

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

I know it doesn't seem like it, but March marks the end of winter and the coming of Spring. That says to me, no matter what you are going through right now, and there are challenges galore, there is the promise of Spring.

The Promise of Spring is a reminder from God that a change is coming and it will overtake us with color, sweet aromas and renewed excitement about what God can do. The ground is seeded with possibilities that go unseen in the winter season, but spring is about blooming and growing sunshine and singing.

We are in a season of prayer and consecration, drawing closer to God. He has said: If we draw close to Him, He will draw close to us. I'm looking for breakthroughs with the coming of Spring.

During this month our theme will be "The Promise of Spring" and we will look at some of the great promises God has made in His WORD to encourage us on our journey together. I

remember when we first arrived, we hardly had any children to worship with us, now they are coming in droves, full of potential, letting us know GOD is at work. It's the Promise of Spring.

Pastor David



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Counseling Corner

MAKING A FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY

Read Revelation 20:11-15

In this third month of 2010 may we fast and pray and ask God to search us and try our thoughts that He will help us make a Fearless and Moral Inventory of ourselves.

The Bible tells us there is a day coming when an inventory will be made of every life. No one will be able to hide. In John's vision he saw 'a great white throne, and I saw the one who was sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide.

I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books. According to what they had done.... And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire' (Revelation 20:11-12, 15).

It is best to do our own earthly moral inventory now so we can be ready for the one to come.

Anyone whose name is in the Book of Life will be saved, including all whose sins have been atoned for by the death of Jesus. Those who refuse God's offer of mercy are left to be judged on the basis of their own deeds recorded in "the books." No one will pass that test! Perhaps now is a good time to make sure that our name is in the right book. Knowing that our sins are covered with God's forgiveness can help us examine our life fearlessly and honestly.

Pastor Tina



Springfield House of Prayer

616 N. Limestone
Upper Level of Marriage Resource Ctr.

February Hours

Mondays: 9am-3pm & 6-8pm

Tuesdays: 10am-1pm & 6-9pm

Wednesdays: 9am-4pm

Couples Get Together at the Gibsons...

March 20th at 6:00pm

Subject to change



The Benefits of a KIDS HOPE USA Mentor

Some of the things I just love about KIDS HOPE USA:

- The way the kids' eyes light up when they first see their mentor each week.
- The unselfish caring given by the mentor and their genuine desire for their student's learning success.
- Seeing the mentor and student huddle together working intently over a problem and the squeal of joy when they get it right.
- The anticipation every week when kids keep asking "When is my mentor going to come?"
- The look in a child's face when the mentor is going to see him or her, and no one else, for possibly the whole time they go to the school they attend.
- Being asked by other students, if they can have a mentor, too.

I hope you are asking how you can get involved or how does Kids Hope work? You are matched with one child. This year we are matched with 1st graders. You meet one hour per week. You meet at school during the 1st grade lunchtime (11:40 - 12:40) with your one child. You choose the day of the week that works for you. You make a GREAT Difference in that one child's life!

Being a mentor is fun and a great honor. It is not too late to get involved! See me, Laura Hufford, or call me at (937) 536-6168



Clifton Ave. Programs

Pantry Outreach

Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:00-11:30 Pantry
 If you want to volunteer, contact
 Sis Debbie Hilliard

uniqueblessed@aol.com

(937) 324-1138

Crusaders

Wednesdays at 6pm.

A Meal & Message

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm
 Free dinner, warm fellowship, a
 word of encouragement

Celebrate Recovery

Starts back up mid-April, Fridays
 5:30-7:00pm
 Get help/healing for Hang-ups,
 Habits, & Hurts

Sunday School: 9:30am

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am

Children's Church during preach-
 ing (approx. 11:30)

Sunday Evening Prayer:

5:00-6:00pm

**We are on the
 web....**

www.cliftonavechog.org

*Search me, O God,
 and know my
 heart; test me and
 know my thoughts.
 Point out
 anything in me
 that offends you,
 and lead me along
 the path of
 everlasting life.
 Psalm 139: 23-24*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS

March 7th - Leigh & Linda

March 21st - Debbie H. & Martha

March 14th - TJ & Ashley

March 28th - Pastor Tina

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
01/24/10	\$1,259.20	\$3,000.00	65
01/31/10	\$1,298.58	\$3,000.00	56
02/07/10	\$1,763.84	\$3,000.00	52
02/14/10	\$3,015.10	\$3,000.00	58
02/21/10	\$1,143.99	\$3,000.00	41
Monthly Total	\$8,480.71	\$12,000.00	54
Prev. Month (January)	\$8,408.75	\$13,000.00	49 Avg.
Prev. Month (December)	\$7,633.01	\$13,000.00	84Avg.



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Narcotics Anonymous 7-8:30pm Kevin Gilliam Bday	3 Crusaders 6-7:15pm	4 M&M: 5:30-7pm Sydnee Gilliam Bday	5	6
	S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm →					
7 Angela Hilliard Bday	8 Vince Martin Bday	9 N.A. 7-8:30pm W.C.G. Meeting 6:30pm	10 Crusaders 6-7:15pm Annabella Kay Lapolla & Tateyanna Matherson Bday	11 M&M: 5:30-7pm	12 Alyiah Jones Bday	13 Pantry: 930-Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry Amy Gibson Bday
	S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm →					
14	15	16 N.A. 7-8:30pm	17 Crusaders 6-7:15pm Kim & Howard Johnson Anniv.	18 M&M: 5:30-7pm	19 Brad Martin Bday	20 Pantry: 930-Breakfast 10-11:30-Pantry Tracy Saunders Bday
	S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm →					
21 Katrina Schuwitze Bday	22	23 N.A. 7-8:30pm Jenna Gibson Bday	24 Crusaders 6-7:15pm Roxanne Kemp Bday	25 M&M: 5:30-7pm	26	27
	S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm →					
28	29	30 N.A. 7-8:30pm	31 No Crusaders			Couple's Gathering Mar. 20th or 27th: waiting confirmation. We will make announcement when date is set!
	S.A.C. Tutoring 5:30-7:30pm →					