

OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILLSIDE KIDS: We have more children in this church than we have ever had. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month. See Laura for details as we invest in our children's growing faith. The only places where our children hear about Jesus today is at home or church. Help us make a difference in their faith.

GROUPS ON SUMMER BREAK: Our Tuesday prayer group and Wednesday Bible study will be off for summer break the month of June through the 1st week in July. We will resume that second week!

ANNUAL READING: Our annual reading continues. This week's reading is: Psalms 28 - 36



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REVIVAL SERIES

Revival Week 5
July 2nd, 2023

INTRODUCTION

If we want revival, what do we do?

“We cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from Heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again.” —G Campbell Morgan

Hosea 10:12 (ESV) Sow for yourselves **righteousness**; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for **it is the time to seek the LORD**, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

-When we mark our lives as **seekers**, the greatest **concern** we have is to fail by **missing the presence of God**.

Exodus 33:15–18 (ESV) And he said to him, *“If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.”* ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? *Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”* ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, *“This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”* ¹⁸ Moses said, *“Please show me your glory.”*

-We quit living as seekers of God. We may become **attenders, singers, hearers**, even sometimes, **doers**... but none of these alone are sufficient without **seeking**.

-An AI or an atheist may have the **ability to teach elements of Scripture**, but they will **never seek God** nor be able to **model seeking** to others.

-We learn the Word to **know the God of the Word**. We pray **to talk to the God of the universe** and **hear the Holy Spirit**. We follow Him, not only to obey Him, but **to know His way and will** for our lives.

-If our spiritual actions do not lead us to **knowing Him**, we are merely engaging rules rather than **following Christ**.

-**Seeking God** doesn't end when you are saved. Seeking God continues your **entire life**.

-People no longer **captivated** by the love of God will find themselves **captive** to something else.

BURDENED FOR REVIVAL *Isaiah 62*

-**Burden** is the brokenhearted understanding that **God's Church** is not what it should be, that **God's name** is being mocked, and **God's Gospel** is being forgotten.

-Biblical burden begins with **vision**. It is understanding the contrast of what the church is compared to what it should be.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

-For there to be **revival**, there must first be **burden**.

-Isaiah does not carry the burden alone. He sets *“watchers on the wall”* to carry the burden with him. **Being burdened for God's people** is not only an individual or pastoral effort. It is an effort **of all God-fearing believers**.

-Are you **burdened**? Does it grieve you that the world mocks God and His Church? Does it break your heart when people treat the Christian faith like **prosperity, philosophy, or politics**? Do you break when it looks like the world has crept into the Church hijacking the Word of God for its purposes?

-Saints, it is time to **pray**. It is time to **seek God for ourselves**, to get past going through the motions of Christianity in order to return to the heart of it, and as a result, to be **burdened**, having **God's heart** for those lost without Him.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) *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.*

The goal of revival is **not** to have an event, **not** to crave an experience, nor to feel an emotion. The goal is **always God Himself**. Revival is the awareness of the presence of God felt and **recognized** by His people.