

The Probability of Revival

“God’s time for revival is the very darkest hour, when everything seems hopeless.”—Andrew Gih

“When thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee.” (2 Samuel 5:24)

A pastor commented, “I don’t see any signs of revival on the horizon.” Brother, you must look beyond what is to what can be! The high God of heaven is still on the throne and longs to pour out His Spirit upon His people. Don’t let the excesses of misguided people, or those who seek to humanly manufacture an awakening, deter you from seeking God for great things.

We are not going to get a different result by continuing on with business as usual. The need of the hour is for a Christ-exalting, sin-killing, soul-saving, resurrecting move of God.

Theological hair-splitting and useless wrangling must cease. Institutional pride and “camp loyalty” must give way to Kingdom purposes. The squabbling over insignificant matters, which has grieved the Spirit of God, must be laid aside. Preoccupation with politics, secular or spiritual, will not produce the revival we so desperately need. We must set our sails to catch the wind of God when it blows.

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“We must not only resist our foe in the all-conquering name of the Lord Jesus, but we must proceed to drive him off the field through that same glorious Name.”

—James Stewart



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Positioning by Faith

The pool at Bethesda (Jn. 5:2) was a place where miracles happened. People with all manner of physical infirmities positioned themselves near the pool, waiting for the angel of the Lord to *trouble the waters*. The first person who entered the pool after the waters were stirred, found healing and restoration. All the people who gathered at the pool wanted to get well. One thing they had in common was the desire to get better—they had not lost heart. They refused to resign themselves to a lifetime of physical affliction. All of them were motivated to stay near the water, anticipating the moment when the angel of the Lord would move the waters.

A certain man was there who had suffered with an infirmity thirty-eight years. Jesus observed this man as he lay, and knew he had been sick a long time. He asked, *‘Will you be made whole?’* The impotent man answered, *“Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.”* Then Jesus replied, *“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”* Immediately this man was made whole.

This man possessed an unyielding desire to get better. He knew about this place where sick people were made well and implemented his plan. He positioned himself right by the water. Of all the places Jesus could have visited that day He went to the Bethesda pool. There he found this man, who not only yearned for restored health, but also possessed the initiative to place himself in a location that held promise. In other words, he had faith.

God is self-governing in where He bestows the hallowed flame of revival, but throughout history God has responded to faith. Samuel Smiles said, “Hope is the companion of power and the mother of success; for whoso hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles.” Those with illness at Bethesda were looking for a miracle and expecting to get healed. They were longing for the healing touch which could only come from divine contact. Where there is hope for the future, there is power in the present.

Living Water for the Thirsty

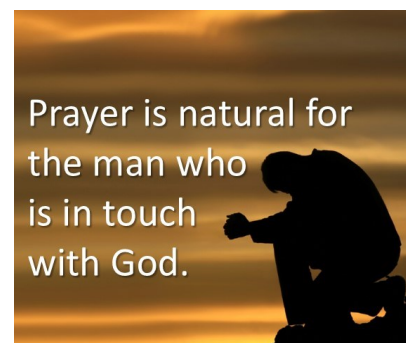
God promised, *“I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground”* (Isa. 44:3). Only the thirsty will be quenched. If you are content with what you have and where you are spiritually, you will not make progress. But if you are longing for a better day, if you are thirsting for a divine visitation, God can pour floods upon your dry ground.

With all of heavens resources available to us as Christians, we are responsible for our own personal, spiritual environment. The “high things” are out of our reach. World-wide, national, regional, and even corporate revivals may be beyond our control. But personal revival is our birthright. There is no excuse for spiritual mediocrity.

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Our Schedule

- August 22-23
Faith Baptist Church
Martinsburg, WV
- August 30-September 2
Calvary Baptist Church
Fort Walton, FL
- September 12-13
New Life in Christ Baptist
Church - Lusk, WY
- September 17-19
Men’s Prayer Advance West
Woodside Baptist Church
Denver, CO
- September 20-23
Olathe View Baptist Church
Olathe, KS
- September 27-October 2
Friendship Baptist Church
Cedar Rapids, IA
- October 4-7
Faith Baptist Church
Champaign, IL
- October 11-15
Breton Road Baptist Church
Kentwood, MI



Testimonies

“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.”

“The prayer time at night is so sweet. We are really in His presence. I’ve never felt that kind of love before.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed each service and God refreshed my soul. For several years I have thought of attending and now that I have I can’t wait to come again.”

“I came to this year’s Advance very discouraged and very much in need of a fresh encounter with God. I told the Lord that I did not want to leave without meeting with Him, and He was faithful to answer that request.”

You are richer than you think. A struggling farmer eked out a living from the poor soil he tended. But beneath the unproductive ground where he labored was untold wealth because his property sat atop tremendous oil reserves. An oil well was drilled by which he accessed the riches that were his by right. Then he who had barely gotten by, was now living like a king. The unlimited capital of heaven is yours for the taking!

You can navigate the pathway to revival through your sanctified desires. Natural thirst drives a man to look for water. He is not content merely to speculate or theorize about where the water may be found; he is on a desperate pursuit.

Spiritual dryness can cause a person to seek out living water. Personal revival is not something you observe; it is something you pursue!

Be Filled Now!

Regardless of others, you can overflow with the fullness of God. You can be filled with the Spirit NOW. The resources to walk in the light are already provided. Brother and sister, take a firm stand on Calvary—all it means to you, all it means to the devil, and all it means to God.

Appropriate by faith all that the Bible says you have and are “in Christ.” You are who God says you are! You have all God says you have! You can do what God says you can do!

If no one else walks in victory, you can! If all your friends abandon the faith, you can remain faithful. If your church goes into apostasy, you can still be energized with inward fire. Remember how Peter was warming by the enemy’s fire at the time of the Crucifixion. But after Pentecost you never find Peter warming at someone else’s fire again, because he then possessed a fire within his own heart.

In no way am I diminishing the reality of spiritual warfare. I know the Enemy can throw all kinds of ammunition at us. The battle can be extremely intense. This is where the ministry of encouragement comes into play. No wonder God instructed us, *“But exhort one another daily”* (Heb. 3:13). We all go through “low times.” Practicing the “one another” commands is God’s way of restoring and building up His Body to stay in the battle, especially as we see the day of His appearing drawing nearer.

Every day the Christian has a walk with God, a witness to the world, and a warfare with Satan. It is your personal walk with God that empowers and gives you victory. Dare to believe the words found in Romans 8:37; *“... we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”*

From “Revival in Our Time: Outside the Box—Inside the Book! (Chapter 18) By Harold Vaughan - available from our web page. <http://www.christlifemin.org/home/shop/books>

Prayer & Praise

- Wisdom in preparing for upcoming Advances
- Physical Strength
- Moving of God at the Men's Prayer Advance - West
- Praise for a great Student Prayer Advance
- Travel mercies

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Family News

- Michael and family are settling in. Michael's treatment is going well so far. It will be several weeks before it is known if the medication is working. Happy birthday to Laura.
- Stephen's fiancée, Emily Lopez has been visiting for a couple of weeks. We are looking forward to their marriage in December.
- Brandon and family are staying busy with work and family activities. Sara celebrates her 5th birthday this month.
- Debbie and Harold are getting ready to go on the road for several weeks of ministry in the mid-west. Harold is finally seeing some relief from several weeks of bronchitis. Debbie has been enjoying her grandchildren this summer.

Looking Ahead

- **Men's Prayer Advance - West** — Please consider joining us for this Advance on September 17-19 if you live in the mid-western states. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Couples Advance** — Register today to join us in beautiful Lancaster, PA at the Hilton DoubleTree Resort for this year's Advance on October 30-31. Our speakers will be Tom & Patty Palmer and Craig Scott. Register by September 21 to beat the next price increase. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)
- **Men's Prayer Advance 2016** — It's not too early to secure your spot for the Men's Advance on January 28-30, 2016. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)
- **Ladies' Prayer Advance 2016** — Make plans now for another great Ladies' Advance at the Tanglewood Holiday Inn on March 17-19, 2016. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

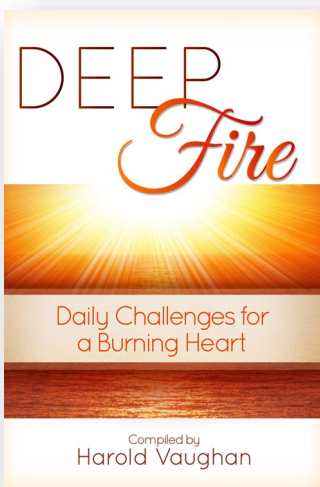
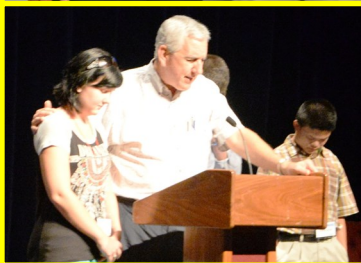
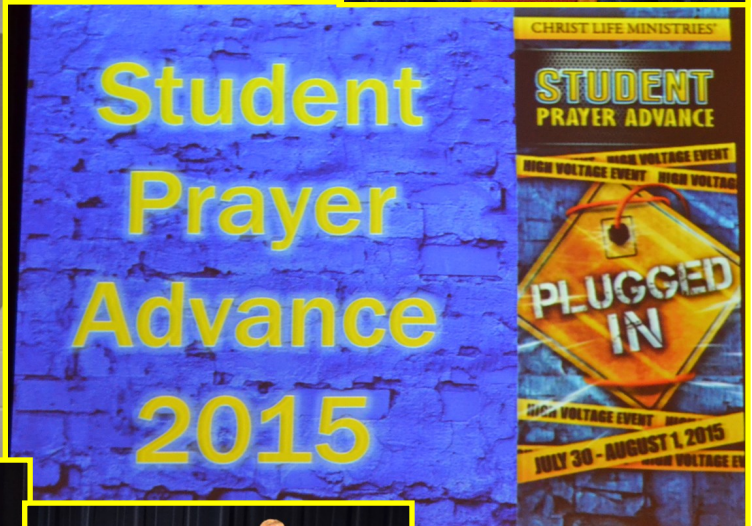
"Revival is God bending down to the dying embers of a fire just about to go out and breathing into it until it bursts into flame." —Christmas Evans



This year's Student Prayer Advance was a tremendous success. Our speakers, Mark Hopkins and John Goetsch brought life impacting messages to all those that attended. We hope to have some testimonies from the Advance in future newsletters. If you were not able to attend the Advance, you can purchase a MP3 Disc or MP3 Flash drive with all the messages for \$25 post paid. We will even include the messages from the 2014 Student Advance as a bonus! Call 540-890-6100 to place your order.

Here are some pictures from this year's Advance.





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