

Mike asked me to talk a couple of minutes about my Winterfest experience. I didn't get to hear a lot of the different messages because I was helping at the doors and in the halls, but it was great just being a part of such a unified group of people all seeking the Lord. I did get to hear Don McLaughlin on Sunday morning, however, and it was thought provoking to hear him tell of a time in his life when he was told he would die within 48 hours if the doctors could not get a staph infection under control. What do you do when you know that you are dying? We all are dying, really, but some of us just know a little more about when it could be. It reminded me of the American Indians, who prepared for death by creating a Death Song, which they would sing before battle, and if possible as they were dying. This song was a statement of their faith, their personal vision and purpose in their life, and their relation to the Great Spirit. It was a celebration of the naturalness of the cycle of life and death, and they sang it with honor. It was a way of passing the importance of their life and religion on to those around them. Maybe this is something we should think about doing as well. God is Great, and we await a life forever with his Goodness.