singles in our church and community. Mark your calendar and invite a friend to join you.

If you are new to this organization they do many community service projects and spend much of their time helping others.

National Day of Care

Sunday, February 26-Ronna Jordan will lead the worship on this day.

Kickin' Sr.'s

Due to all the additional activities during our revival the week of Feb. 5-12, 2012 we are cancelling our Monday breakfast for February. We want to encourage our Sr. Adults to participate in the Life Action Summit. We will meet again for breakfast on Monday, March 5th.

Prayer Meetings-Don't forget to attend a prayer group meeting sometime during the month of January, in preparation for our Life Action Summit on February 5-12. We have a Prayer Calendar at the HUB, as well as, in the church office for your convenience.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of \$42, 500 has been met, as of Tuesday, January 24, 2012!! Thank you Emmanuel family for your faithfulness to those on the mission field.