



**revive**  
us again

**21**  
*day*

**prayer & fasting**  
**devotional guide**

What happens when a church begins praying and fasting? What happens when men come together to pray for their work, witness, and families? What happens when women gather seeking to lift up their churches, children, and families in prayer? What happens when God's people humble themselves before Him, seek His face, and pray? The answer is **Revival**. When revival comes, it first sweeps across the humble heart, then it stirs the heart and soul of the church, and soon it resonates and illuminates a community in darkness with the Living Light of Jesus Christ. Once the spirit is stirred and set aflame by the Living Word, then it never again has the desire to go back to its original state.

We invite you to prepare for revival through this prayer and fasting focus.

# Our Purpose for Prayer and Fasting

Do you sometimes feel “stuck” as a Believer? The goal of the upcoming revival is to move the stuck Believer toward authentic revival. As we enter into the next Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting we are asking the congregation to come together as **One Body** seeking the face of God with **One Voice** lifting up **One Prayer** for open hearts and minds during the upcoming “Revive Us Again” Revival on October 17-20, 2010. Our great desire is to see Revival take place in the heart of every individual, in the midst of every family, and throughout the Church Body. We want to move the stuck believer toward authentic revival. Over the next three weeks we ask you to join us as we come together to seek the providence of God in three areas: Humility and Repentance, Provision, Wisdom and Guidance

## The Twenty-One Day Plan

The plan set forth during our pre-revival emphasis is based upon Biblical instruction. There are three major parts to the Twenty-One Day Plan.

### Step #1 ~ Pray

Each week we are asking each person in our Church Body to focus some of their prayer time upon the topic for that week. You may use this devotional guide as part of your devotional time.

*Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.*

**Matthew 18:19-20**

During the course of our Twenty-One Day Journey we will hold two short corporate times of prayer on Sunday morning, October 3 and 10, at 10:15am at the front of the sanctuary. We will gather and lift our church and one another up in prayer and seeking His favor for the upcoming “Revive Us Again” Revival.

### Step #2 ~ Fast

Each week we will also ask people to take part in fasting for spiritual breakthrough. We are only asking people to choose one day per week to fast, *not the entire twenty-one days*, or choose to fast from a particular type of food for the full time frame. Focus your attention while fasting upon the topic for that week. The corporate day of fasting will be designated as every **Thursday**. We do understand that this may not be able to be the designated day for every individual but we encourage you to find another day to fast for spiritual breakthrough.

*Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.* **Isaiah 58:6-8**

To learn more about fasting, explore these two online resources. The first is from Campus Crusade for Christ, and the second is about the “Daniel Fast,” a 21-day fasting diet based on Daniel chapters 1 and 10.

[www.ccci.org/training-and-growth/devotional-life/personal-guide-to-fasting](http://www.ccci.org/training-and-growth/devotional-life/personal-guide-to-fasting)  
[www.daniel-fast.com/about.html](http://www.daniel-fast.com/about.html)

Fasting is not always giving up food, rather it is about sacrificing something valuable to you and giving it over to the Lord for a designated time period. Fasting is done to seek the providence of God in a more intimate, sacrificial manner.

### **Step #3 ~ Respond**

The final part to the Twenty-One Day Plan is seeking to respond to God as He prompts us. Throughout this guide, you will have areas to write down your thoughts, prayers, and how God is prompting you. We ask that you journal this time so that you will be able to observe how God is moving your heart. Revival always begins with prayer, humility, repentance, and an utter reliance upon the provision of God.

*For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to **revive** the spirit of the lowly And to **revive** the heart of the contrite.”* **Isaiah 57:15 (NASB)**

## **“ Revive Us Again” Revival**

At the conclusion of the prayer and fasting, we will begin the reason for this focus: the “Revive Us Again” Revival will be held October 17-20. The revival begins during worship on Sunday morning and the main sessions continue nightly at 7p in the sanctuary. A nightly workshop will be held at 5:30p in the multipurpose room. Our youth (grades 6 and up) will have their own “Ignite” revival at 7p Sunday through Tuesday. Noah’s Park nursery will be available for the main session for children through age three, and children through grade five will join the main session (activity packets will be available).

**Begin Your 21-Days of Prayer and Fasting**  
**Monday, September 27, 2010**



# *week one*

## **Humility & Repentance**

Should we not do well to suspend our present operations  
and give ourselves to humiliation and prayer  
for nothing less than to be filled with the Spirit.

*J. Hudson Taylor*



### **Verse of the Day**

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NASB)**

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, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

### **Point to Ponder:**

Revival never occurs apart from humility, prayer, and repentance. Revival never occurs in the life of the church until it first occurs in the heart of the people.

### **Daily Prayer Point:**

Pray that you and your family would receive a spiritual revival in your own life.

### **Thoughts for the Day:**

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## Verse of the Day

1 Peter 5:6



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

### Point to Ponder:

If we do not first humble ourselves before God then He will find a way to humble us on His terms.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to remove pride from your life so that He will get more glory than you.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

James 1:9



The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.

### Point to Ponder:

Humility before God is not weakness but it is the source of true strength.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to show you the sin in your life that you need to remove.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Ephesians 4:2

Thursday is our  
corporate fasting day

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

### Point to Ponder:

“What do we mean by extraordinary prayer? We share ordinary prayer in regular worship services, before meals, and the like. But when people are found getting up at six in the morning to pray, or having a half night of prayer until midnight, or giving up their lunch time to pray at noonday prayer meetings, that is extraordinary prayer. It must be united and concerted.” ~J. Edwin Orr

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to stir your spirit and cause a spiritual awakening in the church.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

### Point to Ponder:

“Oh! that you studied your Bibles more! Oh! that we all did!

How we could plead the promises!

How we could plead the promises!” ~Charles Spurgeon

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to remove any sin that you may have in your life so that the time of refreshing would come to you and your church.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Revelation 2:5



Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

### Point to Ponder:

Repentance is not easy but it is essential to experience God and His glory.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you turn away from temptation and turn toward Him and His Word.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Jeremiah 15:19

Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them."

Prayer Gathering  
at 10:15a in the  
front of Sanctuary

### Point to Ponder:

"It is one thing to shout it, it is one thing to sing it, it is one thing to talk about revival, but give me a people on their faces, seeking to be rightly related with God, and when that happens, we will soon know the impact of God realization in our country." ~Duncan Campbell

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to restore you today and to give you a servant's heart.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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# *week two*

Monday, October 4  
**Provision**

You must pray with all your might. That does not mean saying your prayers, or sitting gazing about in church with eyes wide open while someone else says them for you. It means fervent, effectual, untiring wrestling with God...

*William Booth*

**Verse of the Day**  
James 1:9



And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,  
and you will honor me.

**Point to Ponder:**

“Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him.” ~**Hudson Taylor**

**Daily Prayer Point**

Claim the promises of God today. Call upon in humility and ask Him to deliver you as He has promised.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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## Verse of the Day

Psalm 50:10

For every animal of the forest is mine,  
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

### Point to Ponder

God owns the cattle on a 1000 hills and He owns the hills too.  
He will provide.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God for His provision for your family and for the church.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Point to Ponder

What you seek with all your heart is what you value the most.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to be the desire of your heart today.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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**Thursday is our corporate fasting day**

**Verse of the Day**  
Matthew 6:33



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Point to Ponder**

“No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer.” ~J. Edwin Orr

**Daily Prayer Point**

Ask God to help you to make Him the number one focus and priority of your life, family, and your church.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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**Verse of the Day**  
Proverbs 16:3



Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

**Point to Ponder:**

Nothing is too big or too small for the Lord to handle. Give all things, all possessions, and all decisions to Him today.

**Daily Prayer Point**

Commit your finances, your possessions, and your life to the Lord today.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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## Verse of the Day

Psalm 40:1-2

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

### Point to Ponder:

“Jesus didn't come to make bad men do good things. He came to make dead men live.” ~Leonard Ravenhill

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God for patience as you wait for His provision.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Jeremiah 29:11-13

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Prayer Gathering  
at 10:15a in the  
front of Sanctuary

### Point to Ponder

God knows your past as well as your future. His plan is better than yours.

### Daily Prayer Point

Praise God today for His provision and His salvation. Seek Him with a humble heart today.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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# *week three*

Monday, October 11, 2010

## **Wisdom & Guidance**

Believers are strong only as the Word of God abides in them.  
The Word of God is spirit and life to those who receive it in simple faith,  
and it is a verifier of all who own its sway.

*Smith Wigglesworth*

Verse of the Day

James 1:5



If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

### **Point to Ponder**

If you want wisdom, begin by asking for it.

### **Daily Prayer Point**

Ask God to give you His wisdom today.

### **Thoughts for the Day:**

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## Verse of the Day

Ephesians 5:15-16

Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

### Point to Ponder:

“Five minutes after you die you’ll know how you should have lived.”

~Leonard Ravenhill

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you make the most of this day for His glory not your own.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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## Verse of the Day

Proverbs 2:6

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

### Point to Ponder

Wisdom is a gift from God not something you earn or buy.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to give you and the church guidance to help us carry the message of the Gospel to the world.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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**Thursday is our corporate fasting day**

**Verse of the Day**  
Matthew 7:24



Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

**Point to Ponder:**

“Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.” ~D.L. Moody

**Daily Prayer Point**

Begin claiming some of the promises of God that you have learned through this study.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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**Verse of the Day**  
Proverbs 9:10



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**Point to Ponder:**

Few people today fear God, that is why we see so few authentic Christians today and so many people deceived by the world.

**Daily Prayer Point**

Ask God to open your eyes to His truth and to help you develop a great reverence for Him today.

**Thoughts for the Day:**

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## Verse of the Day

Proverbs 8:10-11

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

### Point to Ponder

Godly Wisdom is the most valuable item you can ever possess.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you be wise in your decisions today and surrender your day to Him from the moment you wake up.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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Complete day 21 before church services on Sunday, October 17



## Verse of the Day:

1 Corinthians 1:25

For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

### Point to Ponder

We may not always understand God's ways. This is why Trusting in God always accompanies His wisdom.

### Daily Prayer Point

Ask God to help you begin trusting Him more, trust in yourself and your ways less.

### Thoughts for the Day:

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**Let Revival Come!**

This Guide for Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting was prepared by  
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in preparation from September 27 through October 17, 2010  
for the “Revive Us Again” Revival to be held  
October 17-20, 2010

For additional resources on Prayer and Fasting, there is a link on our  
website to “Your Personal Guide to Fasting and Prayer”  
(on the Campus Crusade for Christ website) and a link to  
information about the Daniel Fast.

visit [www.CiceroChristianChurch.org](http://www.CiceroChristianChurch.org)  
for sermon notes or an electronic version of this guide

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