



Jim's Itinerary

July 1
Oregon City, OR
Victorious

July 9-11
Langley, BC
AFCM Canada
Family Reunion

July 18
Orcutt, CA
House of Faith

August 4
Cobbs Creek, VA
AFCM Minister's
Meeting

August 5
Cobbs Creek, VA
Cornerstone
Fellowship

August 12
Waynesville, MO
Grace Covenant
Christian Church

August 16
Tulsa, OK
AFCM Minister's
Meeting

September 2 AM
Lakeville, MN
Glory to Glory
Christian Center

September 9
Redwood Falls, MN
35 Year Celebration
of Living Word
Church

September 13-14
Silvis, IL
AFCM Overnighter

September 16
Silvis, IL
Faith Walk World
Outreach Center

September 20-21
Curwensville, PA
AFCM Overnighter

September 23
Curwensville, PA
Susquehanna
Community Church

September 26
Torrington, CT
Living Faith
Christian Center

September 29
N. Myrtle Beach, SC
AFCM Minister's
Meeting

September 30
N. Myrtle Beach, SC
Today's Harvest
Church

Family Reunion 2012



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OCTOBER 2-4
NAPLES, FL

Hosted by:
Living Word Family Church
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A CALL TO THE NATIONS

REACHING THE NATIONS WITH FAITH



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Participating in Revival

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It certainly is an exciting time to be alive with revival breaking out all over the world! Unfortunately, there are people who will observe the revival as spectators, and will not receive the blessings of God because they refuse to participate in the revival for various reasons. The most common reason is the lack of knowledge (Isaiah 5:13 and Hosea 4:6).

Let's examine the characteristics that commonly accompanied previous revivals and make sure that we are actually participants, working together with God, and not just spectators. There is a difference between watching God move and work on this earth and knowing Him personally. The difference is heaven and hell.

Evangelism

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Evangelism has always accompanied every great revival and is still the order of the day. God will always set His seal of approval on people being saved, backsliders being restored, and believers being strengthened in Christ.

The gospel must be taken to the Christ-less masses all over the world unselfishly. We are to be equally interested in getting the gospel to foreign countries as well as our home country.

Evangelism will fill any church and is the secret to spiritual blessings as well as material blessings. A church blessed spiritually should be blessed financially as well. You cannot separate the two (II John 2).

God's Power Was Present

Evangelism will bring God's power. When a person is presented with the gospel of Jesus Christ, he receives the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead; it raises that person from the spiritually dead. In Romans 10:9-10 and Colossians 1:13 we read that he is taken from the power of darkness (the spiritually dead) and is translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son (the spiritually alive)! Revival

means "a reviving or being revived," and revived means "to return to life"!

Now that we've been made alive in Christ, we can be filled with God's power. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." In Acts 2:4, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit (power).

That same power is still available to every believer in the church today to be used as Jesus did in Acts 10:38, "...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him."

Everything that Charles Finney, Smith Wigglesworth, and many others did in previous revivals was in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In I Corinthians 2:4-5, the apostle Paul said, "...but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Little can be accomplished apart from a manifestation of God's power.

The Word of God

In all revivals much is made about the Word of God. John 1:1, 14 tells us that the Word was God and became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus said in John 14:23-24 and John 15:7, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

The Blood of Jesus Christ

In previous revivals, much was made about the blood of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:11 reads, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives to the death."

We have been justified by the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:9) and

we are continually cleansed from all unrighteousness through the blood of Jesus (I John 1:9).

It is through the blood of Jesus Christ that we have an everlasting blood covenant with God (Hebrews 13:20); a blood covenant that makes abundant provision for us in every area of life (Ephesians 3:20 and Galatians 3:13-14).

The powerful men and women of previous revivals learned to plead the blood of Jesus over themselves, their families, and possessions through the New Blood Covenant. There is healing, power, and abundant provision in every area of life through the New Blood Covenant that we have through Jesus Christ! Glory to God!

Obedience

James 2:26 tells us that faith without works or corresponding actions is dead. In other words, faith without obedience is dead!

What Jesus is saying in John 14:23-24 is if you love me, you will obey me. If you don't love me, you will disobey me. Isaiah 1:19 tells us, "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat of the good of the land."

It is so important that we learn to be led by His Spirit and know His voice for ourselves (Romans 8:14, 16; John 10:27). If we don't, we will not be able to remain in God's will at all times and successfully fulfill His will for our lives.

The story is told of how Charles Finney was on his way to get the young woman who was to be his wife. On the way, he stopped to have his horse shod. While he waited, he began to preach and revival broke out. He followed the voice of God and remained there for six months with many miracles and salvations. Of course, he had to send someone else to go and get his bride! Charles Finney put God's will first!

Do we do God's will when He reveals it to us; or do we turn away when God tells us to do something? Are we living moment by moment, in the center of His will; or are we following our own selfish inclinations (the desires of the flesh)?

God expects obedience; instant obedience. Without instant obedience, God will not be able to use us like He wants to and we will miss out on the revival.

Brokenness of Heart

True repentance and a broken heart was another characteristic of previous revivals. A broken heart is a heart crushed by sorrow and grief, not only for the consequences and punishment of sin, but for sin itself committed against God.

Hebrews 12:1 tell us to "...lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us."

There is only one obstacle that can block the channel and choke God's power, and that is SIN! It alone can hinder the work of the Holy Spirit and prevent or abort a revival.

"If my people, which are called by my name," declares the Lord, "shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Hence, nothing short of a broken heart over sin, full confession and restitution, will satisfy God. Sin must be utterly forsaken. We are to live a separated and holy life (II Corinthians 6:16-18).

Here are some examples of sins that will stop God's power from working in our lives: anger, unforgiveness, jealousy, being easily offended, pride, dishonesty, deception, lying, gossiping, criticizing, robbing God of tithes and offerings, stealing, failing to make restitution, worry, doubt and unbelief towards God, immorality, entertaining impure thoughts and unholy imaginations, prayerlessness, neglecting God's Word, SELFISHNESS, not having a burden for the lost, and no longer on fire for God.

This is just a partial list of the sins which can so easily ensnare us and rob us of God's power.

These things are not problems or issues, but God calls them SIN. The sooner we admit that we have sinned, confess and forsake it (I John 1:9), the sooner we may expect God to hear us and work mightily in and through us.

Practicing His Presence

The old-timers in revival had constant fellowship with God. They were continually aware of God's presence in their lives day and night.

They also understood that fellowship with God is not just us talking with God. Rather, it is a two-way conversation, where we wait to hear what God has to say as well.

Even as the children of Israel gathered manna daily, we, too, must gather it daily or we will not be able to maintain our spirituality with God and experience that constant flow of God's love and power in our lives!

The greater the presence of God that we carry in our lives, the greater the power of God will be manifested in our lives!

Jesus' Return

The return of the Lord Jesus for His church (bride) is the great hope of the church and was always talked much about in previous revivals. The Lord is coming back soon! (I Thessalonians 4:13-18). Revelation 22:20 says, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Conclusion

Learning from past revivals can greatly benefit us and help us to surpass what they accomplished and bring us and the church to that glorious state with no spots or wrinkles, but holy and without blemish! (Ephesians 5:26-27).