

Fall Revival Services

The 1st Watch of the Revival



We were favored with a message from Pastor Eddie L. Curry of New Prospect BC on the first watch of our spring revival. Before his message the congregation was blessed by a devotion led by the praise team which lined hymns of old and supported the service with songs of praise like "My God is Awesome!" throughout the worship and praise time.

He brought a message "Stand Still and Know That I Am God!," with Daniel 6:10 as support scripture. It tells of how the legendary Daniel is saved from lions by the God of Israel because he was found blameless before him" This, after rumors about him being passed around, the King being turned against him because he continued to pray after he had given a decree against this behavior.

The Man of God told us that even in the midst of anxious times, like that of the coronavirus, we should continue to serve God.



Sis. Cassandra Murray welcomed the congregation and Sis. Curry to the service and Bro. and Sis. Goins gave a presentation to them at the end of the service.

The 2nd Watch of the Revival



Pastor Blount and New Jerusalem MBC blessed us with inspirational songs and a message to help us focus on an answer for an anxious world. He brought a message from Nehemiah 4::13, "Doing My Part In the Kingdom." The revivalist told how building was going on and enemies (Sanballat and Tobiah) came against the work of God and attempted to discourage the workers.

The messenger reflected on what is going on today, even with the coronavirus pandemic, Kingdom work must be done. Every believer needs to find their place, work it that place, so some work can get done! Also, get the right people in the right places.



He recognized confusion that may exist, frustration and fatigue that may appear, as well as fear that can show up. And assured us that God knows all about our situation and we should pray. Don't forget about God! Remember the Lord.

The Male Choir rendered several songs, all which brought us great joy!

Sis Goins extended the welcome, and Bro. Goins assisted with the presentation to Pastor Blount.

The 3rd Watch of the Revival



We were blessed to have Day Spring BC and Pastor Phillip Corker as our guests. The Deacons, choir and ushers came out and supported the services. He brought a message from St. Luke 8:22;28 to give an answer for an anxious world, "God is Still Able"

He spoke on a time when Jesus got on a boat with some followers on one side of the sea of Galilee and how things were when they got on and how they changed by the time they reached the other shore: a storm came and they woke Jesus up and he calmed the storm, then they resumed the journey. When they were on the other side, on shore at Gadarenes, a man called Legion who was filled with demons was loose, and he came up and asked Jesus what to do about it. Jesus solved that problem, too!

His point was that it was in those situations like it is now that Jesus shows up and shows his power. Things may start out one way, and things can happen along the way. Still, we should remember that God still answers prayers.

Pastor McCollough briefly summarized the revival teachings and invited all to attend Sunday's anniversary services.



Spring 2020 Prayer Breakfast at Mt. Pisgah



The eight o'clock a.m. service was well attended and proved to be a blessed service of songs, prayers, testimonies, and sermonettes. Sis. Goins served as MC and made everyone welcome and steered the program to a successful ending. She sang, too and called on a friend, Sis. Tereatha Copeland to render a solo, "They That Wait On the Lord."

In keeping with our over all theme, "Waiting On an Answer in an Anxious World," Sis. Phyllis Lott talked about waiting for an answer for our finances and Pastor Sharon Breeden of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Quitman, GA spoke on waiting for an answer in times of sickness (which to a larger extent was, sin—the sickness that besets us all).



Sis. Lott defined anxious and other key words and told us that it didn't matter what you have—little or much, you have to manage it well. And referenced Mark 11:24 for how to make requests known unto God—don't keep asking him the same thing, he heard the first time—just wait, and demonstrated our posture while waiting on God—Don't let your financial needs reflect your lifestyle, be joyous in Christ anyway.

Pastor Breeden, a history buff, questioned how we got where we are, where the world is shutting down and where people are even dying from the coronavirus? She went to Isaiah to remind us of what happens when a nation becomes sinful, people ignore God's statutes and commandments. And told us that even today, churches are full of sin-sick folks and God is concerned about this. He wants our souls to be saved.

She used Romans 8:28 to encourage us to wait on the Lord. He doesn't move in our time, and when he moves sometimes, it makes us uncomfortable. But, "Wait, Hold On, There is Greater Work in Progress!"

After the service, we were blessed with breakfast prepared by the men of Mt. Pisgah and Bro. Jerome Rowell. ! Deacon Henry Everson canvassed the neighborhood and invited our friends to come and worship and serve with us.

Bro. Antwain Rivens Returns to the U.S.



Pictured here are a proud father and his son, Wendell Scott Rivens and Wendell Antwain Rivens. They were at a Welcome Home ceremony when these were taken.

The father retired from the United States Air Force and currently serves as Commander at AMVETS Post 607. His son, Antwain, as we affectionately call him, is active duty, and is a lifetime member of Post 607; he is a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army and is stationed at Fort Stewart, Hinesville, GA.



Antwain has been in the service for ten years as of February! He left on April 30 and returned on February 7.

His job is Heavy Vehicle Operator. While on this tour of duty, he acted as the Forward Logistics Element Platoon Sergeant of fifty soldiers. Countries traveled to while doing convoy driving were Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

This young man grew up in Mt. Pisgah and comes from a family that serve our family so valiantly. We always join his grandmother, our own, Sis. Katherine Lane, in remembering where he is and in praying for his safety.

We are so proud of him and continuously lift him and our military members in prayer. Needless to say, Pastor McCollough and the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church family are looking forward to a visit soon.

A competition on the grill would also be a welcomed addition to his return to Valdosta to visit his dad, grandmother, and church family.

About the Coronavirus!

When calamity is in the land, there are things that the Christian Community can do to support communities as our governmental officials try to help defeat the coronavirus. Here are a few recommendations from the CDC:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, if you are not able to wash your hands utilize alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at all events where food and beverages are served.
2. Practice good cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene by covering your mouth or nose when you cough or sneeze.
3. If you are sick with fever of 100.4 F or greater or are showing signs of a fever and any other related symptoms you should stay home.
4. Seniors and people with severe chronic conditions should take special precautions because they are at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.
5. Consider reaching out to your primary physician and get your flu shot, if not already done, to protect against flu or symptoms similar to COVID-19.
6. If you reside in or have recently returned from a country with ongoing COVID-19 infections or have been with a person who has the virus, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.

Assisting others:

1. Consider shopping and dropping off items for the elderly and most vulnerable.
2. If you are in line and see senior citizens waiting, let them move up in front of you for quick checkout.
3. Prepare baskets for those who are homebound and include items like toilet tissue, hand sanitizer, and other items.
4. Think about how you can assist individuals who have to work like health care and emergency officials (childcare, etc.)
5. Volunteer to assist children who need tutoring. (Use social media like Facetime or Skype!)
6. Show more love and compassion! Help relieve stress that comes with changes that are taking place daily.

Bible Study Notes



WELCOME!

Are You Burdened?

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. - Matthew 11:28

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Where individuals are elevated to a view of the promise.

Bible Study, Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Sun. School, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Ser., Sun., 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study continues to be a growing ministry in our church. Those who attend are growing by leaps and bounds and look forward to our Wednesday night sessions. We are currently in I Kings, and pursuant to a vision Pastor McCollough had 7 years ago to go through the bible verse by verse, we have reached that 11th books learned a lot about the end of David's life and the ascension of King Solomon. Since we have advanced to this point, we are comfortably cross-referencing scriptures and turn to 2nd Chronicles.

Here is a bit about this book and the next one :

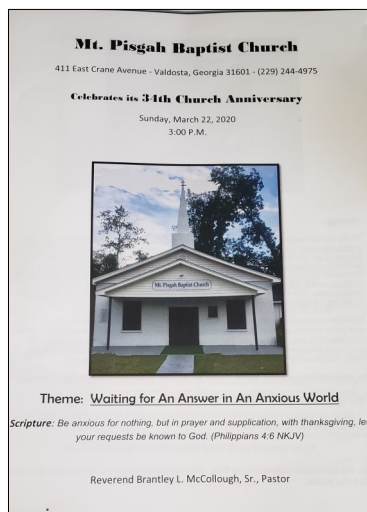
The two Books of Kings, originally a single book, are the eleventh and twelfth books of the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament. They conclude the Deuteronomistic history, a history of Israel also comprising

the books of Joshua and Judges and the two Books of Samuel, which biblical commentators believe was written to provide a theological explanation for the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah by Babylon in c. 586 BCE and a foundation for a return from exile. The two books of Kings present a history of ancient Israel and Judah

It is our prayer that you will join us for bible study. It is for members and those who are not members of Mt. Pisgah. Whoever will, let them come! The invitation to all services are on this refrigerator magnet created by Bro. Jerry Smith to assist in reminding people of our services. Bible study is at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Come and bring a friend! See Pastor McCollough for magnets to share with those with whom you come in contact.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—2 Tim. 2:15

Our 34th Church Anniversary



God has smiled on us! He has allowed us to enjoy 34 years of service in our community.

We have consistently celebrated this special occasion with revivals leading up to the anniversary service and enjoyed a fellowship meal together. Pastor McCollough added the prayer breakfast to the agenda since his service began. However, we experienced a little difference this year; we had to change the agenda due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We missed our dinner which is generally prepared by Sis. Shirley Hutchinson and the evening service with Pastor Joe Troope and the River Hill MBC, as well as the many candid shots that we generally published in this edition of the newsletter; consequently, the program's cover is holding that spot.

Nevertheless, Pastor McCollough combined the two services and we heard a bit of the church's rich history by Sis. Brenda Smith. She recalled briefly the organizing of the church by Pastor Leonard Favorite and how the Lord led a few believers from bible study in his home to the March 30, 1986 opening of the facility on Crane Avenue with a church full of people, and one fully equipped with piano and a choir. And told how the Lord had allowed some to stay and some to go and left just a few organizing members as a remnant (She and Bro. Jerry Smith considered themselves blessed because the Lord allowed them to be at this day's morning service.). Her moment in history also reflected Mt. Pisgah's teaching ministry, one planted by the organizers, being spread wide—a number of men who had been deacons in Mt. Pisgah had gone on to become Pastors. She also encouraged those in attendance to come to bible study on Wednesday nights: Pastor Brantley L. McCollough continues to teach God's Word!

Pastor McCollough brought an encouraging Word from Philippians 4:6. In a sermon, "PUSH— Until Something Happens," he gave a response to our theme, "Waiting for An Answer in An Anxious World." He considered this coronavirus pandemic we find ourselves in right now and told us we don't know where it came from and how, but God knows. He knows whether it was from bats in China or whatever started it. And Pastor acknowledged separation of church and state, as well as what the bible says about obeying authority over us.

He reminded us that God is in charge and that we should turn to Him for answers. We must pray! Take precautions where we can! But, pray. If we don't look to God instead of the government, we'll still be in trouble. Pray! The fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:6)

The messenger also took us to 2nd Chronicles 7: 13-14 to teach us how to pray...what to do about this state we are finding ourselves in.

1. Humble ourselves (Some of us look as our 401ks daily! And our stuff! We had better trust God! It's not about the stuff we have!)

2. Seek God's face, (Know what his plan for our lives are. He wants us all to come to Him!)

3. Turn from wicked ways. (None of us are righteous, no, not one. All have sinned. He wants us to change our ways and to keep his commandments. Love you neighbor as yourself!)

This message to the Christian believer tells us that God will do something if we do what we are supposed to do: He will forgive our sins and heal our land. "P. U. S. H.!" he ended the message. Keep praying until something happens.