

**SermonIndex Announcements :: EVENT: New Year's Family Prayer Retreat****EVENT: New Year's Family Prayer Retreat - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/11/8 19:51**

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New Year's Eve seems an ideal time to meet together and reflect on God's working in our lives. We are arranging the First Annual New Year's Family Prayer Retreat Friday Dec. 31 to Sunday Jan. 2, at a guest ranch in southern Arizona.

Our retreat speaker, David Smithers, has extensively studied revival and prayer. He will give a brief overview of revival history and principles of corporate prayer, so that we can join together and seek God more effectively in our families and churches. David is a pastor and homeschooling father of five. (<http://www.watchword.org/index.html>) Watchword Revival Resource Center

It is our hope that all who attend will be encouraged as we learn about revival and prayer. We wish to allow time for everyone, young and old, to meet with God. We realize we come from different denominational perspectives yet our common bond is the Lord Jesus Christ, our spiritual Head.

Costs will be around \$60, meals included. Tents and RVs welcome. Limited lodging in the guest rooms. Please email ASAP if you are interested.

The Banks Family, Arizona  
revival9876@yahoo.com

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NOTE: this is an SermonIndex sponsored event and its highly encouraged you attend if you are in the area.

**Re: EVENT: New Year's Family Prayer Retreat - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/8 20:10**

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I want to personally encourage anyone in the United States there are near "southern Arizona" to pray about attending this event. David Smithers is a great speaker and you can hear his audio sermons on SermonIndex here: (<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid111>) David Smithers

I personally recommend these recordings:  
(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid933>) Barrenness by David Smithers  
(<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid2888>) Extreme Prayer (High Quality) by David Smithers

I am trying to work with a brother that is going with David to attend the event to record it on video. And hopefully afterwards to be able to post the recordings on SI.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/9 12:32**

Quote:  
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If yourself or your family are looking for a good time of fellowship and prayer to start your year off with God then consider reserving a spot at this retreat. It is sure to be a blessing.

**Re: EVENT: New Year's Family Prayer Retreat - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/11/12 14:49**

I just finished the registration form and tentative schedule. Anyone wishing to come please contact me ASAP.

Nearest airport is Tucson and it's an easy 45-min. drive to the ranch. If you need transportation to/from the airport let us know.

We're very excited about this event! Fred told me to tell you that if you can't afford the fee of \$60, let us know and we'll work something out.

Mrs. Fred

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/12 15:02**

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Can you perhaps give a location re: mapquest.com ? that might help people determine how close they are and how feasible the trip would be.

**Re: Map and location of Family Prayer Retreat - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/11/13 19:25**

Okay, here's the map from Mapquest. The retreat is being held at a private guest ranch near Exit 318 of Interstate 10 in southeastern Arizona. Those interested in coming can email me for further information.

(<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?countryUS&countryidUS&addtohistory&searchtypeaddress&cat&address&cityDragoon&stateAZ&zipcode&searchGet%20Map>) Map

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/15 9:44**

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Have you heard from anyone yet from SI Mrs Fred? David Smithers is a great speaker and if you can make it to hear him it would be well worth your time.

Re: - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/11/17 10:45

We've had a couple responses from SI. There's still plenty of room. Here's the website of the (<http://triangletguestranch.com/index.html>) Triangle T Guest Ranch. If you know people in AZ, NM, or CA, please pass t he word.

#### NEW YEAR'S FAMILY PRAYER RETREAT

Tentative schedule of events:

&#61623; FRIDAY

3:00 pm --- 5:00 pm Registration

Unload (set up camp if tenting)

5:30 pm Dinner, fellowship

7:00 pm Worship and teaching

10:00 pm Testimonies

11:30 pm --- 12:30 am Corporate prayer

12:30 am until morning All-night prayer, testimonies

&#61623; SATURDAY

7:00 am Outdoor sunrise service

(Sunrise 7:25 am)

8:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Worship and teaching

12:30 pm Lunch

3:00 pm Worship and teaching

5:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Worship and teaching

9:00 pm Campfire singing & fellowship

&#61623; SUNDAY

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Worship and teaching, testimonies

12:30 pm Lunch, fellowship

2:30 pm Pack up and leave  
by 3:00 pm

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/17 15:31**

Quote:  
-----12:30 am until morning All-night prayer, testimonies  
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wow a all-night prayer meeting that sure sounds awesome! I know this event will be a major blessing in the Lord and fellowship of the saints. Hopefully brother Chad who is coming can video tape all of it so I can share alot of the weekend with the saints at SI.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/11 14:45**

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I would encourage any families or individuals that are looking for a time to hear from the Lord and minister to Him to consider going to this SI sponsored event. I know it would be worth your time contact the Banks family to get more information.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/13 19:33**

For people not available to sign-up for this event the audio and video recordings will be made available on SermonIndex for viewing after! there is still space and time to register for this event. I am looking forward to hearing testimonies of how God has touched lives through this event.

**Re: New Year's Family Prayer Retreat - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/12/13 20:47**

Quote:  
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That's right, there's plenty of room. Please, anyone who feels a need to spend concentrated time in prayer, and meet others who share this burden, this is an event for you. The surroundings are perfect for individuals or whole families. If money is tight, let us know and we will waive your conference fee. Gas prices are running \$1.93 locally. It's not too late to book a 2-week advance notice flight, if you do it right away. Also consider (<http://www.greyhound.com/>) Greyhound. Their 7-day advance tickets are really cheap. (If you can tolerate the bus :-P) Second traveler can go at half-price, too.

Mrs. Fred

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/13 22:43**

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-----Please, anyone who feels a need to spend concentrated time in prayer, and meet others who share this burden, this is an event for you.  
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"We must continue in prayer if we are to get an outpouring of the Spirit. Christ says there are some things we shall not get, unless we pray and fast, yes, "prayer and fasting." We must control the flesh and abstain from whatever hinders direct fellowship with God."- Andrew Bonar

"God will not let me get the blessing without asking. Today I am setting my face to fast and pray for enlightenment and refreshing. Until I can get up to the measure of at least two hours in pure prayer every day, I shall not be contented. Meditation and reading besides." - Andrew Bonar

"Revivals begin with God's own people; the Holy Spirit touches their heart anew, and gives them new fervor and compassion, and zeal, new light and life, and when He has thus come to you, He next goes forth to the valley of dry bones"

...Oh, what responsibility this lays on the Church of God! If you grieve Him away from yourselves, or hinder His visit, then the poor perishing world suffers sorely!" - Andrew A. Bonar

"Why is there so little forethought in the laying out of time and employment, so as to secure a large portion of each day for prayer? Why is there so much speaking, yet so little prayer? Why is there so much running to and fro to meetings, conventions, fellowship gatherings and yet so little time for prayer? Brethren, why so many meetings with our fellow men and so few meetings with God?" - Andrew Bonar

"Oh brother, pray; in spite of Satan, pray; spend hours in prayer; rather neglect friends than not pray; rather fast, and lose breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper - and sleep too - than not pray. And we must not talk about prayer, we must pray in right earnest. **The Lord is near. He comes softly while the virgins slumber.**" - Andrew A. Bonar

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/16 23:44**

Its probably getting near to the last few days were people can register for this event! I encourage you to prayerfully consider going. It will definitely be a blessing.

**Re: - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/12/22 16:19**

We got a call from a family who ministers in northern Mexico, Bill & Pat Risley. They will be coming for Friday & Sat. We hope they will share their testimonies of what God has done with them in the past 10 years. They've led **thousands** of Mexicans to the Lord through their own simple bible studies. Their converts turn around and begin teaching the bible to their relatives and friends. A church in Tucson has now taken over some of the printing on their personal computers - 12,000 bible studies! They cannot possibly keep up with the demand, praise God.

David Smithers also called and we're very excited at his heart for revival and prayer.

Those of you who are within 1-2 days' drive, please consider coming for even half a day. We can accommodate you. Any money collected from registration, etc. will go to David Smithers. The Lord has made this possible and we are His grateful and awe-struck servants.

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/22 16:30**

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Praise the Lord! yes I will be praying here! Sorry I am not able to make it.. the Lord definitely has had plans for me to stay.. I will be going to California Jan 10th. But I will be getting up the video/audio after from brother Chad.. so I don't feel as that I am 100% missing out. WOW that sounds awesome Mrs Fred about the missionary couple. This is surely going to be a tremendous blessing to those who can attend. I have not been able to send a package with materials unfortunately if you could print out some flyers that would be great to give to people that attend. I am definitely working on getting resources prepared so that for future events I can have a display and materials.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/29 22:23**

Quote:  
-----First Annual New Year's Family Prayer Retreat Friday Dec. 31 to Sunday Jan. 2  
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I would ask that everyone be in prayer regarding this event! I am excited to hear what the Lord is going to do. Keep us updated Mrs Fred and others as you get a chance.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/1 11:31**

Dear saints let me remind you to be in prayer for David Smithers as he is delivering the Word of God and for others who are being ministered to by the Holy Spirit. May God grip some people this weekend so mightly that they will never be the same again!

**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/1/11 9:14**

I am interested to know how this retreat went, I had hoped to attend myself but was not able.

Was there any recordings of mr. Smithers made at this event?

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/1/11 22:49**

Thanks Ron,

Was wondering about this the other day as well, how it all went...

Besides, we miss you Mrs. Fred :-(

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/1/12 2:02**

Quote:

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I haven't heard from my contact who said he was video taping the event about this yet. I am also looking forward to hearing and watching the David Smithers materials from that event and also hearing about how the conference went overall.

**Prayer Retreat was Good - posted by couch (), on: 2005/1/12 14:59**

The brother that taped the sermons for this retreat is my dear friend Chad, and he is trying to work on getting the audio files (the place was too dim for video) together quickly from the retreat.

Overall, he was very thankful for what the Lord did both personally and corporately at the gathering. He mentioned that Smithers' talks were excellent, teaching real people how to really pray.

Although Revival is a great and necessary topic of discussion, the Lord making us praying men and women is the foundation for any great move of Jesus. Wanting this to be realized in the lives of those present, this was Smithers' perspective in his talks, preparing and invigorating hearts to really pray in their personal and corporate lives for renewal.

A side note, Chad mentioned to me that he was very impressed with the way the Smithers' lived their lives day to day, and by staying with them for a week he was able to really experience the life of the Holy Spirit in their midst as individuals and as a couple. Being around them 'and others' was a great time, very refreshing, and the peace and joy of Christ was abundant.

The tapes will be up as soon as Cox hooks up Chad's new Internet and he can get them to Greg.

Peace

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Praise the Lord.. that sounds awesome brother! I am looking forward to getting these materials up on the site soon so they can bless many other people in the Lord.