

May 2021 Harbinger



Revival, What Does That Mean?

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*¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.*

*¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.*

*¹⁹ Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved. Psalm 80:17-19*

I have been talking about a Revival coming for a while now and the Lord laid it upon my heart to go into a deeper explanation as to what that might look like! So here we go.

Revival is defined in the dictionary as

1: an act or instance of [reviving](#) : the state of being [revived](#): such as

a: renewed attention to or interest in something

b: a new presentation or publication of something old

c(1): a period of renewed religious interest

(2): an often highly emotional evangelistic meeting or series of meetings

2: restoration of force, validity, or effect (as to a contract)

Many times I think we visualize Revival as just a one-time event! Where everyone gathers under a tent for several days listening to many preachers share the good news and many people coming to the Lord. And yes, that is a revival as far as reviving lost souls.

I want to speak about Revival with regard to those of us who are followers of Christ and have been for quite some time, if not all our lives.

What does Revival mean for us? It means an increased spiritual interest or renewal in the life of the church congregation. This is different from the use of the term “revival” to refer to an evangelistic meeting or series of meetings.

Today I would encourage each of you to begin to ask God to increase your spiritual awareness, interest and openness to the new things that He is going to ask us to do as individuals and as a church congregation. Change is many times difficult and uncomfortable but when it is a change being led by God it will be amazing!!

Let's all look forward to the revival God is going to do in us and through us in the coming days, months and years!! I am excited! I pray you are as well!!

Love to you all! *Pastor Gwen*



1st Craig Stern
13th Nicole Branson
15th Caroline Shedd
Mandy Mapes
16th Peggy Mapes
19th Bob Newton
24th Mary Russell
26th Sandy Hodson
31st Nancy Harmeyer

Thank you

Thank you for prayers and sympathy cards at the passing of my sister, Sally.

Doug Brown

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church and Funeral Dinner Committee, a very special thank you with sincere appreciation.

The family of Lawrence Morris: Larry Morris and Family, Dena (Wayne) Warstler and family.

Dear Church Family,

Friends make the good times better and the hard times easier. Your prayers and support have meant so much to me during this incident.

God bless you all! Kathy Terrell

I want to thank all the people who rose to the occasion and willingly prepared meals for Ada and Joe during the last few months. I know how much they appreciated it and felt your love. May God bless you all for your service.

Connie Pitcher

Odd, Isn't It?

*Isn't it funny, a headache you awaken with on Sunday,
Keeps you away from church, but not from work on Monday.*

*And your dollar given at church, seems like you've given all;
But the dollar at the store seems so awfully small.*

*And you sit watching television with your eyes open wide,
But at church you're too restless and nod from side to side.*

*At work you punch the time clock and are always on the dot,
But when going to church, if you're late, you care not.*

*In sports you're on the front row, you jump, scream and yell,
But in church on the back row, you don't even open a hymnal.*

*When ball games have extra innings, you think that's really great,
But at church you get restless when services hold a little late.*

*In your worldly clubs, you'll work night and day.
At church, you do nothing, don't be fanatical you say.*

*So, if you're really saved, the church has a job for you.
Have the same zeal for Christ as in everything else you do.*

Upcoming Events

Adult Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. - Education Wing

Every 1st Sunday - service at Heritage House Nursing Home - 3:00 p.m.

*May 6 - National Day of Prayer - meet at the courthouse at noon
Mission Mart Clothes Closet reopens*

May 10 - Ad Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Education Wing

May 13 - Tentative Date - PPR meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Education Wing