

Pastor's Page

Sandy Valley Baptist Church
1124 S. Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
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Return Service Requested

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 24

- 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer,
Youth On Mission
& Kids of the Kingdom
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25

- 10:00 am Cancer Pad Ministry

Sunday, June 28

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Morning Worship,
Children's Church
- 5:30 pm Discipleship Training
- 6:30 pm Evening Worship

Monday, June 29

- 6:30 pm Miracle G.R.O.W.
ALL Teams

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Jeremiah is called "The Weeping Prophet". Jeremiah lived a life of conflict because of his predictions of judgment by the invading Babylonians. He was threatened, tried for his life, put in stocks, forced to flee from King Jehoiakim, publicly humiliated by a false prophet, and thrown into a pit. And yet Jeremiah spoke these words in Jeremiah 20:9: *Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.*

Pastors, teachers, and other proclaimers of God's Word often feel rejected, unwanted, humiliated and taken for granted.

However, God has given His true messengers a message that cannot be held back. Like Jeremiah, we have great expectations, looking always for miraculous results for the ministries God has allowed us to share with Him. Our hopes are always high that the message God gives us will somehow stir hearts, bring many to repentance, help disciple the brethren, and give hope to the hopeless. But what happens when, like Jeremiah, it appears the majority are not changed?

Hear my heart today! Like Wesley of years ago: "Lord, I am weary in Your work, but I shall never be weary of Your work!"

What keeps us going as servants of God when it seems many couldn't care less? I'll answer this with an illustration. Once upon a time an old minister of the Gospel died. His family found his sermons carefully bound together. Enclosed with them was a card asking this question: "Where has the influence gone from these messages once preached?" On the other side of the card was an answer for the question. Where are last year's rays of sunlight? They have gone into fruits and flowers, grain and vegetables, and now they are feeding people everywhere! Where are last year's raindrops? Forgotten by most people, their influence still abides after they have done their refreshing work. So, too, my sermons have gone into lives and made them better, more like the Master, and more fitted for life."

I must admit, times are very frustrating when I look at our congregation and many more are missing than are here! I must admit when the figures for Bible Study are read, I wonder, "Lord, don't we know how important it is to 'study to show ourselves approved unto You'?"

But like Jeremiah, His Word cannot be held inside. His Word will continue to go forth to the faithful with great expectations that it will not return void. It will go forth to be received by those who are eager to receive it and eager to use it!

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Sunday School Report

June 21, 2009

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	296
Total Present	99
Previous Week's Attendance	107

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for June 28

Bro. Ted Blackmon

Deacon of the Week for July 5

Bro. Harold Hambrick

Preschool Volunteers

Sunday, June 28

AM—Jennifer Edwards

PM—Tammy Howard

Sunday, July 5

AM—Deanna Fowler

PM—Sara Young



Prayer Room Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
6-24	PM	Loretta Tidwell
6-28	AM	Terry Simpson
6-28	PM	Ken Sorrell
7-1	PM	Carol Simmons

G.R.O.W.

All G.R.O.W. Outreach Teams will meet on Monday, June 29 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in becoming part of a G.R.O.W. team, see Bro. Phil.

And God Said No

I asked God to take away my pride,
And God said, "No."
He said it was not for Him to take away,
But for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child
whole,
And God said, "No."
He said her spirit is,
While her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience,
And God said, "No."
He said patience is a by-product of tribulation.
It isn't granted, it is earned.

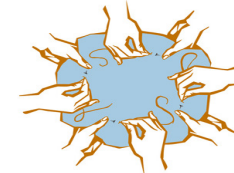
I asked God to give me happiness,
And God said, "No."
He said He gives blessings,
Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain,
And God said, "No."
He said, "Suffering draws you apart from
Worldly cares and brings you closer to Me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow,
And God said, "No."
He said I must grow on my own,
But He will prune me to make it fruitful.

I asked God if He loved me,
and God said, "Yes."
He gave me His only Son, who died for me.
And I will be in Heaven someday
Because...I believe.

I asked God to help me love others
As much as He loves me,
And God said,
"Ah finally, you have the idea."
— Claudia Minden Welsz



Cancer Pads Ministry
Thursday, June 25 at 10 am

Devotions for June 29-July 4

"Your Sins Are Forgiven"

Monday: Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday: Luke 6:38

**Wednesday: Romans 5:18-19
Ephesians 2:8-9**

Thursday: Romans 6:20-23

Friday: Luke 5:17-20

Saturday: Galatians 5:1



Kick-off to KIDMO!
Sunday, August 2nd
(for grades 1-4)

- K**now God
- I**ntegrate a Biblical worldview into your daily lives
- D**iscover that there is an absolute truth
- M**ake Christ known through your choices and actions
- O**ffer yourselves in service to your Creator

**It's not about information,
but transformation!**

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And you? What if you had the only key to the church? Would we be able to get in? You may feel these remarks are harsh, but how do you think God feels when He looks down? Didn't Jesus give His all for us? What are you giving Him?

Yours In Christ,
Bro. Phil
Mark 10:45