



Music and
Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

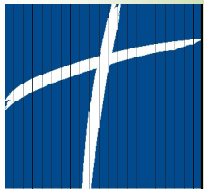
25 - Marilee Miller (A)

Willing to make an
extra effort?
Come sing in the
early-service choir.
Warm-up
at 8:08am.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

3/28 - Palm Sunday
4/2 - Good Friday
4/4 - Easter Sunday
4/18 - High Atten-
dance Sunday

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WORSHIP CHOIR NEWSLETTER

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the director's notes

1 Last week I invited you to join in a time of prayer for our ministry and our church. I hope many of you did take time to pray--whether it was Thursday at noon or another more convenient time for you. This week I encourage you to do the same. This Thursday at noon, let us all gather spiritually around the throne of God to pray for a Spirit-led movement among us.

2 As I said, this is just a baby step, but an important one if we want to see the Lord moving in a powerful way in our midst. Please

read the article below, a good reminder that there's "never a revival without praying."

3 I can never stress enough how important it is that all of us be present every Wednesday night for our rehearsal. Lately, we've had a significant number of "fluctuating" singers. This pattern brings undesirable consequences to the work we do as a group because it hinders the continuity of our preparation. Besides, when Sunday comes, those who missed the Wednes-

day practice will not be familiar with the music, the words and the interpretation previously rehearsed. The result is lacking-confidence countenance and vocal production. Please DO NOT hear me say that I don't want you to sing on Sunday morning. What I'm saying is, "you are expected to come on Wednesdays too."

4 While I'm talking about Wednesdays and Sundays, let me give a quick reminder about our starting time: SEVEN o'clock (7:00pm) is the mid-week rehearsal time and TEN-THIRTY (10:30am), the warm-up for Sunday's second service.

5 May God gives a productive rehearsal this evening.

never a revival without mighty praying

Prayer will do more to bring a deep and sweeping revival, a revival that is real and lasting and altogether of the right sort, than all the organizations that were ever devised by man.

The history of the Church of Jesus Christ on earth has been largely a history of revivals. When you read many of the Church histories that have been written, the impression that you naturally get is that the history of the Church of Jesus Christ here on earth has been very largely a history of misunderstandings, disputes, doctrinal differences and bitter conflicts. But if you will study the history of the living Church, you will find it has been very largely a history of revivals. Humanly speaking the Church of Jesus Christ owes its very existence today to revivals. Many times the Church has seemed to be on the verge of utter shipwreck, but just then God has sent a great revival and saved it.

Every real revival in the Church has been the child of prayer. There have been revivals without much preaching; there have been revivals with absolutely no organization; but there has never been a mighty revival without mighty praying.

What we need more than anything else today in our own land and in all lands, is a real, mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God. The most fundamental trouble with most of our present-day so-called revivals is, that they are man-made and not God-sent. They are worked up by man's cunningly devised machinery--not prayed down.

Oh, for an old-time revival, a revival that is really and not spuriously of the Pentecostal pattern, for that revival was born of a fourteen days' prayer-meeting. But let us not merely sigh for it. Let us cry for it, cry to God, cry long and cry loud if need be, and then it will surely come!...

--R. A. Torrey (<http://bible.org/seriespage/topical-prayer-revival>)

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AND OUR MINISTRY

on a lighter note

The first graders were attending their first music lesson. The teacher was trying to begin at the beginning. She drew a musical staff on the blackboard and asked a little girl to come up and write a note on it.

The little girl went to the blackboard, looked thoughtful for a minute and wrote, "Dear Aunt Emma, just a short note to tell you I'm fine."