

May 2010

From the Pastor



## Let Us Pray

The National Day of Prayer for this year is scheduled for Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

*In 1952, both houses of Congress passed legislation establishing an official Day of Prayer. It was signed into law by President Harry Truman. In 1988, Congress amended that law by a unanimous vote, designating the first Thursday of May as the annual National Day of Prayer.*

*On April 15, 2010, United States District Court Judge Barbara Crabb, for the Western District of Wisconsin, struck down the National Day of Prayer statute, 36 U.S.C. § 119, as violating the Establishment Clause. Judge Crabb ruled that the statute serves no secular purpose, but rather calls the nation to engage in a religious exercise – prayer.*

We are being challenged as to our right to pray as a nation, but we have not been challenged as to our right to pray as a body of believers.

Let me encourage you this month to pray on May 6<sup>th</sup> for our nation. Who knows what will happen because of what Judge Crabb has done. I am guessing that her judgment will be repealed; that is my hope as well.

This ruling has had a positive influence in my life and I hope in the life of the church. I have been spurred on this year to have a time of prayer at church on this National Day of Prayer. On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, I will be at the church during the lunch hour, from Noon until 1pm, and I will be praying for our nation. I invite you to join me.

This is the first time in my years here at the church when I have ever formerly put together a specific prayer time on the National Day of Prayer. I am glad this ruling has motivated me. I think it's the radical in me; tell me I can't do something, and I want to do it all the more.

So on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at Noon, I invite you to join me at church to pray for our nation.

In Him and for His glory,

<sup>1</sup> From [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org), accessed 4/27/10.

