

Some have asked if having revivals are biblical. I believe you can see the concept of revivals in the scriptures. You can find these times of spiritual renewals in Nehemiah, Ezra, etc. One of my favorite is found in **Deuteronomy 31:12-13**. This is a beautiful picture of what revival services can and should look like. You have taken a large step just by reading this brochure. This is not an exhaustive step by step list. Add to what you see or take away from it. The main thing is to seek God. Begin by praying now. Lead the people under your care. You are about to experience God at work in some great ways. I would love to hear your stories of God's work in and through the church and your community.

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EQUIP CHURCH MEMBERS

Equipping the church members for the revival services can also be a great time to equip them to serve continually in the same manner. These equipping times could have ongoing results.

7 Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Ephesians 4:11-12

- How to lead someone to Christ.
- To pray with others that come to the altar.
- To complete forms during the decision time.
- To be parking lot and door greeters and ushers.
- To be responsible for a certain section of the worship center and pray specifically for people sitting in their section. Also to befriend guest in their section.



FOOD

This is meeting a very practical need. At the same time, when someone's stomach is empty, it can be hard to focus on hearing the Word of God. Remember when Jesus saw the crowd coming toward Him, He knew they would need to eat.

8 Read 1 John 3:17 and John 6:5-6

- Feed the people before service.
- In most instances this will help people attend.
- Instead of dinner at home they are able to go to church after work/school and eat.
- Keep it cheap, simple and healthy such as soup and salad.



CONTINUING THE CONNECTION

As you pray and expect God to do great things in the life of those that attend the revival services, it is vitally important to plan on continuing the connection with people that make Spiritual decisions.

9 Read 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 & Philippians 2:13

- This is a vital part and should be planned during step 1.
- Details for this should be thought out and organized.
- Details such as how to obtain guest information.
- When and who will visit guest.
- When and who will follow up on decisions.
- When will those who are saved be baptized.
- What material needs to be ordered such as:
 - Decision cards.
 - New Believer Bibles.
 - Follow-up books.
 - Baptism invitations.

REVIVE US AGAIN



Nine Ways to Carry out an Effective Revival in the 21st Century

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PRAY

The power of prayer cannot be overestimated. Seeking God and leading the church to confess sin and seek His face is the highest value.

Read *Nehemiah 9:1-2 and Proverbs 16:3*

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- Consider leading a "solemn assembly."
- Prayer walk around your church neighborhood or your community.
- Have prayer meetings in homes.
- Pray during services asking for God to revive the membership and the community.
- Pray for the lost, by name, to be saved during worship times.
- Children- Senior Adult Sunday School classes create prayer list of those lost and unchurched.
- Pray for them each week by name during class.



PLAN

Develop a strategy from beginning to end. An effective revival will be planned and fluid at the same time. Planned in that there needs to be a prayerful and thoughtful strategy in place. Fluid in that there must be a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and His direction/redirection at any time.

Read *Proverbs 15:22 and Psalm 20:4*

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- Secure the date at least 6-9 months in advance.
- Look at all the calendars (community, school, local and pro sports).
- Implement a team to organize, plan, and prepare. The more people involved, the more you will have in attendance.
- Pastor will work with church leadership to select the dates.
- Secure the evangelist.
- Consider using a special worship leader.
- Set a calendar date for evaluation with your team.
- Plan follow up now, see step 9.



PASTOR & CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pastors and church leadership must passionately lead the way before, during and following the revival services. When the pastor does not lead the way, revival services often are poorly attended and not productive for the Kingdom.

Read *Psalm 78:72 and Galatians 6:9*

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- It is all or nothing. They have to be all in. The leadership should:
 - Invite more people.
 - Pray more than anyone else.
 - Talk it up with church membership more.
 - Share the Gospel more.
- The pastor and church leaders must be 100% committed. 99% will not do.



THE EVANGELIST

The evangelist has a very special gifting and calling on their lives. Often this is seen lived out as they walk alongside a church helping them stay focused on evangelism. This can also be seen as a person that often reaps the harvest of souls both one on one and in preaching.

Read *1 Timothy 4:5 and Ephesians 4:11-12*

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- Have the evangelist come preach one Sunday 6-9 weeks before the revival.
- If this is not possible, have them do a short 90 second video on their phone that can be shown during a worship service and placed on social media.
- They will introduce themselves to the church sharing their excitement for what God can/will do during the revival.
- Do a second video 2-3 weeks out for the same purpose.
- Seek advice, wisdom, direction, and prayer from him.



EXPECTATION

When the church and pastor prays, plans, and expects God to do great things, God honors their faith. Revival services must begin and end with expectation of God doing great things in the life of the church.

Read *Ephesians 3:20 and Hebrews 4:16*

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- Expect God to do great things.
- Plan with expectation.
- Pray with expectation.



PROMOTION

When the church invites people personally more people usually attend. Promotion is an important component. A well thought out promotion can frequently mean many more people being impacted with the word of God.

Read *Matthew 22:9-10 and Matthew 28:18-20*

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- Create and distribute "business card" size invites.
- Each person commits to hand out these cards at:
 - Work.
 - School.
 - Places they shop, eat, do business, etc.
- Do this about 4 weeks out.
- Sunday School classes focus on inviting, praying, and attending.
- "Yard signs" can be a good tool.
- Purchase ads on social media. The cost on this is normally a few dollars and has proven very beneficial.



Oh! Men and brethren, what would this heart feel if I could but believe that there were some among you who would go home and pray for a revival - men whose faith is large enough, and their love fiery enough to lead them from this moment to exercise unceasing intercessions that God would appear among us and do wondrous things here, as in the times of former generations.

- C.H. Spurgeon

Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility.

- Charles Finney

Does it grieve you my friends, that the name of God is being taken in vain and desecrated? Does it grieve you that we are living in a godless age...but, we are living in such an age and the main reason we should be praying about revival is that we are anxious to see God's name vindicated and His glory manifested. We should be anxious to see something happening that will arrest the nations, all the peoples, and cause them to stop and to think again.

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

An awakening is ready to burst on the dismal scene when Christians have a deep, profound Spirit of prayer for an awakening.

- Lewis Drummond

