

THE EPHESUS EXPERIENCE

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Psalm 85:6

SABBATH SERVICE

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
Ephesus SDA Church – San Antonio
4123 E. Houston Street
San Antonio, TX, 78220

TALK TO US

Ephesus4123@gmail.com

ADVENTURER MINISTRY

Building Young Minds
Director Kayla Nellums

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Let’s Get Revived in 2025!

Through prayer, God downloaded to me our spiritual marching orders for 2025. We are called to be revived in 2025. As the title states, “Let’s Get Revived in 2025!” Some may ask: What does it mean to get revived? Revival is a profound reawakening of spiritual life and fervor among believers. In the book of Ezekiel chapter 37, we find an interesting dialogue between God and the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel is sent to a valley of dry bones. These bones are the house of Israel (God’s people). We do not know how they became dry! But we do know that the word of God revived them. God commanded Ezekiel to prophesy – speak the word of God to the dry and dead bones. And once the word of God was spoken we see how the word of God brought back to life the dry bones. God can and is willing to do the same thing today. You may be in a dry situation now; financially, mentally, physically, relationally, and spiritually. Family, God is saying today, “The Potter wants to put you back together again!” Many of us have been in the valley of dryness. Our prayer life may be dry, our work for God may be dry, and the list goes on and on. But these things do not have to stay dry. The song says, “God Restores!” How does God restore? We must be obedient to the word of God; we must trust God when we cannot trace God; then we must pray without cease, we must believe and claim the promises of God. God will do mighty things if we trust and obey! Let’s get Revived in 2025!



ADVENTURER MINISTRY

The adventurer program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship and to further the child’s development in spiritual, physical, mental, and social areas. The pictures depict adventurers on a trip to the pumpkin patch, learning about planting, and working on awards with parental support.

Contact Dr. Kayla Nellums for details about the adventurer club.

ON THE DANIEL FAST?

Here's a quick, simple, and tasty meal for you!

Cajun Red Beans and Rice



- ½ tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup chopped red onion
- ½ cup sliced celery
- ¼ cup water
- 2 teaspoons Creole Seasoning
- 1 15.5-ounce can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups cooked brown rice

Instructions

Heat olive oil in a large, deep skillet over medium heat. Add green peppers, onions, and celery. Cook until vegetables are softened, about 3-5 minutes. Add water and Creole Seasoning. Stir well. Mix in kidney beans and rice. Lower heat and cook another 5 minutes or until heated through. Yield: 8 servings (serving size: 1/2 cup)

Notes

Serve with sliced avocado and/or sliced green onions. Add 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes. Stovetop directions using dry rice: Sauté vegetables as directed. While vegetables are cooking, bring 2 cups water to a boil. Lower heat, and add vegetables, 1 cup uncooked brown rice, and beans. Cover, and simmer about 45 minutes, or until rice is light and fluffy.

A Resolution? Maybe Not!

Many people use the new year as an opportunity to make resolutions. Gretchen Rubin, a New York Times bestselling writer, spent years researching and sharing tips for living a happier, healthier, and more productive life. She mentioned that “an alternative to resolution setting is the idea of writing a list of realistic tasks for the year ahead.” Instead of coming up with resolutions, create a list of at least 5 things that you would like to accomplish this year - and hold yourself to it!



What's Happening at Church?

JANUARY EVENTS

- 4-All Day with Jesus-Guest Speaker Dr. William Cox
- 5-25 Daniel Fast
- 12- Senior's Meeting
- 15-Soup Kitchen
- 18-President Southwest Union-Carlos Craig
- 19 Board Meeting
- 20 Martin Luther King Parade with Pathfinders
- 25- Health Seminar with Sister Rosie Taylor

