

SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please be praying for me. I am leaving November 11th to preach in Veracruz until November 23rd. I will be teaching on family relationships with the focus on leaders. Paul Walker

If you have any news, prayer requests, articles, or events that you would like to have included in this update, please email the information to Tony Mattia at spurgeonassociation@gmail.com or call us at 785-456-8513.

THE REASON FOR REVIVAL

Revive thy work, O Lord,
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And make thy people hear.

Revive thy work, O Lord,
Disturb this sleep of death;
Quicken the smould'ring embers now
By thine almighty breath.

Revive thy work, O Lord,
Create soul-thirst for thee;
And hung'ring for the Bread of Life
O may our spirits be.

Revive thy work, O Lord,
Exalt thy precious Name;
And, by the Holy Ghost, our love
For thee and thine inflame.

Revive thy work, O Lord,
Give pentecostal show'rs:
The glory shall be all thine own,
The blessing, Lord, be ours.

Albert Midlane (1825-1909)

The Reason for Revival

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

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"If there is no church... should you not commence one?" C. H. Spurgeon

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We must not rest content with having given a superficial reading to a chapter or two; but with the candle of the Spirit, we must deliberately seek out the hidden meaning of the Word. Holy Scripture requires searching—much of it can only be learned by careful study. There is milk for babes, but also meat for strong men. The rabbis wisely say that a mountain of matter hangs upon every word, yea, upon every title of Scripture. Tertullian exclaims, “I adore the fullness of the Scriptures.” No man who merely skims the book of God can profit thereby; we must dig and mine until we obtain the hid treasure.

— C.H. Spurgeon

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Psalm 85:6

This verse is an earnest plea from the Psalmist to Jehovah, making a prayer in question form, “Will Thou not revive us again?” This request was directed to the right person for only God can make alive or revive. Earlier the Psalmist implored, “Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease” (v. 4). Again, it is clear, only God can turn us so as to pacify His anger. That plea then turned to the question: Will you be angry with us forever even though we confessedly deserve it? That question was compounded by another question: Will you be angry with us to all generations (v. 5)? The Hebrew word for “anger” here is only used of God’s displeasure against sin implying His aversion to it and His readiness to punish it. Then the Psalmist made an earnest plea that they be revived again.

What reason was given for this requested revival? Who made this request? Why was it made? “That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.” The reason for the plea for revival is for the purpose of rejoicing in God! The clear lesson for us is that our requests for revival should be for God’s glory and thus God-centered. Who would contest the need for true revival which we need to worship God acceptably? The primary result of revival is the praise of God which glorifies Him.

We are living in apostate times which make us think that our case is hopeless. Times have been spiritually dark before. In the late 1700s infidelity was common in Virginia. Infidels rejoiced at the sight, and politicians made their use of the unhappy state of things as usual. At William and Mary, the literary society was debating the question, “Whether there be a God?” and “Whether the Christian religion had been injurious or beneficial to mankind?” God’s inspired Word revealed, “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” The nation was still in her infancy. The fog of the war for independence from England was still lifting. But after the war a great spiritual and moral lapse occurred. Virginia at the time had the largest population and was much like today filled with corruption and infidelity. The conditions were bleak as church buildings were being vandalized and students in the colleges were embracing French infidelity. This did not stop God from His purpose of sending the Great Revival of 1800. The Lord sent revival and began it through the preaching of John Williams, a Baptist preacher who was ministering in Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, and Charlotte Counties. Several young people from Briery Presbyterian Church had their hearts renewed through Christ Jesus. Rev. William Graham president of Liberty Hall (now Washington & Lee) near Lexington was invited to a communion season at Briery and took Archibald Alexander with him; Graham’s “heart caught fire.” Alexander, at that time a student at Liberty Hall, was converted. He remarked, “I was suddenly visited with such a melting of heart as I never

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 National Founders Conference—January 20-23, 2022. McGregor Baptist Church, Fort Myers, FL. Theme: *Militant & Triumphant: The Doctrine of the Church*. Speakers: Tom Ascol, Jared Longshore, Voddie Baucham, Conrad Mbewe, & James Coates. Early registration is open at founders.org/2022conference.

True Church Conference—February 17-20, 2022. Grace Life Church of the Shoals, Florence, AL. Registration will open October 1, 2021. Theme: "Healthy Body Life in the Local Church: Biblical Church Discipline, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Conflict Resolution / Protecting the Sheep from Savage Wolves." Speakers: Richard Caldwell, Darrell Harrison, Barry King, David Miller, Jeff Noblit, Jonathan Sims, & Virgil Walker. www.anchoredintruth.org/true-church-conference

Founders Midwest Conference - February 22-23. First Baptist Church of Fenton, MO. Speakers: Phil Johnson & Dr. Tom Schreiner. "Gospel Downgrade: Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing". www.sbfcmw.com.

Grace Bible Conference—April 8-10, 2022. Rockport Baptist Church, Arnold, MO. Speakers: Don Currin (HeartCry) and Mack Tomlinson. Further details will be available at a later date.

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had before or since.... The whole plan of grace appeared as clear as day." The revival moved to Hampden Sydney College where William Hill, a student, had been reading Joseph Alleine's *Alarm to the Unconverted*. He read the book privately and kept it locked up when not reading it because of ridicule from rampant skeptics among his fellow students. Hill came to Christ. It was explained, "Conviction seized upon his mind and he set out like the prodigal to seek his Father's forgiveness...." The result was that half the students were converted, and then revival spilled over into neighboring churches. John Blair Smith, the president of Hampden Sydney, was greatly quickened. The revival spread from Prince Edward and from county to county to the Peaks of Otter, from there through the Shenandoah Valley. Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists, and Presbyterians were impacted. The revival spread through the new nation impacting every facet of life and it was desperately needed as it is now.

Genuine revival is the fruit of God the Holy Spirit's work, based on the redemptive work of God the Son, in the heart and mind of those who have grown cold spiritually. One said, "The effective cause in all true revivals is the life-giving, light-imparting, quickening, regenerating and sanctifying energy of the Holy Spirit ... reclaiming the backslidden and dormant believer." Once God's people are revived usually there is an ingathering of souls. True revival is never under human control as is revivalism. Revivalism is the work of man's efforts. True revival is completely the work of God.

C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) said we are dependent on God for revival, "If you are praying this prayer aright, you feel, 'Lord, nobody can revive us but thyself.' People often talk about 'getting up a revival.' Is not that a wicked thing? 'Wilt thou not revive us, O Lord?' The machinery for getting up a revival may often be the greatest hindrance to true godliness. A church cannot be revived unless God revives it. Not a soul is saved, not a saint is quickened and made to grow, except by the work of God. That is what this prayer means, 'Lord, put thy hand to the work. Put thy right hand to it, we beseech thee. We depend alone upon thee. Wilt thou not revive us again?'"

He said also, "God is always at home; that is the joy of our life. I love to see my Father's flag on the top of the castle, and to feel that he is at home. His presence makes everything so bright. And then what a joy it is to think that he is my God! ... We praise him first for our being, and then for our well-being; and the essence of our well-being is that God, the greatest of all beings, is ours for ever and ever. This God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death; and each one of us who is truly his."

A Lord's Day Snippet!, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church,
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PRAYER MEETINGS FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND REVIVAL

- Fellowship Baptist Church in Onaga, Kansas—5:00 pm on Sundays
- Trinity Baptist Church in Wamego, Kansas—8:00 pm on Saturdays

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We are a non-geographic association seeking to include any like-minded body of believers so that together we might better fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our intent is to lean on His instruction and not our imaginations so that He is honored in all that we do. We welcome churches who adhere to the confessions of faith accepted by Southern Baptists throughout their history, including, but not limited to, the Second London Confession (1689) and the Baptist Faith and Message.

