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*Message from our Pastor:*

## ***Renewing the Passion***

Over the past two years we have studied a theme and special scripture to help us as a church focus on the direction that our Lord would have us to travel. Beginning the end of January 2009, we will turn our focus to the real essence of "Revival". Two years ago, we restated our purpose - that we are a church bought by the blood of Christ and serve Him first. Last year, we focused on the mission of the church which belongs to Christ. In doing so, we are reminded that the message of the church is for Him and about Him alone.

This New Year we will begin to cry out to the Lord to make himself known through this body of believers, and that there will be *real God sent* revival. Revival begins with understanding what real *Passion for Christ* means. This passion does not come by formula or by some external process, or even through a great plan. It comes through the minds and hearts of the people of God, as Christ becomes real in their lives, and as brokenness for Christ in our moment by moment life grows.

Our cry begins as it did with the people of God hundreds of years ago, *Isaiah 64:1-2, "Oh that you would rend the heavens!, that you would come down! that the mountains might shake at thy presence, As fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil, to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!"*

The answer for 2009 is as it has been in every year, that the name of the Lord Jesus be made known to the world by His people.

May God bless and keep you and your family as we begin a new year,  
Brother Jim

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## **FAMILY AND LIFE NOTES:**

### **Applying Biblical Truth in your Family and to your Life**

Falcons 13, Tampa Bay 10! The Falcons win on a 34 yard field goal in overtime to go 9 and 5 on the season and boost their chances of a playoff spot. By the time you read this, all will have been settled and maybe they soared or maybe they fell...that really doesn't matter to me. But there was a moment in this game that caught my attention and made my son and I shout "Oh yeah!" It wasn't a score; it didn't even happen on the field of play, but on the sidelines.

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Mike Smith, the new Falcons head coach, has really won over the favor of his players this year. The moment in the game I speak of is evidence of the confidence and trust in leadership the team has for Coach Smith. At the end of a play, a Tampa Bay player continued to push and shove after the play went out of bounds and then generated a few spicy comments to the Falcon player. At that moment, Coach Smith got between his player and the Tampa Bay player and began to unload on the opposing player. He stepped into the gap between his player and the adversary without hesitation and utterly rallied the favor of the Falcons. Players could be seen patting the coach and smiling at him as they welcomed him back to his position on the sideline.

Coaches will argue calls and coaches will chastise their own, but when I saw Coach Smith intercede the way he did, "oh yeah!" was the only thing I could say...he stood up for his own and stood down the adversary! So why share this moment with you? Because every father and husband must do the same for his wife and family! Without hesitation, stand in the gap that breeds attack and contempt for the Christian home. Advocate so strongly for Biblical truth and Christian love in your home that any affront to this will immediately meet opposition and protection. Position your life in such a way that you will be the first to absorb the hits against marriage and family this world offers. With Christ Jesus as savior and Lord, and an ever present and consuming love for Him, husbands and fathers can place their lives in His care and instruction so the home remains safeguarded and preserved.

Ephesians 6 focuses on submission to God as an expression of dedicated love; the husband to God and then wife to husband, knowing that she receives God's absolute best for her through her husband. This new year, as we ***Renew The Mission*** at New Georgia Baptist, may we remember that it begins in individual lives first, then the home, then the assembly of believers in Jesus, and then the community. May God be pleased with NGBC this year!

*~article by Keith Stell, Associate Pastor*

## **Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back: You Can Make a Difference in the Fight Against Cancer**

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature and life changing event that brings together over 3.5 million people across the United States in fundraising efforts to fight the battle against cancer. In Paulding County, citizens, churches, schools, and other civic organizations work together to raise money for Relay between the months of January and May. In May, teams unite at Paulding County High School for an overnight relay and other festivities.

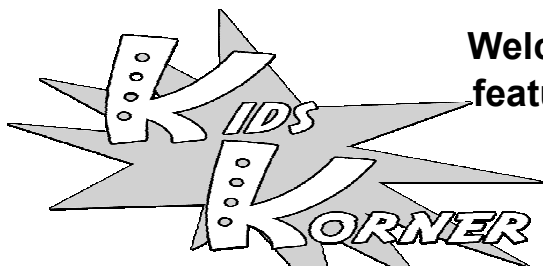
The Relay for Life platform is built upon three foundations - celebrate, remember, and fight back

- **Celebrate:** Relay celebrates the life of cancer survivors. The strength of survivors also inspires others to continue to battle cancer.
- **Remember:** Relay honors the memory and life of those that have lost their lives to cancer. At Relay, those who have walked along those battling cancer can also grieve and find healing.
- **Fight Back:** Most all of us have been touched by cancer. For this reason, participants with Relay desperately fight to put an end to cancer. Relay fights back against cancer by raising money to continue to research treatments and cures.

To participate with Relay for Life, all you have to do is sign-up and pay a \$5 registration fee. You are not required to raise a certain amount of money, but the American Cancer Society does suggest that each team member set a personal goal of \$100. However, if you raise less, you are still welcome to participate and are not penalized. Also, if you raise more than \$100, that's great, too!

Please consider joining our NGBC Relay for Life team. Together, we can make a difference! For more information, or to register, please go to [pauldingrelay.org](http://pauldingrelay.org), or contact Mark Puopolo at 770-489-0648 or at [ngbcrelayforlife@bellsouth.net](mailto:ngbcrelayforlife@bellsouth.net)

*~information submitted by Mark Puopolo, NGBC Relay Captain, Cancer Survivor, and currently battling cancer*



Welcome to “Kids Korner”! Kids Korner is our new monthly feature by Brother Derrick written especially for children to understand and to apply to their lives.

Please point “Kids Korner” out to your children, or to the special kids in your life.

## How to Impress your Parents and Other Adults in your Life:

### 10 ways to convince adults that you are responsible

I want to try and help you impress your mom and dad. Now I'm sure you'd like to find a way to get your mom and dad “off your back” or a way to get them to do whatever you want. But I'm sorry, I'd be a bad minister if that was my goal. Truth is, a godly parent should be very involved in your life and should teach you what you need, not give you what you want. But here's the cool thing, when you do some of these things, you help your parent to be able to trust you. And when a parent trusts that you're going to do what's best, more freedom *might* come.

Here are 10 ways!

1. Tell them how much you love them!
2. Think of one thing daily that makes them a good parent and tell them.
3. Do your homework!
4. Clean your room without them having to ask!
5. Ask them to read the Bible with you.
6. Ask mom if there is anything you can do to help her when she is working in the house.
7. Share what happened in your day at school before they even ask.
8. Ask dad to show you how to do something that he does well.
9. Tell an adult how much they mean to you (a grandparent would love this, a Sunday school teacher, or even a little ole children's minister like me.)
10. Be someone they can trust...just because you do a lot of good things doesn't mean people will automatically trust you, work hard at making your attitude right too. And always remember that reading God's word and praying to Jesus is the best way we can really do these things.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!! Please remember that a weekly overview of the children's sermon is available online to help you in preparing for and following-up what your children will be learning.

Check it out: [www.ngbc.org/children.htm](http://www.ngbc.org/children.htm) - click on the castle!

## Mark Your Calendars...Upcoming events for Children & Youth:

### **Youth:**

January 16th –18th Disciple Now weekend, \$25–30 per youth, sign-up in Sunday School. Questions, please see Keith Stell.

### **Children:**

January 4th begins the 13 week purity study for children grades 1st–5th on Sunday evening during the time previously used for children's choir. Questions, please see Derrick Fielder.

~information submitted by Derrick Fielder

## Heart to Heart

The Christian walk is one with many peaks, and many valleys; great joy and great sorrow. We are often filled with overflowing joy, and just as often we find ourselves broken and crying out for grace and mercy. As we seek and grow in Christ, we must always examine our lives and our hearts, and in doing so, we realize our faults and fallacies, and our undeniable need for forgiveness and redemption only available through the true, living, Christ and Savior.

The following prayer was written by David Horton. Please allow this prayer to touch and fill your own heart, and let it also be lifted up to the most Holy Lord, God Almighty.

### *The Cry of a Repentant Heart*

*My God, my God, I have forsaken You!*

*I have turned my back on You!*

*I have not loved You with all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength!*

*I have returned to my sins, as a dog to his vomit!*

*I have hated! I have stolen! I have sought my justice!*

*I have not forgiven! I have not shown mercy!*

*Lord God Almighty, forgive this worm of my many trespasses.*

*I am humbling myself before You. I am seeking Your face.*

*I am praying to You. I turn from my wicked ways.*

*Forgive my sins and heal my lands.*

*Restore Your relationship with me, and allow me to cling to You.*

*I never want to turn from You again Holy Father.*

*I want to love You as the Lord, my God.*

*I want to be Your humble slave, and usable in Your perfect will. I want to rely on Your righteousness. I want to love with Your love. I want to show Your grace.*

*I want to show Your mercy. I want to honor and glorify You.*

*Make me, Father, into Your good and faithful servant.*

*~ by David Horton*

## NGBC Family Spotlight:

The NGBC family continues to grow, and unfortunately, sometimes we just do not get the opportunity to get to know one another as well as we would like. With that in mind, each month, we will introduce or spotlight a different member or family of the NGBC congregation.

After reading the submission by David Horton, I knew many folks would like to know more about David and his family. Therefore, the Horton family is this month's "Spotlight Family"!

David & Becky Horton joined NGBC in August, 2008, along with their two daughters, Lee-Anna, 15 and Kaitlyn, 10. Becky is originally from Hartland, Minnesota and David is originally from Hodges, Alabama. They met while serving in the Air Force in Biloxi, Mississippi. David and Becky have lived throughout the country, with Lee-Anna actually being born in Washington, and Kaitlyn in Orlando, Florida; but the family considers northwest Alabama to be "home".

David, Becky, Lee-Anna, and Kaitlyn love serving in the church, and are involved with the youth on Wednesday nights. The family enjoys spending time together camping, atv'ing, hunting and fishing.

Becky is a registered nurse at Tanner Medical Center in Villa Rica, and also volunteers in the NGBC First-Steps program. David is currently working on an undergraduate degree from Leavell College, an undergraduate program of New Orleans Theological Seminary and teaches discipleship classes to the NGBC middle-school aged youth on Sunday evenings. David is hoping to attend Immanuel Bible College scheduled to begin at NGBC this month, and is on track to complete his degree in May, 2010.