### From the Pastor's desk...



The mantra of the day seems to be, "Just give me a praise band and a worship team. Just give me a fellowship circle and some refreshments. Just give me a support group and an accountability partner. Just give me a coffee bar and moments of quiet reflection." I suppose all of those things have some merit, but let the cry of the true Apostolic ever be, "Give me a red-hot preacher saturated with prayer. Give me a message from God's throne that pierces deeply into my heart and spirit. Give me conviction that springs from the energy of God's Word. Give me preaching."

There is a spirit in our age that was also known in ancient Egypt. Of Joseph's two prison companions, Pharaoh restored the butler, but hanged the baker. He restored the one who gave him wine, but killed the one who gave him bread. And so today, there are those whose religious preferences say, "Give me the wine of the Holy Ghost, but keep the bread of the Word of God away!" Let that never be named among His church, for creative change does not occur when the Spirit of God moves. It happens when His Word speaks. If anyone is to be loosed, let it be the preacher.

A skeptic laid into Charles Spurgeon one day about the Bible, to which the great preacher made no reply. The critic asked, "Mr. Spurgeon, will you not defend the Bible?" Spurgeon laughed and answered, "Defend the Bible? That would be like trying to defend a lion. Just let the lion loose, and he will defend himself!"

May our prayer ever be: "God, turn your Word loose in our world. Turn it loose in our country. Turn it loose in our city. Turn it loose in our church. Turn it loose in my life. Let it accomplish exactly that purpose for which it went forth from your mouth." For to be the Apostolic church that He would ordain in this world, we must ever cry, "Let's preach!"

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# Prayer Practice

Tues night 7:30 pm H Remaining

Make it a habit too hard to break!



### **EASTER Music Practice!!**

Praise Singers there will be a Music Practice this Saturday at 6:30pm for our Easter service next Sunday!

### Family Fun Night



Family Fun Night in action this Friday night at 7 PM Bring a friend and something good to eat! We'll relax, eat, play games- fun and fellowship.



### Men's Camp Out

The Men will be going camping at the Brazos Bend State Park Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> leaving around 5:30pm and returning Saturday. Make plans for you and a friend and come have a great time of fellowship!

Announcing

### 2012 Galveston County



April 13-21

Be a part of the fundraising project by being on the cleanup crew at the Rodeo/Fair. All hands needed -it's fun work!!

Emergency Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Lidia Venegas 281-508-8642.

Email: lidiavenegas58@yahoo.com. (If she cannot be reached) Contact

Bro. Custer 832-621-5188.

## Birthdays & Annniversary's

### Week of April 1-7



- 5 Glenn Schanzer Jr.
- 6 Rev. L. M. Jeane Delores Ramsey
- 7 Mike Upton



#### On Time God

Isn't it amazing how God works in our lives! On a Saturday night several weeks ago, this pastor was working late, and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 pm, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer, but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor office, which was the phone that he'd The pastor couldn't figure out what Then the man said, "It rang and rang,

received a call at the church used that Saturday night. the man was talking about. but I didn't answer." The

pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife. The man said, "That's OK. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer!"

The reason why it showed on the man's caller ID that the call came from "Almighty God" is because the church that the pastor attends is called Almighty God Tabernacle!

#### **Prayer Defense**

A British soldier was one night caught creeping stealthily back to his quarters from the nearby woods. He was taken before his commanding officer and charged with holding communications with the enemy. The man pleaded that he had gone into the woods to pray by himself. That was his only defense.



"Have you been in the habit of spending hours in private prayer?" the officer growled. "Yes, Sir!" "Then down on your knees and pray now!" he roared. "You never needed it so much." Expecting immediate death, the soldier knelt and poured out his soul in prayer, that for eloquence could have been inspired only by the power of the Holy Spirit. "You may go," said the officer simply when he had finished. "I believe your story. If you hadn't been often at drill, you couldn't have done so well at review."

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