

Thirsty for God

Have you ever been really thirsty? I am talking about that gnawing feeling of a need for water that demands attention. There is a dry cottony feeling in your mouth and throat that must be satisfied.

Recently I spent a day burning brush, and the combination of the exertion and the heat of the burning brush seemed to take all the moisture right out of me. I felt that I just had to have a drink of water. But one drink was not enough, and the longer I continued working, the more often I had to pause to refresh myself from the water jug I had with me. No one had to tell me what I needed, nor did I have to consult a physician to find out the problem. My deep thirst was an automatic reaction and warning from my body that I needed water. Soda crackers would not do, and popcorn was unthinkable. I needed water.

There is also a spiritual thirst. It is a figurative thirst of a devout mind needing to be satisfied with spiritual things. The Psalmist said, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1-2). This is the cry of a man who feels a deep need that can only be satisfied by God Himself.

Jesus recognized this need in man as He cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37).

As He talked with the woman at the well, He said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" (John 4:13-14). What an offer! What a promise! You and I can drink at the springs of living water, and find full satisfaction for the thirsts of our souls. Jesus Christ is the source of this life-giving, soul-satisfying water.

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*His tender mercies
are over all his works*

Psalm 145:9

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 746 Ke Keeps Me Singing

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 83 There's Something About That Name

#86 Jesus, Name Above All Names

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon:

Pastor Don Mauldin

Scripture:

Hymn of Benediction

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Covenant's ministry for September is Bread of the Mighty Food Bank. Bread of the Mighty Food Bank is a private non-profit organization. They collect, sort, store and distribute donated food and basic essentials to 170+ non-profit agency partners who then distribute food in their communities to directly feed the hungry.

There are 5 Sundays in September so we will also be collecting for Pine Grove and Newberry Highschool.

Mark Your Calendar

FCA D&S Classic Car Show

Saturday, September 21 | 8:30am-1:30pm

16811 County Road 241, Alachua, FL 32615

Peanut Boil coming in October

Words of Wisdom

If you want your neighbor to know what Christ will do for him, let him see what Christ has done for you.

Prayer is the pause that empowers.

Humility is that precious quality that makes us feel smaller as we grow greater.