

Revival is the visitation of God which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God's near presence and holiness. Thence springs a vivid sense of sin and a profound exercise of heart in repentance, praise, and love, with an evangelistic outflow. Each revival movement has its own distinctive features, but the pattern is the same every time. *First God comes.* On New Year's Eve 1739, John Wesley, George Whitefield, and some of their friends held a "love feast" which became a watch night of prayer to see the New Year in. At about 3 a.m., Wesley wrote, "the power of God came mightily upon us, insomuch that many cried for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground." Revival always begins with a restoration of the sense of the closeness of the Holy One. *Second, the gospel is loved as never before.* The sense of God's nearness creates an overwhelming awareness of one's own sins and sinfulness, and so the power of the cleansing blood of Christ is greatly appreciated. *Then repentance deepens.* In the Ulster revival in the 1920s shipyard workers brought back so many stolen tools that new sheds had to be built to house the recovered property! Repentance results in restitution. *Finally, the Spirit works fast: godliness multiplies,* Christians mature, converts appear. Paul was at Thessalonica for less than three weeks, but God worked quickly and Paul left a virile church behind him.

James Packer, Your Father Loves You, Harold Shaw Publishers, 1986.

Numbers for last week

SS- 29, Worship- 39, Evening- 35, Wed- 22

Offering - \$1569.00

Ushers - Jerry Young, Walker Vallee, John Raulerson, Garrett Vallee

Ushers for Revival

Thursday- Cecil Harris, Harry Almand, Mike McCoy, Ed Jacques

Friday- Daniel Robinson, Wayne Clark, Harry Almand, Danny Raulerson

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 27 – Charles Kesterson

Arlene Morphew

August 1 – Kim Raulerson

Announcements:

Revival - Bro Glen Tropp – July 27 – 31- 7:00pm

Pastor in revival at Center Point MBC August 3-5 7:00pm

No service here August 5th – will meet with Center Point MBC

Assistant Sunday August 9th

August 16th – Bro. Chuck Reel in evening service

Specials Schedule

1st Sunday: AM – Faye Dunson
PM – Ladies

2nd Sunday: AM – Mike McCoy
PM – Men

3rd Sunday: AM – Christy Young
PM – Bobby Neal

4th Sunday: AM – Neal family
PM - Mike McCoy

Prayer List

JoElla Kesterson, Jeanna Midland's twins, Scotty Feemster, Carol Thomas, Ronnie Robinson, Ed Jacques, Everett and Thelma Cupples, Sonny King, Jimmy Williams, Anne Cornish, Jr. Golden, Mrs. Horn, Mark King, Jackie Neal, Ruth Herring, Mrs. Williams, Revival and Bro. Glen Tropp

Serving Our Country

Brandon Turner, Rayburn Hill, Josh Hill, Clint Almand, Jason Smith, Monica Stanhope,

Working in Iraq

Mike Askew, Jerrod Askew

Thoughts to ponder

Revival is the people of God living in the power of an ungrieved, unquenched Spirit. James A. Stewart.

The kingdom of God is not going to advance by our churches becoming filled with men, but by men in our churches becoming filled with God. Howard Spring.

A true revival means nothing less than a revolution, casting out the spirit of worldliness, making God's love triumph in the heart. Andrew Murray.

Revival is the church falling in love with Jesus all over again. Vance Havner.

Revival is an invasion from heaven that brings a conscious awareness of God. Stephen Olford.