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Praise In The Pavilion launches



Theresa Miller of The Lighthouse Word Church sings during the morning service meant to bring area Christian churches together for fellowship and praise.

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Story, Photos and Video

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CHIEFLAND -- People from the Lighthouse Word Church were the first to join the worshippers from First United Methodist of Chiefland on Saturday for the "Praise in the Pavilion" event.

Pastor Tony Rennett of First United Methodist of Chiefland was among the many faithful worshippers who enjoyed the music and sang at the Coach C. Doyle McCall Pavilion, which is located on the church's property behind the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and offices and meeting rooms at 707 N. Main St. in Chiefland.

VIDEO CAN BE SEEN FROM THE LINK ON THE JUNE PAGE

In this video, people can see and listen to one part of the song *I Never Shall Forget The Day*, which is by Iris DeMent. Here, the First United Methodist of Chiefland Choir sings it. The whole set of lyrics of the song are:

Long years ago when out in sin
I had no hope no peace within
Down on my knees in agony
I prayed to Jesus and He gladly set me free

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I never shall forget the day
And all the burdens of my soul were rolled away
It made me happy, be glad and free

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I'll sing and shout it, God means everything to me

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Now I can feel, Him at my side
My fewer steps, He comes to guide
When trials come, He comforts me
To faith in Him or sin I have a victory

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I never shall forget the day
And all the burdens of my soul were rolled away
It made me happy, be glad and free
I'll sing and shout it, God means everything to me.

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Oh, sinner come to Jesus now
At His dear feet just humbly bow
Confess to Him your every sin
He'll save and cleanse you, give you peace and joy within

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I never shall forget the day
And all the burdens of my soul were rolled away
It made me happy, be glad and free
I'll sing and shout it, God means everything to me



The Chiefland First United Methodist Church Choir sings as Amy Brodahl leads the group. At this moment, Bill Roberson is singing a solo part of *Sweeter As The Days Go By*.

First UMC of Chiefland Director of Music Amy Brodahl led the local Methodist choir. First UMC of Chiefland Administrative Assistant Diana Child organized the event and operated the electronic music machinery.

This was the first "Praise in the Pavilion" event.

The morning of praise music, fellowship, and community awareness provided a chance for

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people of all denominations to join together and enjoy Christian music for a few hours on Saturday.

Every church with a choir, praise team, or soloist that wanted to perform was invited. Many were called, but few chose to praise God in that manner at that place and time.

There were a couple of charitable groups present.

Bill Brown of The Children's Table was present and he provided a handout that showed 21 food distribution points on every day of the week except Sunday.

In addition to The Children's Table, which has provided food for a \$5 donation to tens of thousands of people over the years, there was a group that offers supportive services for veterans and their families.



Larissa O'Neal and Robert Wells, both of whom are assistant support service specialists, are seen ready to help people learn about Meridian.

Larissa O'Neal and Robert Wells, both of whom are assistant support service specialists, were present to help people learn about Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Inc. – Supporting Services For Veteran Families.

When people hear Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, they generally think of the mental health services or the drug rehabilitation services.

Another aspect of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare is one that finds houses for homeless veterans.

This particular part of the group has helped about 400 homeless veterans to find places to live in 11 counties – Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee and Union.

This first venture into "Praise in the Pavilion" started a bit more slowly than some folks had hoped, and it ended a bit before the 1 p.m. completion time advertised earlier; however, for those who attended, they enjoyed the morning of praise music and fellowship as everyone

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present worshipped God in spirit and in truth.



Some of the first worshippers at the event on Saturday morning (June 10).