

1. WHY PRAY FOR REVIVAL?

READ one of the following- Psalm 85; Hosea 10:12-13; Joel 2:12-17; Matt.5:6 & 6:33

For ages 3-7 or family memorization:

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? (Ps.85:6)

REFLECT (choose one)

How do things that were once strong, lovely and alive (like plants) become weak, ugly, and even die? (lack of care; removal of things that keep them strong, like water or sunlight; a poison)

Since the Bible often compares a healthy soul (one with a good relationship to God) with a strong, fruit-bearing plant, what might that tell us about our relationship to God? (Our soul grows strong when cared for, tended and nurtured; it grows weak when neglected or poisoned by things like sin. God has designed our souls to grow strong through things like His Word and prayer, worship, community with other believers, service, and involvement with His mission in the world.)

What might be the signs that our hearts for God need special attention? (We are distracted by things that are less important than God and His Kingdom; sin or worldliness doesn't bother us; God and His glory don't amaze us; we grow inconsistent in gathering for worship or being in community with other believers; we don't care how our behavior reflects on the reputation of Christ or affects the church's mission, etc)

Why is it important that a whole group of Jesus' people, like a church, seek renewal and revival? (The church is Jesus' Plan A to reach the world with His good news. If the church is weak, confused, distracted, it hurts the people around us who don't know how desperately they need Him and brings shame to God's name)

PRAY that we and the members of our Living Hope faith-family will...

repent of any part we have in the weakened witness of Christ in the world; of any part we may have in limiting our church's life and mission; of allowing of hearts to drift from God.

rejoice in the purpose of God to bring glory to Himself by rescuing rebels and making them His forever family; in the eternal, and redemptive mission of the church

SING: [Living Hope Revival Spotify](#)

Track 1: *Revive Us Again* (Big Daddy Weave)

Track 2: *Revive Us, O Lord* (Steve Camp)

Track 3: *Let Revival Come* (People & Songs)

Track 4: *Revive Us Again* (Phil Wickham)

Track 5: *Come to the Water* (Passion)

Track 6 /KIDS: *Praise Goes On* (Elevation Church Kids)

Track 7 /KIDS: *Better Than Life* (Seeds Family Worship)

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

June 3-8, 2019

DAILY REVIVAL PRAYER:

Pray that God would stir in our faith family a holy discontent with mere church-y religion (Isaiah 29:13-14, 43:18-19), and a deep hunger to see God move by His Holy Spirit in miraculous ways to transform lives, families, our church, and world (Acts 4:24-31; Ephesians 3:20). Also pray that we would follow where He leads, no matter the cost or change, because our highest delight is to make much of God and His glory. (Luke 14:25-33; Romans 11:36)

MONDAY: Local Impact Partners

Pray for our new “Revival African Fellowship” – A new African Fellowship is forming as part of the Living Hope Baptist Church family. The Revival African Fellowship:

- is a combination of another Swahili-speaking congregation currently meeting in another church building and our current Living Hope African congregation called East African with Jesus.
- will begin meeting on Sunday, June 23 in the Rec Center at 11a

Please pray for them as they strive to make disciples of Swahili-speaking people in Bowling Green and Warren County.

Pray for Summer Rec Center Camps

This summer, our Rec Center Ministry will be hosting a number of opportunities to share Jesus with children, youth, and adults. Please pray for these camps.

- **Rec on the Run** – A partnership with Warren County Parks and Rec to provide activities and recreation for children in various neighborhoods in BG/WC.
- Basketball Camp at Dishman McGinnis School staffed and led by our Recreation Ministry.
- Unplugged Camp in our Rec Center gives children a chance to be active and exercise rather than spending time with video games and other “screen” activities.

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

- Pray for the counselors in the Hope Center for Biblical Counseling. Pray they will exalt the Lord in all his strength. Pray they will sing and praise the Lord’s power. **Psalm 21:13**
- Pray for the Gift for Life Offering. Pray that our church body will remember the words of Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” and that we will take the offering to help others in need (including children, mothers and families), and share the “Good News” with each one. **Acts 20:35**

WEDNESDAY: Revival in the church, city, and nation.

Focus your prayer around: **2 Corinthians 5:20–21** “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Pray: Father, Living Hope bears Your name. We are Your representatives in this world. We have dishonored You and Your name through our indifference, unconcern, and lack of holiness. How can You bear allowing us to continue as we are? Have mercy on us, O God! Grant revival to us that we might live lives worthy for Your name's sake.

THURSDAY: A need in our city, nation, or world

Pray for our Pentecost Sunday Celebration on June 9.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit is honored and that He is pleased with our worship of Him.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and minds through His Word.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill each leader and worshipper and cause us to be revived.
- Pray that the series on the Holy Spirit will finish well, but not end because we continue to apply the truth we have learned and experienced in our daily life as disciples of Jesus.

FRIDAY: Prayer Walk your home, school, work, or hangout.

Focus your prayer around: **John 14:26** “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

- Pray that your home will be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Pray that you and your family will walk in step with the Spirit.
- Pray that you and your family will abide in the Spirit and enjoy His peace.
- Pray that you and your family will be led by the Spirit to make disciples of your neighbors.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring new life to your neighborhood and fill that place with His presence.

SATURDAY: Pray for our celebration of the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday, June 9, is PENTECOST SUNDAY and we will celebrate the Holy Spirit.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill our worship gatherings and be at work in a powerful way.
- Ask God to reveal your sin to you and to revive you and the entire church.
- Pray that many guests will come and hear the Gospel and be saved.
- Pray that many that have drifted from the Lord will renew their walk with Jesus and get connected in the life of Living Hope.
- Pray that our times of praise honor God and renew our hope in the Gospel.