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Dear Youth,

Praise God. Spring is in the air. I feel a sense of physical rejuvenation when I step outside and feel the warm sun and the cool breeze. Everywhere I look, I see new life beginning. Trees are sprouting new leaves. Flowers are blooming and butterflies are emerging from their cocoons. All the natural beauties that arrive with spring are a blessing from God and are meant to be enjoyed. But maybe we should take a closer look at them and see if they hold a spiritual lesson. Are our spiritual lives in need of awakening? Are we becoming spiritually dormant while the cares of the world overtake us? Spring's breeze is great to awake us physically, but what we really need is a powerful move of the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our spirits. This spring look at things differently. Don't just let the things around you receive new life, but ask Jesus to give you new life in Him.



In Christ,  
Bro. Paul

**OUR RECORD SPEAKS:**

Sunday School Enrollment	388
Average Attendance	165
Visitors	30
Average Worship Attendance	245
Tithes & Offerings	\$24,703.71
Designated	6,650.58
Total	\$31,354.29

**New Members in SS this year 9**

Our E-mail Address is  
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# THE BAYOU ENCOURAGER

*"Encouraging the Community With God's Love."*

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## REVIVAL

*May 2 - May 5*

Sunday, May 2

*5:00 Youth Pizza Blast*

*6:00 Evening Service*

Monday, May 3 - Wednesday, May 5

*11:50 Covered Dish*

*6:30 Evening Service*

*Wednesday, May 5 - 5:30 Children's Pizza Party*

*Evangelist - Lyndon Longoria*

*Music Evangelists - The Willis Family*

We will recognize our graduating seniors during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 16th, and after the evening service at 7:00 pm we will have a Church-wide Fellowship.



*Roland Bennett  
Jordi Boudreaux  
Kevin Breaux  
Steve Champagne  
Cody Fontenot  
Nadine Fontenot  
Bryan Gaudet  
Jeremy Irion  
Carlee Mayon  
Jayde Noel  
Matthew Powell*



**Baby Dedication**

*Sunday, May 9th*

Please contact the church office if you would like to have your child dedicated.

*Pastor's Paragraph*



# May 2010

What is Revival? It is an opportunity for God to change me. Granted, other people need changing, but I am the only one who can determine if I will be in attendance at the meetings. I can't control others. So, if I want God to change our church & community for His glory I must begin with myself. I must commit to be in attendance for each service of Revival.

If I am a parent with children, I can have my family in attendance. I can't determine what other families will do, but I can clear my calendar for May 2-5 and make sure that everyone in my household comes to the meetings to potentially have a life-changing encounter with God.

If I work or go to school I cannot make people come to Revival. However, I can be an enthusiastic voice that promotes the potential of what God can do if people will come. I need to model the example of what Revival can do in the life of a person who makes themselves available to God's transformation.

I cannot force God's hand to fall upon us in supernatural movement, but I can take God at His word in II Chronicles 7:14 and "humble myself, pray, seek His face, and turn from my wicked ways" so that God's movement will be encouraged rather than hindered.

Having Revival meetings does not guarantee that we will experience Revival's meaning. The only guarantee that I do have is that if I do not participate in Revival then I will not experience Revival. The potential of God showing up in all His power is reason enough for me to come.

I choose to be Revived! Please choose to join me.

Anticipating God's power,  
Bro. Steve

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 5:00 Youth Pizza Blast	3	4	5 5:30 Children's Pizza Party	6 10:00 Visit Nursing Home in Patterson	7	8 GCBA Pastor, Staff & Family Crawfish Boil - Little Pass 10:00 Ex. Board 11:30 Crawfish Boil
REVIVAL MAY 2 - 5 SERVICES MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: 11:50 Covered Dish, 6:30 Nightly Services						
9  11:00 Baby Dedication	10	11 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	12 5:45 Preschool/ Children's Choir 6:30 Prayer Mtg., Mission Org./Youth Bible Study	13 5:30 Baby Blankets 6:30 Men's Bible Study	14	15
16 11:00 Senior Recognition 7:00 Senior Fellowship	17 6:30 Visitation	18 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	19 REGULAR SCHEDULE	20 10:00 Visit Nursing Home in Patterson	21	22
23 5:00 Deacon's Mtg. 7:00 Finance Com. Mtg.	24	25 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 Adult Seniors go to Ryan's	26 REGULAR SCHEDULE 6:30 Business Meeting	27 6:30 Men's Bible Study & WMU Meeting	28	29
30	31  MEMORIAL +DAY+					

*Bobby's Copy*

Dear Church Family,

God has given me the privilege to serve this church going on 15 years and I pray there will be several more. One of the things I have experienced over those years is change. I was this 38-year-old Music Minister that had a wife and two kids. Matthew was 3-years-old and Mark was 3-months-old. Cari wasn't born yet, but about two years later she came into this world. Starting the day I moved here till now I have experienced change: Change in my family, change in our community, and especially change in our church. It hasn't always been easy, but God is constantly bringing about change. I remember the "Rich Young Ruler" that asked Jesus "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" When Jesus told him to go and sell everything you have and give it to the poor, it made him very sad, because it seemed this was something he could not do. We are just like that "Rich Young Ruler". We have come to a place in our church where we want to experience God to the fullest and reach our community for Christ. But God is telling us in order to do this we must be willing to change. It may mean giving of ourselves and our belongings like we have never before. It may mean taking on responsibilities that we have never done before. Whatever the case, we must be willing to do it.

As we see God doing a mighty work in our midst, let's not allow it to happen without being part of it. This is your chance. Come join us in Revival Meetings starting May 2 - 5 and bring a friend with you. It can be the start of something that you will never forget.

In Christ,  
Bobby



**Music  
Ministry**