

December 2014

From the Pastor



Signs of God at Work

It is only a week before a marvelous annual event at our church, the Ladies Christmas Dinner (LCD). The goal of this event is to present the gospel to women in a very clear and very warm environment. Each year, just before the event, amazing things happen to those involved in planning and putting on the dinner.

This year for example, I'm in the hospital waiting to find out what is going on because of chest pain. That means that Mindy, my wife, who is overseeing the event has to spend the week between LCD work and the hospital. Jennifer Hoskins, who is also involved in the program, had to say to goodbye to her mother who passed away a little over a week ago. That is only a couple of the "amazing" challenges facing our women as they do the work of the Lord.

I know these events have physical reasons for happening, but I also believe there are spiritual reasons for these events happening so close to



the LCD. The dinner is there for the purpose of seeing women come to Christ. This is something Satan doesn't want to see happen. The book of Ephesians tells us we are at war with the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (ESV)*

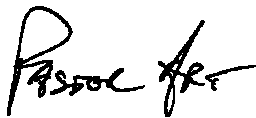
This week, up until Friday night after the dinner, we are on the front line of the battlefield of God. We are fighting for the souls of women we know and love. When I see all these trials that surround the Ladies Christmas Dinner, I know God is at work.

Please pray this week for those coming to the dinner, and continue to pray that the message of the gospel shared on Friday will have a saving impact on all those who hear it.

Remember the command also found in the same segment of Ephesians that we should be...

Ephesians 6:18a *...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (ESV)*

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Assoc. Pastor" with a stylized flourish at the end.