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### REVIVAL!

Why are we here, as a church? What is our purpose? During the first four Sundays of October, we will think about what God has to say about these four ideas:

1. The People of God must BRING GLORY TO GOD.
2. The People of God must PRAY TO GOD.
3. The People of God must LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD.
4. The People of God must SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

SPECIAL GUEST Preachers and Worship Leaders will come each week to lead us during our Sunday morning times of worship. (Sunday School Groups will continue to meet as normal.) Invite someone to join us!

- Sunday, October 2, 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, October 9, 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, October 16, 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, October 23, 10:15 a.m.

FELLOWSHIPS will bookend our revival.

- Beginning of revival: Come enjoy a churchwide POTLUCK LUNCH after morning worship on October 2.
- End of revival: Join us on Sunday night, October 23, at 6:00pm, for a potluck-style soups and sandwiches SUPPER. At that supper, we will share TESTIMONIES about how we heard from the Lord during revival.

Revival begins and ends with PRAYER.

→ REVIVAL PRAYER SERVICE – Sunday NIGHT, Sept 25, at 6:00 p.m.

- The week before revival, we will have a special Sunday Night Revival Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m. I promise that you will NOT come to merely sit and listen to other people pray out loud. We will write our prayers at prayer stations, and end our time in candlelit prayer.

→ 40 HOURS OF PRAYER BEFORE REVIVAL – Pick up a prayer guide for your hour of prayer.

- Either pray at home for one hour each of these four days (at whatever time of day is best),
- Or come to the church sanctuary to pray for one hour for one of these days during the available times.

Mon Sept 26, 8:00am – 6:00pm (10 hours)

Tues Sept 27, 8:00am – 6:00pm (10 hours)

Wed Sept 28, 8:00am – 6:00pm (10 hours)

Thurs Sept 29, 8:00am – 6:00pm (10 hours)

→ COTTAGE PRAYER DURING REVIVAL – Prayer guides will be available for these.

This is an opportunity to meet for a time of prayer on the Sunday evenings during revival either at someone's home or at the church campus in your Sunday School room.

- Sun Oct 2, 6:00pm
- Sun Oct 9, 6:00pm
- Sun Oct 16, 6:00pm
- This is organized by Sunday School.
- The Teacher of each adult class needs to ask if there is a class member who can host a prayer meeting at their home on these Sunday nights.
- If a home cannot be found, then the class can meet at the church in their Sunday School room to pray.
- I would estimate a cottage prayer meeting would last approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- For teachers of YOUTH and CHILDREN classes, and for the MUSIC MINISTRY volunteers who are not in an adult class: these adults can meet in a group together as a prayer group at the church campus in the choir room.
- There will be CHILD CARE available at the church campus to allow any adults an opportunity to join their prayer group. All students and all children will meet in the youth building during this time.

Sept 25 – 6pm – Revival prayer service

Sept 26-29 – 40 Hours of Prayer

**Oct 2 – 10:15am – REVIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Oct 2 – 11:30am – Lunch Fellowship

Oct 2 – 6pm – Cottage Prayer

**Oct 9 – 10:15am – REVIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Oct 9 – 6pm – Cottage Prayer

**Oct 16 – 10:15am – REVIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Oct 16 – 6pm – Cottage Prayer

**Oct 23 – 10:15am – REVIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Oct 23 – 6pm – Fellowship Supper, Testimonies

## REVIVE US AGAIN, O LORD!!

Psalm 85:1–7

- 1    LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2    You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin. Selah
- 3    You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.
- 4    **RESTORE US AGAIN**, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!
- 5    Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 6    Will you not **REVIVE US AGAIN**,  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7    Show us **YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD**,  
and grant us your salvation.

I am truly EXCITED about our upcoming Revival. Make plans NOW to be present, and to be prayerful. See you at church!

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## RAYMOND ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL PRAYER GUIDE

Greetings!

Thank you for committing to pray for revival in our hearts—individually and corporately as a family of God, for our community and nation. Please feel free to use this prayer guide as you wish; praying through a section (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication) each day or pray as God leads you.

It is God's desire that:

- ~ We love Him with all our hearts, and with all our souls and with all our strength and with all our minds.
- ~ We love our neighbors as ourselves.
- ~ We return to Him with sincere humble hearts, seeking His face, turning from our wicked ways, so He can  
heal our land and transform our hearts to worship, serve, and glorify Him with our lives.

*Only God can send revival....it cannot be worked up; it needs to be prayed down...  
it is not man's doing, but God's. ~ from Francis Dixon's Studies in the Minor Prophets,  
Habakkuk*

As you read and pray through this prayer guide,  
please read slowly.

Meditate over God's Word.

Ask His Holy Spirit to speak to your heart,  
change your heart,

and empower your lives to be the salt and light of the world.

**LORD, Your Word is “our joy and our heart’s delight” (Jeremiah 15:16). As we pray, read your Word, and meditate, draw us into the joy of Your presence. Open our minds to understand your Word. Judge our thoughts and the attitudes of our hearts. LORD, please help us to turn from our wicked ways and allow Your Word and Holy Spirit to transform our lives. Help us, O LORD, to learn how to walk closer to You with authentic and pure devotion in the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can proclaim Your Good News and obey Your Great Commission! LORD, may we be salt and light in this dark world, allowing your Light to shine through our lives as we sow seeds of Your love, peace, joy and hope to those we come in contact with every day. In Jesus’ name. Amen**

*God's Promise to Solomon:*

*So Solomon finished the temple of the LORD, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do. Then one night the LORD appeared to Solomon and said, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this temple as the place for making sacrifices. At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or I might command*

*grasshoppers to devour your crops, or I might send plagues among you. Then if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.* ~ 2 Chronicles 7:11-14

## ADORATION

Ask God to reveal to you His unique characteristics, His majesty, His glory, His Sovereignty, and His holiness as you read and meditate on these Scriptures. Remember that praise and adoration is different from thanksgiving. Praise is telling God that you realize how great He is.

*Be Still and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation.  
I will be honored throughout the world. The LORD Almighty is here among us;  
The God of Israel is our fortress. ~ Psalm 46:10-11*

Lord, please help my heart to be still and silent before You.  
I know you are here with me.  
You are my Strength and Fortress!

*The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display His marvelous craftsmanship.  
Day after day they continue to speak; Night after night they make Him known.  
They speak without a sound or a word; Their voice is silent in the skies;  
Yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world. ~ Psalm 19:1-3*

Think about God's handiwork in nature and the heavens.  
Praise Him for such magnificent beauty and the truth that He is the Creator of  
everything on earth and in heaven.

*LORD, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting You are God. Psalm 90:1-2*

Praise God for who He is and His faithfulness throughout all generations.

*Because of Your unfailing love, I can enter Your house; with deepest awe I will worship at Your temple. ~ Psalm 5:7*

*In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Hovering around Him were mighty seraphim, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with the remaining two they flew. In a great chorus they sang, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty! The whole earth is filled with His glory!" The glorious singing shook the temple to its foundations, and the entire sanctuary was filled with smoke. ~ Isaiah 6:1-4*

Holy, Holy, holy is the LORD Almighty!

[You may choose to write/draw/color your PRAISE to Him!]

## CONFESSON

When God reveals His glory and holiness to us, He makes known our sin, weakness, emptiness, and failure.

*Then one of the seraphim flew over to the altar, and he picked up a burning coal with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips and with it and said, "See this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to My people? Who will go for Us?" And I said, "Lord, I'll go! Send me." ~ Isaiah 6:6-8*

*Let us test and look over our ways and return to the Lord. Let us lift our heart and hands to God in heaven, saying, "We have sinned and would not obey You, and You have not forgiven us." ~ Lamentations 3:40-42*

*So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. ~ Matthew 5:23-24*

*Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the LORD, and He will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. ~ Acts 3:19-20*

Ask God to touch your heart and remove your guilt because your sins are forgiven.

Ask God to test and examine our ways.

And to point out any sin in our lives that would separate us from Him

and block our hearts from hearing from Him.

Confess the sins He brings to your heart.

[You may choose to make a list of sins you struggle with.

God wants us to repent specifically, so we can experience His forgiveness & freedom from each sin.]

*Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have overcharged people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much." ~ Luke 19:8*

Ask God to transform our hearts as he did Zacchaeus's.

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." – Psalm 51:10*

## THANKSGIVING

When we realize who we are without HIM, we break forth in humble gratitude for our salvation, for the power of his Holy Spirit, for the power of His living active Word!

*I will thank You, LORD with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things You have done. I will be filled with joy because of You. I will sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. ~ Psalm 9:1-2*

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. ~ I Chronicles 16:34*

*In everything, give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ~I Thessalonians 5:18*

Say a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the marvelous things God has done in your life,  
your family, friends, and our church family.

Thank God for what He has done and what He will do  
in our church family, our community, and our nation  
during this season of revival.

[Make time to list some other specific things you are thankful for.]

## SUPPLICATION

Pray Habakkuk's prayer for our families, friends, community, and world:

*"I have heard all about You, LORD, and I am filled with awe by the amazing things You have done. In this time of our deep need, begin again to help us, as You did in years gone by. Show us Your power to save us..." ~ Habakkuk 3:1-2a*

Read and Pray Habakkuk's prayer again.

Pray for and thank God for our church staff & their families.

Pray for our church family: the physical and spiritual needs you know of.

Pray for our young families, our children, our youth, and our senior adults—  
asking God to do a work in their lives that only He can do.

Pray for those who have lost a loved one, who are suffering from illness, or have other  
special needs.

Pray for the lost—family, friends, community, state, and nation.

Pray for those who will lead our revival services and all who will attend.

Ask God to bring to your mind anyone you need to pray for specifically.

Spend time in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads.

*And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father Who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. ~ Romans 8:26-28*

Thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in our lives that helps us in our distress  
and that pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.

[Again, you may list any specific needs for yourself or other specific needs.]

Ask God to give you a specific promise from His Word to cling to, as you seek His will in any situation.]

As you complete your time of prayer, pray these Scriptures to God thanking Him for  
refreshing and renewing your relationship with Him. Thank Him for changing and  
reviving our hearts. Thank Him for His faithfulness, even when we are not faithful.

*For thus says the One Who is high and lifted up, Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." ~ Isaiah 57:15*

*In Your faithful love, O LORD, hear my cry; let me be revived by following Your regulations. ~ Psalm 119:149*

*The wild animals in the fields will thank Me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so My chosen people can be refreshed. ~ Isaiah 43:20*

*Revive us so we can call on Your name once more. Turn us again to Yourself, O LORD God Almighty. Make Your face shine down upon us. Only then we will be saved. ~ Psalm 80:18-19*

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20, JESUS' Great Commission*

**Now GO FORTH proclaiming The Good News and make disciples!**