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When Do We Need Revival?

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50 Evidences of the Need for a Fresh Visitation of the Spirit in Revival

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up your might And come to save us. Turn again, O God of hosts: Look down from heaven, and see; Have regard for this vine. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved. *(selected verses from Psalm 80)*

We Need Revival . . .

- when we do not love Him as we once did.
- when earthly interests and occupations are more important to us than eternal ones.
- when we would rather watch TV and read secular books and magazines than read the Bible and pray.
- when church dinners are better attended than prayer meetings.
- when concerts draw bigger crowds than prayer meetings.
- when we have little or no desire for prayer.
- when we would rather make money than give money.
- when we put people into leadership positions in our churches who do not meet scriptural qualifications.
- when our Christianity is joyless and passionless.
- when we know truth in our heads that we are not practicing in our lives.
- when we make little effort to witness to the lost.

Church Events

- ✓ **Wednesday, October 26th – 6:30pm Ladies' and Men's 6-Week Studies 3rd session.**
- ✓ **Study continues through November 16th.**
- ✓ **Saturday, October 29th – "Adventures in Candy Land" Trunk or Treat event.**
- ✓ **Monday, November 14th – 6:30 – 8:00pm – MOPS & MOMSnext meets for a lesson, food, & fellowship. Childcare available (for ages 0 - 5th grade).**
- ✓ **Saturday, November 5th – Sunday, November 6th – Southwest Church Fall Revival with Rev. Ron Richmond & Justin Wells (see details in Announcements)**
- ✓ **Sunday, November 20th – Thanksgiving Service with Special Guest: Rev. Jay Height, Shepherd Community Center. Thanksgiving Dinner occurs after service. Food Pantry Drive for both Southwest Church and Shepherd Community.**


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Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a great rummage sale to help the youth group, over \$1,600! Thanks to Dave and Dana for their efforts to put on such a big sale!
- Praise the Lord for great pulpit-supply preaching by Dave Metcalf! We are blessed to have so many great preachers in our congregation. May the Lord continue to use each one to help our church grow in the Lord!
- Praise the Lord that Cleo Boyles is home now! She is better and "hopes to be better each day."

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for revival in our church! For Christ to be lifted up, the Church purified and made one in harmony and love, and we are renewed in mind and spirit!
- Pray for Cleo Boyles. She is home now but still needs our prayers for her health concerns.
- Pray for Barbara Liddle's 11-year-old great-granddaughter Neveah. She was born a preemie and suffered a stroke at birth – which led to palsy. It is now progressing, and her left leg is shorter than the right. Please pray that this doesn't get worse.



*Ed Hash's Memorial Service is Thursday, October 27th
at 4:00pm at Southwest Church.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made
to Southwest Church of the Nazarene.*

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for our unsaved family, friends, and neighbors to come to the place they are ready to receive Christ.
- Pray for our Country, President and Governing Leaders.
- For Personal Prayer Needs, see the emailed and mailed versions of the church newsletter.

- when we have time for sports, recreation, and entertainment, but not for Bible study and prayer.
- when we do not tremble at the Word of God.
- when preaching lacks conviction, confrontation, and divine fire and anointing.
- when we seldom think thoughts of eternity.
- when God's people are more concerned about their jobs and their careers than about the Kingdom of Christ and the salvation of the lost.
- when God's people get together with other believers and the conversation is primarily about the news, weather, and sports, rather than the Lord.
- when church services are predictable and "business as usual."
- when believers can be at odds with each other and not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation.
- when Christian husbands and wives are not praying together.
- when our marriages are co-existing rather than full of the love of Christ.
- when our children are growing up to adopt worldly values, secular philosophies, and ungodly lifestyles.
- when we are more concerned about our children's education and their athletic activities than about the condition of their souls.
- when sin in the church is pushed under the carpet.
- when known sin is not dealt with through the biblical process of discipline and restoration.
- when we tolerate "little" sins of gossip, a critical spirit, and lack of love.
- when we will watch things on television and movies that are not holy.
- when our singing is half-hearted and our worship lifeless.
- when our prayers are empty words designed to impress others.
- when our prayers lack fervency.
- when our hearts are cold and our eyes are dry.
- when we aren't seeing regular evidence of the supernatural power of God.
- when we have ceased to weep and mourn and grieve over our own sin and the sin of others.
- when we are content to live with explainable, ordinary Christianity and church services.
- when we are bored with worship.
- when people have to be entertained to be drawn to church.
- when our music and dress become patterned after the world.
- when we start fitting into and adapting to the world, rather than calling the world to adapt to God's standards of holiness.
- when we don't long for the company and fellowship of God's people.
- when people have to be begged to give and to serve in the church.
- when our giving is measured and calculated, rather than extravagant and sacrificial... when we aren't seeing lost people drawn to Jesus on a regular basis.
- when we aren't exercising faith and believing God for the impossible.
- when we are more concerned about what others think about us than what God thinks about us.
- when we are unmoved by the fact that 2.5 billion people in this world have never heard the name of Jesus.
- when we are unmoved by the thought of neighbors, business associates, and acquaintances who are lost and without Christ.
- when the lost world around us doesn't know or care that we exist.
- when we are making little or no difference in the secular world around us.
- when the fire has gone out in our hearts, our marriages, and the church.
- when we are blind to the extent of our need and don't think we need revival.

Announcements:

This Saturday, October 29th is our annual Trunk or Treat Event! Join us from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for "Adventures in Candy Land!" We'll set up the church to be a life-sized Candy Land board game. **If you can help decorate this week (Wednesday-Friday) at 6:00pm, please come on over to the church!** Children will have an opportunity to dress up and go through the board game (inside where it is warm) as church members pass out treats as they go from room to room! **We Still Need Donations of individually wrapped candies & other treats (place in crate by carport entrance) or financial donations labeled Trunk or Treat.** See Dave/Dana with questions or to help!



Hello Moms! We invite Moms of children ages infant to 18 years old to come and be a part of Southwest's **MOPS & MOMSnext** groups. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (will next meet Monday, November 14th).

The meeting is from 6:30-8:00pm and childcare will be provided for children ages infant-5th grade. Please come for a good time of fellowship with other Moms, video lesson, snacks & sometimes a craft. Questions? See Renee Plank.

Food Pantry Food Drive

Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 20th. Our Special Guest that day will be Rev. Jay Height from Shepherd Community Center. We'll have a Thanksgiving Dinner after the service. It will be a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together as we give Thanks for all of God's Goodness! Starting in November, we'll have two crates for receiving food items in the foyer. Bring one item for Southwest Church and another one for Shepherd Community! Here are some items that are always helpful.

Cereal (Bagged & Boxed)
Sugar (4 lb bags)
Flour (5 lb bags)

Jelly
Peanut Butter
Canned Goods

Southwest Fall Revival



Rev. Ron Richmond,
Evangelist



Justin Wells,
Worship Leader

The Southwest Church Fall Revival is November 5th – 6th. Rev. Ron Richmond will be the evangelist, and Justin Wells (Worship Leader at Fortville COTN) will be leading us in worship through song! Please be in prayer for a time of revival for our church, community, & country!

Rev. Ron Richmond is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and has been the Lead Pastor at the First Church of the Nazarene in Highland, IN for over 13 years. Highland is extremely strong spiritually and financially. Ron is extremely thankful for the way God has blessed the church, and in particular the way God blesses their services in an amazing way almost every Sunday.

Ron has received specialized training as a consultant in church health from Natural Church Development, and from New Church Specialties as a coach to pastors on refocusing. ("Returning the focus of the church to God's original intention, making disciples.") So, while Ron was an evangelist, he also served as a consultant to pastors, church boards and churches.

Ron's greatest joy is to be used by God in a way that produces spiritual change in the lives of people. "Changed lives" is what ministry is all about to Ron, and that's what he has been watching God do in recent years, in an amazing way.

Saturday, November 5th:

10:00am – Saturday Morning Session
Refreshments will be served. (This is for Church Board, Sunday School Teachers, and anyone else wanting to grow as a Christian.)

6:00pm – Revival Service

Sunday, November 6th:

9:30am – Sunday School

10:40am – Morning Revival Service
(Southwest Praise Team)

6:00pm – Evening Revival Service