

The Prayer for Revival

“Every revival can be traced to a kneeling figure.”—D. L. Moody

“From the day of Pentecost, there has been not one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in a union of prayer, though only among two or three. And no such outward, upward movement has continued after such prayer meetings have declined. It is in exact proportion to the maintenance of such joint and believing supplication and intercession that the Word of the Lord in any land or locality has had free course and been glorified.”—A. T. Pierson

“Prayer is the key to heaven; the Spirit helps faith to turn this key.”—Thomas Watson

Off the west coast of Scotland is a small group of islands called the Hebrides. A revival swept through these islands between 1949 and 1952. Evangelist Duncan Campbell was instrumental in this movement. He came to the Isle of Lewis for a two-week evangelistic campaign and stayed for over two years. But behind this outpouring were those engaged in the hidden ministry of intercessory prayer.

Two elderly sisters, Peggy and Christine Smith, lived in a small cottage in the village of Barvas. Their ages were eighty-four and eighty-two. Peggy was blind and her sister was bent double with arthritis. Due to their feebleness, they were unable to attend public worship, so their humble cottage became a sanctuary where they met with God. They became gripped with the promise, “I will pour water on him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground.” Day

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“The Lord knows them that are his by name, but we must know them by their character.”

—Matthew Henry

Generalities in prayer are only a refuge for unbelief.
—Graham Scroggie

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and night they pled this promise in prayer. One night Peggy was struck with the conviction that revival was coming and the church of her fathers would be crowded again with young people. She sent for the minister, James Murray Mackay, and told him what God had shown her. Then she asked him to call the elders and deacons together for special times of waiting upon God.

Are My Hands Clean?

In the same district there was a group of men who gathered regularly in a barn to pray. These men had experienced a foretaste of the coming blessing. One evening, as they waited upon God, a young deacon rose and read from the twenty-fourth Psalm, *Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD* (Ps. 24:3-4). After reading he turned to the others and said, “Brethren, it seems to me just so much humbug to be waiting and praying as we are, if we ourselves are not rightly related to God.” Lifting his hand to heaven he cried: “O God, are my hands clean? Is my heart pure?” He got no further and fell prostrate on the floor. An unbelievable awareness of God filled the barn and a stream of supernatural power descended upon them. These men moved into a new plane of God-realization which enabled them to implicitly believe God for revival.

The Spirit of Prayer

From the outset incredible things took place. As in all revivals, the happenings were humanly unexplainable and totally unpredictable. The fire of God moved from one district to another. Among those converted there was a fifteen year old boy named Donald who became a “frontline” prayer warrior. Mr. Campbell called at his home one day only to find him kneeling in the barn with an open Bible before him. When interrupted he quietly said, “Excuse me a little, Mr. Campbell, I’m having an audience with the King.” A number of the most vivid outpourings came when Donald was asked to pray. At a police station in Barvas, he stood one night clasping his hands together, and uttered one word—“Father.” Everyone was melted to tears as the Presence of God invaded the building.

One of the most outstanding examples of the anointing God placed on Donald happened on a small island named Bernera. Campbell was assisting in a communion service, but the atmosphere was heavy and the preaching very difficult. He sent to Barvas for some of the praying men to come and assist in prayer. They prayed but the oppression persisted. Half way through his address Duncan Campbell stopped preaching. About that time he noticed Donald was visibly moved and under a deep burden for souls. “That boy is in touch with God and living nearer to the Savior than I am,” thought Campbell. He leaned over the pulpit and said, “Donald, will

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Our Schedule

- September 29 - October 1
Iron Man Conference
Grand Rapids Baptist Church
Grand Rapids, MI
- October 2 - 5
Revival Summit
Faith Memorial Bapt. Church
Danville, VA
- October 7 - 9
Iron Man Conference
Canaan Baptist Church
Covington, GA
- October 16
Sunday AM & PM
Yates Thagard Baptist Church
Carthage, NC
- October 23 - 26
Revival Summit
Indiana Ave. Baptist Church
LaFollette, TN
- November 3 - 5
Couples Prayer Advance
Mainstay Suites
Pigeon Forge, TN
- November 13 - 16
Revival Summit
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Callaway, VA
- November 20
Sunday AM & PM
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Winchester, VA

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and then an
emotion.

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Prayer Advance Testimonies

"I thank God for every Prayer Advance I've been to—that is where I learned a deeper way of prayer. That is where I learned why we need to confess our faults one to another—for in that raw place of mutual need of a mighty God is the fire of compassion and the effectual fervency of prayer for one another." - LPA

"The MPA's have become very precious to me, and I look forward to the last week in January all year. This year's MPA probably had more impact on me than any of them before. Maybe it was because of what the Lord was already working in me, but he used that time, to set me on a path to come back to a level of awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and sensitivity of His leading that I had lost."

"What an amazing Prayer Advance! God was working all over this Advance and I think that far more positive results are to come."

you lead us in prayer?" The boy rose to his feet and in his prayer he referenced Revelation chapter four which he had read that morning, "O God, I seem to be gazing through an open door. I see the Lamb in the midst of the Throne, with the keys of death and hell at His girdle." He began to sob and lifting his eyes heavenward cried, "O God there is power there, LET IT LOOSE!" The Spirit of God swept into the building with the force of a hurricane. The floodgates of heaven were opened. Many in the congregation were prostrated over the seats weeping and sighing. God had come! Scenes like this were common in those days.

A Covenant-keeping God

Opposition to the revival was being raised in several places. The persecution of revival and those involved can be intense. As the islanders put it, "An evening was given to waiting upon God in the home of an elder." Around midnight Duncan Campbell turned to the local blacksmith: "John, I feel the time has come for you to pray." With cap in hand John rose to pray. In the middle of his prayer he paused and raised his right hand to heaven and said, "O God, You made a promise to pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground, and Lord, it's not happening." He paused and then continued, "Lord, I don't know how the others here stand in your presence. I don't know how the ministers stand, but Lord, if I know anything about my own heart I stand before Thee as an empty vessel thirsting for Thee and a manifestation of Thy power." Once again he halted and after a moment of intense silence he cried, "O God, your honor is at stake, and I now challenge you to fulfill your covenant engagement and do what you promised to do." Many present testified that at the moment he finished praying the house shook. Dishes in the cupboard rattled as wave after wave of Divine power swept through the building. [Please understand that these were sober Scotsmen who were not at all given to emotional excess.] A minister turned and said, "Mr. Campbell, an earth tremor!" But Duncan Campbell's mind was in the fourth chapter of Acts—"When they had prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

Jonathan Edwards wrote a book with the following title; "*A Humble Attempt to Promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of All God's People in Extraordinary Prayer for a Revival of Religion and the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.*" Note the key phrases: "Explicit Agreement," "Visible Union," and "Extraordinary Prayer." Explicit Agreement speaks of the binding unity of those who are praying. Visible Union marks the assembling together of the intercessors. And Extraordinary Prayer refers to the kind of prayer which is not customary. It is the kind of praying which is above and beyond the norm.

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There has never been a revival apart from prayer. Every revival has begun and been sustained by prayer. The time has come to stop “saying our prayers” and start “praying our prayers.” Effective prayer is heart-felt, fervent, and initiated by the Holy Spirit. Your prayer must move you before it will move God.

O for the Spirit of grace and supplication! Let us band together with other hungry-hearted saints in “Explicit Agreement,” “Visible Union,” and “Extraordinary Prayer.”

From “**Revival in Our Time: Outside the Box—Inside the Book!**” (Chapter 8) By Harold Vaughan - [CLICK HERE](#) to order from our web-site.

Looking Ahead -

- **Smoky Mountain Couples’ Advance 2016** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Couples’ Advance at The Mainstay Suites in beautiful Pigeon Forge, TN on November 4-5. You won’t want to miss this Advance!
 - **Men’s Prayer Advance 2017** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Men’s Prayer Advance - January 26-28 - in Roanoke, VA. We are expecting a blow out crowd!
 - **Ladies Prayer Advance 2017** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Ladies’ Prayer Advance - March 23-25 - in Roanoke, VA. Register today!
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WEB SITE UPDATE!

We have been experiencing issues with our PayPal checkout on our website for some time now. Many of you have reported that you are unable to complete your purchases for registrations and for shop items. We are in the process of changing our registration and shop checkout process to JotForm. We have already changed the Advance registrations to the new process using the forms. There is a link on each page that directs you to the form where you fill in your information and then you are passed to PayPal for payment. The form option allows us to get more complete registration information and seems to work much better for events that have multiple options such as meals. If you have had problems in the past, please give the new process a try. You can [CLICK HERE](#) to see the new Couples Advance Registration form. We plan to change our Shop items (books, audio, brochures) to this new process as well in the near future.

“Faith has nothing to do with feelings or with impressions with improbabilities or with outward experiences. If we desire to couple such things with faith, then we are no longer resting on the Word of God, because faith needs nothing of the kind. Faith rests on the naked Word of God.” —George Müller

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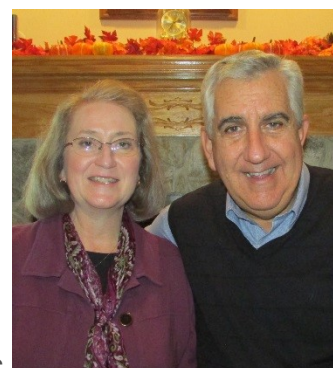
Family News

Harold and Debbie are busy with their fall schedule. Harold has several men's meetings this fall and they are looking forward to the Couples Advance the first of November.

Michael and his family are settling back in to the routine of school life for the boys. They both enjoy going to "school".

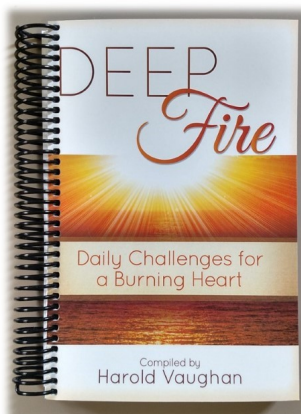
Brandon and Ashley are excited to be expecting a little boy the first of next year. Sara is happy and Hope is trying to accept the fact she will have a little brother.

Stephen is busy with his new position as Ministry Assistant at Catawba Valley Baptist Church. Emily is busy back at school with her little ones.



See What's New

- [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our web site and check out all the upcoming advances in our "Prayer Advances" section, read Harold's latest article in our "Blog" section, browse our "Shop" section or listen to one of the many messages in our "Library" section.



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