



FXBG COMMUNITY REVIVAL

The Power of Hope

“The desert will rejoice and flowers
will blossom in the wilderness.”

Isaiah 35:1

October 25 – 28, 2020

11 am Sunday and 7 pm nightly

Prayer Guide

Revival Prayer Guide

In September 2019, our Prayer and Vision Groups began meeting and in December 2019 we celebrated that experience with a church-wide luncheon celebration. One of the outcomes of that time of prayer and reflection was a plan to hold a revival/renewal service in May 2020. At that time, we could not imagine the pandemic that would disrupt our lives and lead to the postponement of that event. But as God so often does, He has brought opportunity and hope in the midst of chaos. We now have the chance to join with others in our community and go far beyond the walls of our church building to share the gospel message in a way we could not have dreamed a year ago. We do this not in our own power but through God's power.

Revival is not merely a meeting that we attend or something that happens because we listen to inspired sermons. It is not about initiating a new program or following a new formula. It is about opening ourselves up to being transformed – being formed anew – by the living God.

To realize revival, it is essential to bathe everything surrounding the event in prayer. When we pray for revival we are praying for ourselves as well as others. As we pray for others we are not just praying for people to become Christians in name, but rather, for their eyes to be opened and their hearts softened to truly come into relationship and communion with God through Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Some ideas for prayer include

- Personal revival
- Fellow Christians
- individuals who do not know Christ
- Pastors and church staff
- Our evangelist
- Our partner churches
- Unity and harmony in our church, our community, our world
- Mission and ministry opportunities
- The movement of the Holy Spirit

You may be planning to pray with a prayer group, a Sunday School class or small group, a group of friends, family, or individually. Set aside a specific time each day to spend time in prayer. Use the verses and ideas in this guide to help you prepare spiritually for revival and for what God desires to bring forth from this season.

*"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope."*

Psalm 130:5 | ESV

The risen living Christ
Calls me by name;
Comes to the loneliness within me;
Comforts that which is wounded in me;
Seeks for that which is lost within me;
Releases me from that which has dominion over me;
Cleanses me of that which does not belong to me;
Renews that which feels drained within me;
Names that which is formless within me;
Empowers that which is newborn within me;
Consecrates and guides that which is strong within me;
Restores me to this world which needs me;
Reaches out in endless love to others through me.

Flora Slosson Wuellner

Week 1 (all scripture is taken from the English Standard Version)

Read Psalm 51

Focus verse – Psalm 51:10 – “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me”

Read Isaiah 57:14-15

“And it shall be said, “Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.” For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Read Revelation 3:14-22

Focus verse – Revelation 3:20 – “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and him with me.”

What needs to be cleaned in your heart to prepare for revival?

What needs to happen for your spirit to be renewed?

How are you hearing God’s voice today? What do you need to do to respond to his voice?

Who is God leading you to pray for or speak to this week?

“The human ego prefers anything, just about anything, to failing or changing or dying. The ego is that part of you that loves the status quo even when it is not working. It attaches to past and present, and fears the future.”

Richard Rohr

Falling Upward

Week 2

Read 2 Chronicles 7:12-15

Focus verse – 2 Chronicles 7:14 – “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Read Psalm 85

Focus verse – Psalm 85:6 – “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.”

Read James 4:4-10

Focus verse – James 4:8 – “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

What needs to be healed in you?

What are you asking God to do for you? What are you asking to do for others?

Where/when have you experienced God’s steadfast love?

Who is God leading you to pray for or speak to this week?

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference. And you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

Jane Goodall

Week 3

Read Matthew 6:19-34

Focus verse – Matthew 6:33 – “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Read Ephesians 3:14-19

Read Micah 6:6-8

Focus verse – Micah 6:8 – “He has told you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

What is making you anxious right now? What is God saying to you about your anxiety?

What does it mean to you to be “rooted and grounded in love?”

What do you hope for today?

How is God calling you to “bloom in the wilderness?”

Who is God leading you to pray for or speak to this week?

*“May your choices
reflect your hopes, not
your fears.”*

Nelson Mandela

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