



The Messenger

Evangelist Michael Mills



*August 20-24
Sunday at 6:00*

Monday-Thursday at 6:30

Revival, what is it? One definition is that it is a series of church meetings, with a guest evangelist and worship leader, held on consecutive nights. With that as a definition we have one scheduled for August 20- 24. The services will be Sunday at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. Then Monday- Thursday night the 21-24 at 6:30 pm. Michael Mills will be the evangelist. Michael is currently pastoring the First Baptist Church of Toltec in Scott AR. The worship leader will be Randy Platow who serves at First Baptist Church of Romance, AR.

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Revival is more than a series of meets, and guest preachers. It is a miraculous outpouring of God’s Spirit. It starts with the reality that God is the ultimate giver of all life, while the human heart, even of those who have been born again and claim to be part of God’s church, are subject to drifting into lifeless, lethargy. That drifting away by Christians used to be called backsliding. It is characterized by indifference to God and His purpose for our lives and the elevation of our sinful desires. The things of God are forgotten as the things of the world are pursued. Instead of finding strength in the life that God gives, believers drift into a lifeless worldly and selfish existence. When you combine God as the giver of life with our own constant drifting toward lifelessness. You get the need for hope of reviving, coming back, a fresh outpouring of God’s life-giving Spirit on His lifeless people. That is what revival is.

David wrote in his prayer in Psalm 85:6 “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”

In the New Testament within a short time, the first century believers found themselves drifting. Paul established the church at Ephesus. There was such a change in the people of that city that pagan books were burned, and idols destroyed. Paul spent three and a half years there. A short time later he wrote in the book of Ephesians. “I pray that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with the power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:16-19) Just a few years after he had spent over three years preaching the gospel of Christ to these same people, Paul felt the need to ask God to send them renewed strength and energy.

Pray for yourself, and your Christian family at Zion Hill, that we will not just have church, but that we will experience a God sent Spirit filling revival. Sacrifice your time, commit yourself to attend. Each night bring yourself and as many family members and friends as you can. Do not forget to pray that God would bless the singing, the preaching, and His church with a fresh outpouring of His life-giving Spirit. So that when the week is over, His church will have been strengthened with a new knowledge of His power and love.

Terry Fortner

Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday
August 3 at 9am –12pm.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
August 12 at 8 am

Sr. Saints Fellowship

meets every 3rd Tuesday
August 15 at 11:00 am



A Word from Jeremy

It's that time of year again! As school starts back and summer draws slowly to a close, our calendar pages begin once again to look like a coloring book in the hands of a toddler. As believers, it is very easy to lose sight of the spiritual battle in which we are engaged on a daily basis while we struggle to make sure we aren't swept away by the cares of this world. Many of us spend much of our time on the verge of being swallowed up by spiritual complacency. It is ever so important that we give attention to the spiritual armor that is laid out for us in chapter six of Ephesians as well as maintaining a constant heart and attitude of prayer. We may feel that we just don't have the time for building the spiritual fortitude required for being an effective Christian warrior. However, upon closer inspection, if we're honest with ourselves, what we will likely find is our willingness to exchange the best things for good things on our calendars is where we lose the battle. Satan is able to essentially get a foothold in our lives and take us out of the fight. My hope is that my words of encouragement and the following quote by perhaps one of the greatest prayer warriors in recent history

will begin to stem the tide and change the direction of the spiritual war that is taking place in our churches today. We must each do our part to contend for the faith.

"It cannot be said too often that the life of a Christian is a warfare, an intense conflict, a lifelong contest. Furthermore, it is a battle waged against invisible foes who are ever alert and ever seeking to entrap, deceive, and ruin the souls of people. The life to which the holy Scripture calls Christians is no picnic or holiday excursion. It is not entertainment or a pleasure trip. It involves effort, wrestling, and struggling. It demands putting forth the full energy of your spirit in order to frustrate the foe and be in the end more than a conqueror. It is no flower-strewn path, no rose-scented affair. From start to finish, it is war. It is a battle, not a game. From the moment they first draw their swords, Christian warriors are compelled to 'endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.' – 2 Tim. 2:3 The average church members scarcely seem to realize that the world, the flesh, and the devil will oppose their onward march – and will totally defeat them unless they give themselves to constant vigilance and unceasing prayer." - E. M. Bounds



Operation Christmas Child

Let's continue to bring items to fill the boxes. Here's the list of items requested so far:

January - June: hair brush, comb & toothbrush, small toys, cars, coloring books & puzzles, soap and washcloths, Kids size sandals & flip flops.

July—tennis size balls, matchbox cars, yoyo's, harmonica's, punch balls, pony beads, old costume jewelry, and empty rx bottles.

August—paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, etc. Typical school supplies.

Please place items in the box in the breezeway. Each month, there will be different items we'll be asking for to fill the boxes. It's more than just the box of gifts the children receive. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family. Let's share Jesus with them!

REGIONAL TRAINING AUGUST 19, 2023



So you want to make a difference in the lives of disaster survivors? We need you on our team! ABSC Disaster Relief is recognized nationally alongside other disaster organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army, Disaster Relief is a faith-based organization of trained volunteers who are prepared to bring Help, Healing, and the Hope of Jesus Christ to those directly affected by disasters.

THE NEXT TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT
Indian Springs Baptist Church
23581 I-30, Bryant, AR 72022

WOMEN'S Bible Study

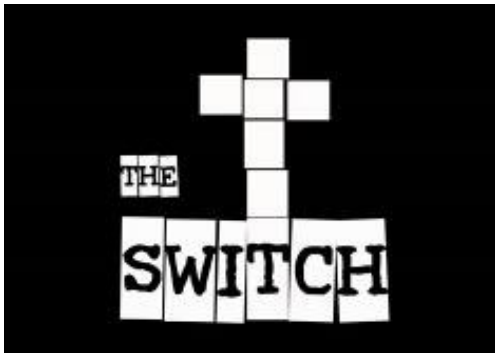
Ladies are invited to join us each month as we dig deeper into the bible study we started in February. "Calm my Anxious Heart: A Woman's Guide to Finding Contentment." The next gathering will be on **August 13 at 2 pm.**

Youth, Children & Other Happenings

Weekly Youth Gatherings

Wednesday Night *Switch* Services
Music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm

Invite your friends and come join us!



KDO Summer Outing

Check out all the smiles from the recent outing to Cabot Aquatic Park. Jeremy kicked it off with a devotional and then all were turned loose for swimming & sliding! They ended the evening with burgers and ice cream at David's.



Horseshoes & Horseback Rides

August 3
5 pm—9 pm

Youth are invited to come to the Jones Homestead and hang out for the evening. Transportation is available if needed. Let Jeremy or Lisa know if you need a ride.

Bayou Meto Elementary Open House

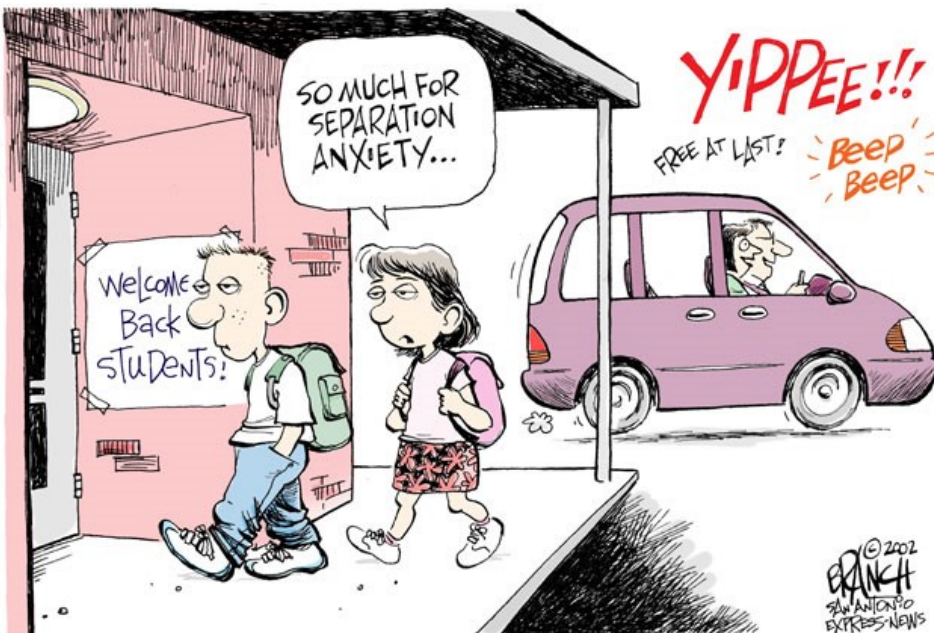
August 19
10am—12 pm

Come help pass out Hot Dogs to the students and parents at Bayou Meto. Use this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Back to School Dates

- CABOT August 15
- PCSSD August 14
- JNP August 21



Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times

Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship
 11:30 am Children's Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Growth Group (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

Tuesday

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 pm Mid-Week Services
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)
 GA's, RA's, Mission Friends,
 Youth *Switch* Service
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

August Activities

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1 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 2 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Midweek Services
 3 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
 3 5:00 pm YOUTH: Horseshoes & Horseback Rides - Jones Homestead
 6 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting
 6 Sunday Services
 6 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Holly & Tyler Baker
 6 5:00 pm Church Council Meeting
 8 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 9 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Midweek Services
 12 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 13 Sunday Services
 13 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
 13 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study
 15 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study—Senior Saints Fellowship
 16 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Midweek Services—Business Meeting
 19 10:00 am Open House at Bayou Meto Elementary
 19 1:00 pm Bon Voyage Party for Alaskan Cruisers
 20 Sunday Services—Revival Starts
 20-24 Revival with Michael Mills 6pm on Sunday, 6:30 pm Mon.-Thurs.
 22 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 27 Sunday Services—Sunday School Promotion
 27 5:00 pm Caregiver Ministry Meeting
 29 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 30 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Midweek Services

Revive Us Again

The idea of revival originates in the reality that, on the one hand, God is the decisive giver of all spiritual life and, on the other hand, humans, even those who are born again and part of God's covenant family, from time to time drift into a kind of lifelessness and lethargy and backsliding and indifference and weakness. And when you put those two together — God as the giver of life and man as ever drifting towards lifelessness — what you get is the need for the hope of reviving, coming back to life — a fresh outpouring of God's live-giving Spirit on his people. That is what revival is.

"God is the decisive giver of all spiritual life, so ask for a fresh outpouring of his live-giving Spirit."

So, for example, we read a prayer to God in [Psalm 85:6](#), "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Or, [Habakkuk 3:2](#), "O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy." Or, [Psalm 80:18](#), "Give us life, and we will call upon your name!" Or, [Isaiah 57:15](#), "Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'"

In the history of the church, the term *revival* in its most biblical sense has meant a sovereign work of God in which the whole region of many churches, many Christians has been lifted out of spiritual indifference and worldliness into conviction of sin, earnest desires for more of Christ and his word, boldness in witness, purity of life, lots of conversions, joyful worship, renewed commitment to missions. You feel God has moved here. And basically revival, then, is God doing among many Christians at the same time or in the same region, usually, what he is doing all the time in individual Christian lives as people get saved and individually renewed around the world.



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