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Points to Ponder

WHAT IS REVIVAL?

What is "Revival?"

In a physical sense, when someone is "revived," they are rescued from a state of a loss of consciousness or of a near death episode. They are restored to a living, breathing condition.

As modern believers, we tend to think of revival as an event, or a series of meetings that is meant to inspire and challenge us. Spiritual revival is probably closer to the physical definition – bringing life to people who are listless and lifeless in their Christian experience.

In searching the scriptures for references describing this rejuvenation of believers, I was drawn to this verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:19: "*Do not put out the Spirit's fire.*" The KJV renders this phrase as "quench not the Spirit." As Paul was writing to Christians, he is certainly challenging those regenerated believers in Christ to stay fresh, active, and alive in their faith!

I have a book in my library entitled Revival, written by noted preacher and author D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Originally published in 1959, Lloyd-Jones' book places the onus for a renewed relationship with Jesus squarely on the shoulders of each of us, saying that in our lives there needs to be "a freedom of the Spirit and things happening." One area he specifically identifies as an evidence of the Spirit's work within the believer is when you see "the people singing out of their hearts." He continues, "...that is what you get in every period of awakening and of revival." When it comes to singing to the Lord, throw yourself into it with abandon! Sing the lyrics with a sincere passion and allow them to penetrate your heart.

I found it interesting that Lloyd-Jones made these points many years before the modern movement to include praise music in our worship experience. Praise music is certainly not a new idea as even a cursory review of the book of Psalms finds an emphasis on the heartfelt singing of God's people as an act of worship. Dr. Lloyd-Jones points out that when the church is not in revival, "the congregation just sits, or stands and listens, and the choir even does the singing for them. This is quenching the Spirit."

If we desire to see revival in the modern church, clearly we must be looking for ways to experience revival, to fill our lives with a fresh touch of God's Spirit. Orthodoxy is important, but simply knowing the truth without it affecting us is of little value. As James said, "*you believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.*" (James 2:19)

When it comes to revival, how actively we worship directly affects our spiritual growth, our relationship with our Savior, and how effectively we will serve our Lord. Worship includes all the spiritual disciplines, not singing alone. Read the Word with an eye toward "what is God saying to me through this passage?" Pray from your heart with an openness that reveals your true feelings and speak to God as you would a dear and beloved friend. Spend time listening for his leading. In Romans 12:1 we are told to surrender ourselves totally to the Lord "as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

Rev. Joe Pritchett

Ministry Happenings . . .

Elder Board Installed at Redemption Community Church



Greg Thomas, Rev. Daniel Karl, Rob Puttkamer

"January 11th was a big day for our church as we installed our very first elder board! As a church only a little over a year old, this was a major step in Redemption's life. Now that we have our own elder board and built in accountability among our leadership, we are officially an autonomous church! While we are no longer under the provisional elder board of our sending church, we continue to share a common love, purpose, and partnership in the Gospel with our brothers and sisters at Northside Community Church of Knightdale, NC, and we're so grateful for all their support and encouragement throughout this journey.

We look forward to all that the Lord has in store for us as a church as we continue to seek to further His Kingdom. All glory to God!"



Shared from Redemption Community Church Facebook page

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THESE UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

SPRING LADIES RETREAT

ENCOUNTERING GOD

\$100 Total includes
\$25 Deposit (due by March 1st)
Study Book
2 Breakfasts (Sat/Sun)
1 Lunch (Sat)
2 Evening Meals (Fri/Sat)
2 nights lodging

Any questions call Lori-Ann @ 919-345-0606
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Use QR Code below to register



Dates: April 17-19

April 17 - 5:00 pm
Registration Begins in the Education Building

373 Bladen Union Church Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28306

Join us for a weekend together learning how to cultivate Habits of Faith Through the Spiritual Disciplines.



Kelly Minter

THE PASTOR'S MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND SHARING!

APRIL 24TH -25TH, 2026

PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

April 24h:

12 PM - Tee Time at Cedar Lake Golf Course

6 PM - Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner At Hope Community Fellowship

April 25th:

7:45 AM - Putting Contest

8:15 AM - Tee Time at Cedar Lake Golf Course



COST \$80

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE

TORNE A. ROSS

DEAN SKINNER

HERBERT LEACH

LARRY WITHROW

JULIUS A. PARKER, JR.

WES ROSS

ROGER BYRD

KEN OLSEN

KYLE OLSEN



Questions? Text/Call Pastor Ross:
(678) 234-5838



Cedar Lake Golf Course - 5720 South Sharon
Church Road Loganville, Ga 30052

Annual Reports Due!

ACGC Annual Reports are due by the end of the month. Please click [HERE](#) to be directed to the website to electronically file your report.

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Coming Events. . .

January 31	Annual Reports Due to ACGC
January 24	GA Conference Meetings
February 2	Church Planting Sunday
February 11	Executive Council Meetings (Charlotte)
February 28	ENC Conference Meetings
March-April	Penny Crusade

Philippians 1:4-6

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.