

Upcoming Weekends

Men's #45 October 6 - 9, 2011 Scott Sapp • Rector

Women's #45 October 20 - 23, 2011 Amy Sadler • Rector

Men's #46 April 12 - 15, 2012 Buz Stephens • Rector

Women's #46 April 26 - 29, 2012 Beverly Solomon • Rector

"This is day that the Lord hath made, and I will rejoice in it." Psalms 118:24

Each day God has given us beauty to enjoy, so I think we should sit back and take in His glorious creation. Winter, spring, summer, and fall are God's seasons. While the winter brings us cool blues and shimmery white landscapes, the spring brings us new life with the gentle rain and blossoms of bright colors that burst forth from their deep winter slumber. Summer gradually returns with it's warm long days and bright summer sun, and then eventually comes to an end with kids returning to school. Fall is just around the corner and with it comes subtly cooler temperatures, shorter days, football games, comfort food and eventually nature shows out with it's new richer, warmer color palette. There is something about those leaves of red, orange, yellow, and burgundy that fall from the trees that remind us of God's endless beauty. All to be repeated again in the same seasonal pattern as it has from the beginning of creation, but each time with something even more beautiful to behold than the year before.

God is the best artist in the world, for only He can create such different themes. We see many artists that try to capture the seasons on their canvases by painting what they see around them, and they do a wonderful job. However, neither picture nor paint could ever replace the real thing splashed across the sky and spilled over the earth like the Master's display of His finest artwork. God's creativity is unmatched, for every day is different, just like every snowflake in winter.

When people say there is no God, I know they do not see with eyes like ours. They must see a plain, white canvas or a black drop cloth and not the blue skies that fade into light pink in the evening. Nor do they see the flowers that no paint on any artist's palate could attempt to match or the trees that were each given

a certain color leaf to change into when autumn arrives. 'No God,' they say. It is just that they do not know the Master of the seasons, the One who has created such magnificent displays of perfect art

We are blessed to not only know the Master of the seasons, but to have an intimate relationship with Him which gives us the opportunity to see and appreciate even more beauty within His glorious creation. We are part of His amazing creation. We were created for relationship with Him and with each other. Knowing and understanding that each of us was uniquely created by the Father should be an encouragement and challenge for us to also look for and see the beauty within each other - including those who do not know God.

Our environments are filled with God's beautiful creations. Are we willing to take the time to notice them, their potential and their beauty? To help them see the beauty that we see? To introduce them to the Master of creation? To allow our lives to be living examples to the simple truth that, "Yes, there is a God." A God who is awesome, wonderful, powerful, loving, gracious, worthy to be praised...and who is madly and passionately in love with us... with them.

I am gently reminded that with each new season, comes a new opportunity to allow God to work in and through our lives. We just have to be willing and obedient to allow Him to do so.



September Sequela Saturday • September 10 Food • 3pm

Cal & Rachel Lauder's Home 536 Joyner Road • Cairo, GA

This is an "open" gathering. Please feel free to bring family and friends who have not attended a weekend.

Please bring a side or dessert & an offering to help cover the cost of the meat.

Tres Dias will be providing the meat & drinks.

RSVP • 386-842-2573 by Wednesday, September 7

Swimming • Be Modest Fishing • Bring Poles

Men's Weekend • October 6-9, 2011 • Scott Sapp, Rector

"Do you Trust Me?"

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct, your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

- Jesus and the disciples had just finished feeding between 5 and 15 k people with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.... enough food for a small boy's snack.

-Peter and the Disciples left and took the boat to start across the lake. Jesus stayed back to pray with the Father.

-A huge storm came up and started tossing the boat about.... the disciples were terrified... veteran fisherman...must have been a bad storm.

-Late in the night they saw a "Ghost" walking toward them... Jesus identified Himself and Peter immediately asked if he could come to Him.

Jesus said "come". Peter got out of the safety of the boat and walked toward Jesus on the water.

What is your safety net? Do you trust Jesus enough to get out of the boat?

Life is full of challenges and testing moments when we have to decide if we are going to Trust God.

The NFTD #45 weekends are approaching... are we ready to Trust God and follow His lead on these weekends? Lets come expecting and be prepared by bathing ourselves in prayer with the Father. If we will Trust Him and get out of our comfort zones He will use us in a mighty way to bless each other and the candidates. Lets join together and bath these weekends in prayer so we can be a part of what God is doing.

Trusting Him

Scott • NFTD #45 Men's Rector

Women's Weekend • October 20-23, 2011 • Amy Sadler, Rector

"Let the Worshipers Arise"

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24

All I can say is WOW....things are really getting fired up for Women's NFTD weekend #45. When God spoke to me about worship being the theme and I began to study about it I was so amazed! What a broad spectrum there is for worship. Jesus has called us all to true worship, and it takes total commitment of our body, mind and Spirit, expressing our love and awe to Him for who He is. He seeks US to have that relationship with Him...God is so cool!

Whether we you are committed to serving on the campground or committing to praying for the weekend you are a much needed member of the body of NFTD #45. Not one can work without the other, each one is greatly needed.

Love & Blessings - Amy • NFTD #45 Women's Rector



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