

From the Pastor's Desk... —

Certainly we are people who love the moving of God's Spirit, and rightly so. A formless, lifeless, dark world needs an encounter with the glory of the Lord. But a lesson to be learned from this passage is that one can be exposed to the moving of the Spirit and still be extremely void and empty. For a life to be truly and permanently changed requires the introduction of creative energy through the Word of God, and preaching is the method God chose to accomplish just such a change.

There is a danger of being so proud of the dynamics of the Spirit we enjoy and of what we regularly feel in our services that we equate "goose bumps" with substantive change in our lives. The measure of the effect of the gospel in our lives is not did we feel Him, for anything and anyone can feel Him when He moves. The questions to be asked as we leave each service are, "Did the Word of God change anything in me? Did His voice speak to me? Did preaching and my response to it do a creative work in me?"

And so we must ever remain people of the Word of God, for we need preaching. We need both the conviction of His Word to break us up sometimes, and the Spirit to change us – and this comes through preaching.



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KJIC 90.5 FM
King Jesus is Coming

Prayer Meeting

Tues night 7:30 pm



Make it a habit too hard to break!



Fun time at Family Night

This Friday Evening is our fun time at the Family night gathering. Bring goodies to eat, a friend and we'll enjoy the mix of fellowship, games and having a fun time! Time is 7PM in the fellowship hall at POSF!! Don't miss it!!



Youth Service Combo!

Friday night, May 4th there will be a Youth Service combined with the Youth from Bro. Campos Church here at POSF at 7:30! Bring your friends and let's have Church! Lots of good things are happening and you don't want to miss the excitement!

Are you Reaching Out?

It's been busy the last few weeks and here it is May and almost half the year gone. God is doing great things in the Bible Studies, Spanish work, and other areas of our mission and purpose, but we can't neglect our Outreach time here this Saturday at 10AM! Everyone that can- make an effort to spend time reaching out, calling, visiting, sending cards and praying for those that have visited or that God places in your path! Today is the day of Salvation! Reach Out!

Announcing Newest Member



Welcome Baby

Isabella LeAnn Clark

8lbs 2oz

Birthdays and Anniversary's

Week of April 29-May 5



5 - Ethan Schanzer



In-Tune Sensitivity

The pastor that I grew up under was Reverend G.P. Richards. Brother Richards would today be considered an "old-time" preacher. He preached hell hot and did not have a clue how to tip-toe around anything. He called it like he saw it and did not sugar-coat anything. He did not have the most tact in the world, but he did have a prayer life....and it is a good thing, or I probably would not be here writing this article.

When I was 10 ½ months old I had surgery on my ears. Due to complications I was put in an oxygen tent. At 5:30 AM in the morning, Brother Richards woke from his sleep feeling strongly to pray for me. He said God spoke to him to go the hospital. He felt an urgency and knew he had to get there as quickly as possible. Speeding, he rushed to the hospital where I was and burst in my room explaining to my mother he had just awakened that something was wrong because God told him. It was at that moment it was discovered that the oxygen tent had malfunctioned and air was not getting to me. Soaked with sweat, the nurse told him that I would have suffocated and died within a couple of minutes.

Jump ahead about twenty-five years. I was on a plane leaving Boston on a late-night flight and was taxiing down the runway about to leave the ground when all of a sudden the pilot hits the brakes. We skidded across the runway and came to a stop. In all my years of flying this had never happened. The pilot told us something was wrong and we would have to go back to the gate. I turned on my phone and there was a message from my mother that was left a couple of minutes before. I checked the message and with urgency in her voice she said, "Lisa, call me as soon as you get this message." I quickly started dialing her number. When she answered she said, "It is okay, everything will be fine now." She then told me that Brother Richards had called her at the exact moment I was going down the runway and that God had awakened him to let him know my life was in danger. He called my mom and told her to try to find me and then he immediately began to pray. He called her back a minute or two later and said, "she will be fine. I have touched God and He let me know she will be okay." How interesting that I was told by a flight attendant that night there was a major mechanical issue with the landing gear. Her words were "had we gotten off the ground, it would have been unlikely the landing gear would have engaged when we tried to land."

Brother Richards was around 90 when this last instance happened, yet his spiritual ears were still very in-tune with God's voice. His daily prayer life had given him a sensitivity that kept him "in the know" even when he was asleep. I'm thankful for this great man of God who as far as I'm concerned, saved my life twice due to his prayer life and sensitivity to God's voice.

Are you hearing God's voice? Not only do we need to hear for direction in our own life, but you never know when we may need to hear it for someone else.

Blessings, Lisa Marshall, Strategic Prayer Coordinator
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