

The Spire

MAY 2024



A word from Pastor Doug

What Is a Revival?

Perhaps you've heard the word "revival" and been confused — is it a church meeting? An event? A worship service gone wild?

Flipping through books as a child, I assumed from the pictures that a revival had to be in a tent with hordes of people gathered before a robed man, his finger pointing heavenward. Of course, a tent has nothing to do with it, but to my child's perspective, the tent was everything.

But research reveals revivals have been going on since the ancient days, from the time of Moses to two months ago on a college campus in Kentucky. Some describe it as a glimpse of heaven on earth — children of the Lord dancing and singing in perfect freedom, awash in joy with hearts afire for the Risen Christ. Others use the term to describe vastly renewed or increased spiritual interest, with new believers cropping up in droves.

So, what is a revival? Put simply, a revival is typically a gathering of Christians that reflects an urgent and bold spiritual awakening, where hearts and lives are transformed and people commit themselves anew to following Jesus.

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Service Times

Sunday School Hour.....9:30 – 10:30 am

Worship Service.....10:45 – 12 noon

Wednesday Night Prayer.....6:30 – 7:30 am

What Does "Revival" Mean?

The word revival combines two Latin words, “vivo,” meaning to live, and “re” meaning again. It’s like a rebirth or a re-awakening, an invigorating experience where the Holy Spirit moves freely among believers, setting their hearts on fire for the Lord.

For a good description of a revival, take a look at [Acts 2](#), the Day of Pentecost, when the believers were gathered together and the Holy Spirit settled on them. They began to speak in other tongues, and their teaching became contagious, drawing 3,000 into the Christian flock that day.

Revivals can look different. People might pray individually or together at a revival, or begin to sing, dance, or otherwise express joy as they worship God. Repentance of sin is a huge theme, as people become painfully aware of the separation between themselves and God and desperately desire to renew their connection and become holy once more. Powerful evangelism occurs, as does reconciliation and forgiveness. Joy flows seamlessly through the people as pain, despair, and brokenness give way to freedom in Christ.

A person can certainly experience revival individually, but typically it is not as evident or groundbreaking when witnessed in one person as in several thousand gathered together. Usually revival in an individual is called a spiritual awakening or a spiritual renewal, and it is a powerful moment in that person’s life when they commit — or recommit — themselves to the Lord. But when that individual connects with another individual who also surrenders to the will of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit begins to move and transform them, that spark can become a fire – and ultimately an explosion among believers.

That explosion is what we typically refer to as a revival: when a group surrenders to the Spirit so completely that hearts and lives are changed and drawn to Christ in a tidal wave of Christian renewal, drawing others to Christ along with them.

What Is the History of Religious Revival in America?

There have been a number of mass revivals since the start of America. One, known as the First Great Awakening, occurred around 1730-1740 in the American colonies after a few key preachers grew passionate about genuine repentance and belief in Almighty God after society had grown more lukewarm in their beliefs. While many pilgrims initially came to America hungry for religious freedom, their zeal quieted as the years passed. But the fervor of the Holy Spirit through preachers like Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield, and John and Charles Wesley caught the hearts of millions and drew many to the concept of personal salvation.

Then, in the 1820-1850s, America experienced the Second Great Awakening. The nation, which had settled down after the Revolution, began creeping toward a more sinful culture, and preachers led many back to holiness and righteousness. It had a tremendous impact on American society and initiated a number of social reforms, such as temperance, the anti-slavery movement, and women’s rights. It added huge numbers to the Baptist and Methodist denominations.

Another revival in 1857-1858 was called the Businessman’s Revival, culminating in 10,000 men praying daily at lunchtime.

Other revivals occurred — after the Civil War, among returning soldiers; in bigger cities like Chicago, particularly after the Chicago Fire of 1871; in Los Angeles between 1906-1915 sparking the Pentecostal movement; on university campuses in the early part of the 20th century; Billy Graham’s crusades, and then the Charismatic Renewal and Jesus Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Today, the “Asbury Revival,” which started at Asbury University in Kentucky Feb. 8, 2023, and lasted more than two weeks, drew upwards of 70,000 people to participate in the mass event, largely comprising Generation Z.

Just as revival saved so many souls in days of old, it can continue to do the same today. Let us pray for revival.

Blessings, *Pastor Doug*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Revival Services Beginning at 6:00 PM	2	3	4
5 Revival Services Harmony Home 2:00 PM	6	7 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM	8 Baseline BBQ 6:30 PM	9 H.S. Lunch & Bible Study 11:45 am - 12:15 PM Const. Committee 6:00 PM	10	11 Ladies Tea Party 4:00 PM
12 Mother's Day Prayer Meeting 5:00 PM	13 Gideon's Pastor Appreciation Banq. 5:00 PM	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM	15 Adult S.S. Teachers Meeting 6:30 PM	16 H.S. Lunch & Bible Study 11:45 am - 12:15 PM Church Council 6:00 PM	17	18
19 H.S. Graduation Prayer Meeting 5:00 PM	20 Celebration Committee 6:30 PM	21 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM	22	23 8 th Grade Promotion	24 Last day of School	25 Scavenger hunt 2:30 PM
26 Prayer Meeting 5:00 PM	27 Memorial Day	28 Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM	29 Nominating Committee 6:30 PM	30	31	1 South Dakota Mission Trip Departs

FUN FACTS ABOUT MAY

Fun fact: a native Old English name for the fifth month of the year was *primilce*. It literally meant "three milkings," apparently because it was touted that the cows were so productive in ancient England that they could be milked three times per day.

1. May is one of seven months that have 31 days.
2. The proverb *April showers bring May flowers* dates back to at least the 1500s!
3. Cinco de Mayo is May 5. However, Cinco de Mayo is **not** Mexican Independence Day.

REVIVAL

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HOLY SPIRIT
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REPENTANCE
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Pastor, since we are having a revival week, I have heard of the Azusa Street Revival. What exactly was that?

The Azusa Street Revival was a Pentecostal gathering that occurred in Los Angeles, California, in April 1906. Most of today's Pentecostal denominations point to the Azusa Street Revival as the catalyst of the worldwide growth of the Charismatic movement, as they believe the Holy Spirit was once again poured out in a "new Pentecost."

The Azusa Street Revival had its roots in Kansas. A preacher named Charles Parham was one of the early proponents of the Pentecostal movement in the United States and the first to suggest that speaking in tongues was the inevitable evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Parham started a Bible school in Topeka, Kansas. One of his students was an African-American preacher named William Joseph Seymour.

In 1906, Seymour (who had been pastoring in Houston) was invited to preach at a church in Los Angeles. There he preached Parham's doctrine that speaking in tongues was evidence of the Holy Spirit. After a couple of sermons, the elders of the church barred him from preaching anymore because they disagreed with his message. However, Seymour began to hold Bible studies in the home of one of the members of the congregation.

Shortly after, Seymour's group relocated to another home. Within a few weeks, various members of the group began to speak in tongues for the first time. As word spread about what was happening, larger and larger crowds began to form—not only of African-Americans but also Latinos and Whites—this in a time when segregated church services were the norm. In need of a facility, the group rented a run-down building at 312 Azusa Street in downtown Los Angeles. The building was used to house the main meeting room, offices, a prayer room, and lodging for Seymour and his wife. Seymour also started a rescue mission there.

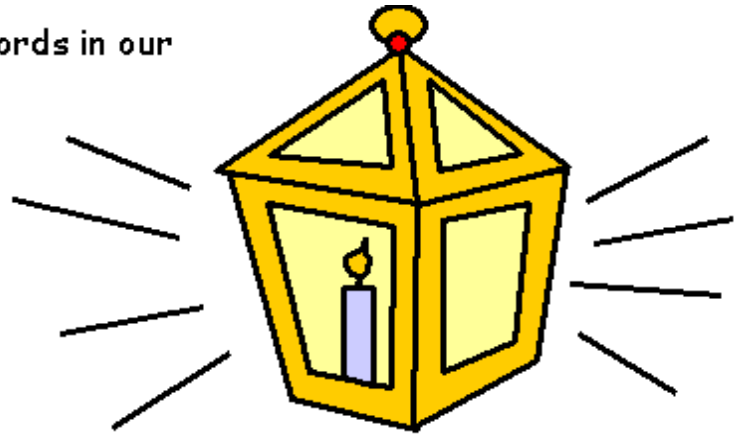
In less than four months after arriving in Los Angeles, Seymour was preaching to crowds in Azusa Street that numbered anywhere from three to fifteen hundred. The meetings were loud and boisterous. There were reports of healings and, of course, speaking in tongues along with shouting and spontaneous preaching by those who felt led of the Spirit to speak. The leaders were sure that this was evidence of revival and even a new Pentecost.

Seymour published various testimonies in his newsletter, *The Apostolic Faith*. Those who participated in the Azusa Street Revival had this to say: "The audience was carried into ecstasy of amens and hallelujahs. Emotion mounted higher and higher; and the glory of God settled on Azusa Street" (A. G. Garr). "The fire fell and God sanctified me. The power of God went through me like thousands of needles" (Florence Crawford). "The power of God descended upon me, and I went down under it. I have no language to describe what took place, but it was wonderful. It seemed to me that my body had suddenly become porous, and that a current of electricity was being turned on me from all sides; and for two hours I lay under His mighty power" (William H. Durham). "Someone might be speaking. Suddenly the Spirit would fall upon the congregation. God himself would give the altar call. Men would fall all over the house, like the slain in battle, or rush for the altar enmasse [sic], to seek God. The scene often resembled a forest of fallen trees" (Frank Bartleman).

These meetings continued with intensity for about seven years with hundreds of thousands having attended and missionaries being sent out. Many Pentecostal denominations today trace their roots back to the Azusa Street Revival, and many individual Pentecostals trace their spiritual roots back to the same. Unfortunately, the emphasis on tongues as the only evidence of filling by the Holy Spirit is unbiblical and leads to error and excess.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Child of God Anagram



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1. Being involved with a
2. Helping pastor create a monthly ministry for our



Woman's Bible Study
Will resume on June 10th @ 6:30 PM



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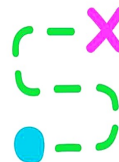
**Join us for a scavenger hunt on Saturday, May 25th
for a time of fellowship and fun!**

Place: FSBC Of Yuma

Times:

Check in: 2:30 pm

Send off: 3:00 pm



Potluck dinner to follow



To register, please contact

Stacie Gonzalez (970)-630-5264

or

Tysen Jay (970)-630-1509



The Bulletin Board



UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer Meeting , Sunday Evenings at 5:00 PM.
 Constitution Committee, May 9th @ 6:00 PM
 Celebration Committee Meeting, May 20th @ 6:30 PM



5:00 PM



May 16th @ 6:00 PM



Ladies Bible Study Begins
June 10th

NOTE: See Pastor Doug to have any future events placed into the monthly newsletter.

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