



Some Revival Reflections from Pastor Don

REVIVAL AWAKENING RENEWAL REFRESHING REVITALIZATION RESTORATION

As we watch and read about all that is happening at Asbury University, these are the words that are being used in an attempt to summarize an event that cannot be summarized. This past week I took the time to listen to the sermon that was preached just before God broke in and started a Holy Spirit driven movement that is still happening now (Monday, Feb. 20, 2023). It was a good sermon about love, a sermon that made the call to find healing from tainted love by receiving God’s perfect love. But it was not a sermon that called for any of the words listed at the top of this article.

But then something happened. We can’t see it because Asbury University has wisely determined that this is not a media event; it’s God’s event. From accounts I’ve read, a young man stood and humbly confessed “something” and suddenly God’s Wind, God’s Breath, God’s Holy Spirit swept in and continues to this day. From that moment forward – for now almost two weeks – God has been moving on Asbury’s campus night and day. Lives are being changed forever. That’s what happens when the Holy Spirit breaks in.

Here’s the question I find myself asking as one who is hungering and thirsting for a Holy Spirit invasion: What does it take? What are the required conditions? Was there something in the sermon or something in the young man’s confession that “flipped the switch?” What we know from looking at awakening moments down through history is that these events come when there is presence of a hunger for

God, fervent prayer, humility, confession, obedience, and a willingness to do what the Holy Spirit desires, not what human beings desire. God takes over!! Such great visitations are not humanly manufactured, but there are things we can do to be ready: a hunger for God, fervent prayer, humility, obedience, an openness to God’s directions, an willingness for God to take over! And then it’s up to God to decide how He wants to move. For every group of people, that will look different, but they/we will know that God is on the move.

My prayer is the prayer of Habakkuk, praying for himself and the people of God who are trapped in captivity and longing for God’s intervention. His prayer is found in Hab. 3:1-2. *“Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.”* In response to Habakkuk’s prayer, we read in verses 3-4 – *“God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and His praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden.”*

Holy Spirit, do it again. AMEN.

Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or www.youtube.com
Parkside Nazarene Church

Wednesday Prayer Meetings at 3:00 p.m. (in person only)



March Birthdays

Eli Laker	17
Joanna Kolpien	25
Pastor Don Lain	27
Ina Bert	27
Lucy Adams	28

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SIGNIFICANT MARCH DATES :

03: Discipleship Dinner

05: Chili Cook Off



12: Daylight Savings Time Begins



12: Finance Committee Meeting

14: Church Board Meeting

17: St. Patrick's Day



17-18: Women's Conference MVNU

21: Gals with Grace

27: Pastor Don's Birthday



29: Lunch with a Missionary

29: Easter Egg Packing Party



CHILI COOK-OFF NYC FUNDRAISER

Join us for a Chili Cook Off on Sunday, March 5 following the Worship Service. You will buy tickets to vote for your favorite Chili. This is a fundraiser for our youth to attend NYC. See Brian and/or Stephen Murphy with any questions.



EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Please donate candy and prizes by Sunday, March 26 for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 8. All are invited to attend the Egg Packing Party on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. We appreciate a variety of candy donated being mindful of allergies and prizes for a variety of ages as well. Please see Scott Sharp with questions or if you would like to help, but are unable to attend on the 29th.



PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER

We welcome Miss Dova (and son) back as she returns from maternity leave! We are happy to have Natalee in our Infant 1 classroom, who is our long term substitute from a child care substitute agency that we have begun using. We welcome 3 little ones into our Infant program. Let the snuggling commence!!! The Infant staff purchased new items for their classroom makeovers and will continue through this month. We are grateful for the grant that has allowed us to make these changes.

We are starting to brighten up the classrooms with SPRING! Children have been enjoying the warmer(ish) weather and sunny days. It's time to say goodbye to Winter and HELLO SPRING! Please see Cheryl or Marcella with any questions.



LENT ANTICIPATION

In Matthew's Gospel, we read in Matt. 16:21a, "FROM THAT TIME ON Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." (emphasis mine) As Matthew turns his focus to Jesus' march to Jerusalem, this year we join Matthew in our series of sermons for Lent. Following is a schedule of sermons for Lent. Please join us every week in our march with Jesus:

Feb. 26 – Matt. 16:13-20 – "Who is Jesus?" (Scott Sharp preaching)

March 5 – Matt. 16:13-20 – "Who Are Jesus' Disciples?"

March 12 – Matthew 18:1-9 – "Who is Greatest in God's Kingdom?"

March 19 – Matthew 18:15-35 – "Who Deserves Forgiveness?"

March 26 – Matthew 20:1-16 – "Who 'Merits' Heaven?"

April 2 – Palm Sunday

April 9 – Easter Sunday



GALS WITH GRACE

Ladies, join us on Tuesday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge for a time of Devotion and Fellowship. You are welcome to bring a friend. See Joanne Murphy with questions.



If you'd like to attend a conference: MVNU is hosting the Women's Auxiliary Spring Conference March 17-18, 2023. Pam Tebow is the featured speaker. Go to: <https://www.mvnu.edu/churchrelations/events/womensauxiliary> for more information.