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- ◆ Larry Schwarzkopf-Healing
- ◆ Jean Pearson (Mother of Brant Pearson)-Healing
- ◆ Floretta Haggard-Healing
- ◆ Darla Roberts-Healing
- ◆ Shirley Cogburn (Mother of Chantel Goff)-Healing



The Connection

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Pastor Kent & Tammy

The One Thing....

Last Sunday morning as I drove to church my thoughts and prayers were naturally centered on the upcoming worship services. It's typical for me to focus on God as I'm driving down the road, but on that particular morning as I was driving I caught myself saying out loud, "God, I want Your presence." I realize that somewhere underneath that request there was a deep desire in my heart for something more than an ordinary worship service. Don't misunderstand me. I know that God is omnipresent. I know that God is present even when I'm not especially aware of his nearness. I sense His presence in worship even when nothing extraordinary happens. As a Christian I know that God's Spirit indwells my life. But, I also know from experience that there are times when we may encounter God's manifest presence, when His presence is perceptible to the point that there is no denying He is there.

As I reflect on that spoken desire during my morning commute I find myself confronted by the realization that God's presence in our lives is the single most important factor that we mortals lack in our lives. For most of us, life presents dozens of options for career and lifestyle, passions and hobbies, pursuits, goals and dreams. In our pursuit of success, pleasure, and meaning we run here and there, trying one job or recreational activity after another, collecting experiences, but seldom devoting ourselves fully to one direction. Many Christians do this in their spiritual lives and ministries as well. They bounce from one teaching or church to another trying on ministries like a thrifty shopper trying on clothes. But today, the call of God to the church is to cease chasing after dead end distractions and begin to cultivate a heart of unwavering devotion to Him. God wants us to love Him, first and foremost, with all of our hearts. He wants us to be a people of one thing.

God spoke to the nation of Israel and identified to them the one thing that should captivate their devotion. We find this revelation in the Shema, the most important prayer found in scripture. This prayer is found in Deuteronomy 6:4. "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Jesus acknowledged this prayer as the greatest commandment. This prayer reveals to us God's desire for our devotion. He is the One Thing that should captivate us. His presence in our daily lives should be our highest priority.

What we as Christians desire really should narrow down to one thing. When our hearts are conquered by Him then no other captivation will satisfy. The only place that will satisfy is in His presence. When that happens our desire will be fixed on a single Source. There will be no going back to what used to bring satisfaction. Secondary pleasures will fade away.

I believe the Holy Spirit is in the process of cultivating God's people toward a single-minded focus. He is prompting each of us to become unreserved in our devotion to God's manifest presence in our lives. He is beckoning to each of us to seek the One Thing that is able to make a difference in our lives and in the world around us. Jesus spoke about it in Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. God's presence is what we need more than anything.

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June At a Glance...

- ◆ 5th—"The Blend", 7p.m.
 - ◆ 5th Thru 7th—Royal Ranger District Pow-Wow at Chandler
 - ◆ 5th—Girls' Night Out, 6 p.m.
 - ◆ 7th—Rev. Curtis Owens, a.m. & p.m. Services
 - ◆ 7th—**This date only, no 8:30 a.m. service**
 - ◆ 7th—Axis Crew Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
 - ◆ 8th—W.I.N.G.S. Meeting, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ 13th—Royal Ranger Garage Sale
 - ◆ 14th—Ushers Meeting, 4:30 in the Sanctuary
 - ◆ 15th-19th—Youth Camp
 - ◆ 21st—Father's Day, no p.m. Service
 - ◆ 28th—Steven & Tiffany Gratch
 - ◆ Jun 29th thru Jul 3rd—1-Camp
- July 3rd**
- ◆ Community Outreach, 6:00 p.m.

KIDS' CHURCH

"ROME ADVENTURE"

June 7

Through

August 9



Sunday AM

10:00—12:00

Don't Miss It!



GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 13th
785 S. Pine

Proceeds go toward our July trip to New Mexico for the FCF Territorial Rendezvous.

The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. (Isa. 58:11 NIV)



REACHING BEYOND OURSELVES

The rain has stopped and work is underway on our new building site. We hope to see the dirt work finished by late June and begin pouring concrete immediately following. The entire project is estimated to take ten to twelve months to complete, so if all goes well we may be celebrating Easter in our new facility next year!

As we continue progress on the building let's continue to pray and ask God to help us impact our community. The scope of the work involves more than a construction project. God is building His Church, and He has called us to be active participants. Let's Reach Beyond!

NEW IMAGE FOR SINGLES GROUP

There is to be a new name and a whole new image for the ladies group formerly known as "singles".

This monthly Friday night get-together will now be known as "G.N.O." (Girls Night Out) and is open to every lady, married or single, young ornot so young who would like to participate.

We keep it simple...just snacks, table games, and girl-talk, ...come join us!

If you would like to participate or need further information, contact Lee Watson.

KIDS' CHURCH

The adventure begins soon...

Imagine exploring the ancient city of Rome...

- Play Bible-time games.
- Eat traditional treats.
- Make authentic projects.
- Meet the Apostle Paul and his friends in a secret underground church.

So get ready to Rome!

Where: Oologah Assembly of God Church

When: June 7th thru Aug. 9th on Sunday mornings, 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

Need a ride! Call 443-2434

Happy Father's Day



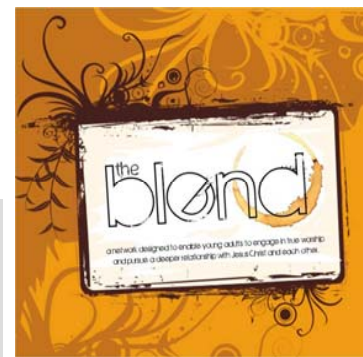
Sunday, June 21st, is Father's Day. Every Dad who is present in one of the morning worship services will have an opportunity to register for a very special gift package made up of real "He-Man Stuff". Bring your Dad to church on June 21st, as we honor our Fathers and worship our heavenly Father. Since Father's Day is a time of getting together for most families, we will be dismissing our evening worship service.



Axis Crew Meeting
Sunday, 7th @ 5:00

Youth Camp
Mon. 15th—Fri. 19th

Intermediate Camp
Mon. 6/29—Fri. 7/3



College & Career has a new look! Join us for our new and improved Young Adult Ministry, "The Blend." When: Friday, June 5th @ 7pm Who: 18—35 year olds Come out for a night of energetic worship & deep discussion. INVITE SOMEONE!

W.I.N.G.S.

This month's theme is "THE GREAT AMERICAN PICNIC", hosted by Kendra Adkins, Jane Noble and Sue Rhoads.

Please join us at 7:00 pm, Monday, June 8th at the Family Life Center for great food, games and a time of devotion.

Don't worry about the weather. This is a "climate controlled" picnic inside....no bugs, wind, heat or humidity. You can attend, rain or shine.

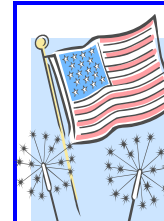
There will be a sign-up sheet available in the church foyer. Please list your name and the names of any guests you plan to bring so that we can have an idea of how much food to prepare. See you at the picnic !!!



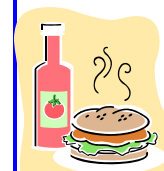
Royal Ranger
Garage Sale !!

Friday, 5th through Sunday, 7th—District Pow Wow at Chandler

Saturday, 13th—Garage Sale at 785 S. Pine, Oologah. Proceeds will go toward our Trip to New Mexico for the FCF Territorial Rendezvous in July. To donate items for the sale, see Jim Stratton, or call 443-2477. (No clothes, please.)



INDEPENDENCE DAY
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Make plans now to attend our July 3rd, celebration as we extend a welcome to our neighbors and friends who may be looking for a good place to worship.

The festivities will begin at 6:00 pm at our Hwy. 169 location. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, inflatables for the kids, and fireworks when it gets dark.

Bring a guest, and come share the fun of sharing Christ with our community.