



PRAYERWATCH NEWSLETTER

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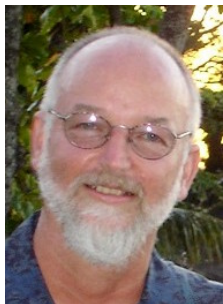
Praying for **TRUE REVIVAL**

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By Greg Dunn, Maranatha Chapel Prayer Pastor



REVIVAL: In the Christian world revival is often a loaded word. It is loaded with images of tent meetings or the modern equivalent, stadium events, rowdy charisma and perhaps a few shysters. Do I sound pessimistic? Aren't we all? We have all seen the entertainment industry's take on "old time religion;" many of us have attended meetings that were exciting at the moment but when we got home, we wondered how our wallet got so light. Those of us who pray have prayed for revival and in most cases I have to say it hasn't arrived yet. We may get little spurts of excitement and hope, only to have our excitement die back down to normalcy. Why? What is it we expect when we pray for "revival"? Let's start by looking at what the word revival means to the English reader.

Revival: (from Latin "re" meaning; again and "vivere," to live) it is restoration to use, acceptance, activity, or vigor after a period of obscurity or quiescence; A new presentation of an old play, movie, opera, ballet, or similar vehicle; A time of reawakened interest in religion; A meeting or series of meetings for the purpose of reawakening religious faith, often characterized by impassioned preaching and public testimony.

(The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition)

We see in this definition words like "REstoration and Reawakened". So in order to REvive something, it seems it has to have been alive in the past. You can't revive a new thing; it is dead or dying things that require revival. How does this apply to us? What is dead or dying around us? Let's look into our owner's manual, the Bible and see how this word is used. There are several Old Testament words that can express revival or the need for it. The words range in meaning from "sorry I got caught" to a full blown "repentance". The most common word for revival that we find in the old Testament is *châyâh* It is found seven times and means to quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life) or revive. We find this word used twice in Isaiah 57: 15: "For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To **revive** the spirit of the humble, And to **revive** the heart of the contrite ones." In this word from God we see who and what is dead or dying, it is those who are not humble and not contrite. Praying friends, I am afraid God may be talking to us! Revival does not start with our neighbor or our nation. It is not the Church or the world that we need to first be concerned about. Revival must start with us as individuals. It is the relationship we maintain with a living God that we are personally accountable for. If we all get that right, I suspect the rest will fall into place. (Matt 6:33): If we are humble and contrite and spend our time in God's presence, the Spirit of transforming revival should gush out of us without restraint (John 7:38). Is it?

OK, so maybe we aren't as humble and contrite as we ought to be, maybe we aren't spending much or as much time as we might with our Father in the high and lofty environment of eternity. Assuming we want to, how do we get revived? It is interesting to note that you will not find the word "revive" or "revival" in the New Testament. Why is that? If revival is of primary importance, why aren't these words used and used often? I think we do not find a lot of talk about revival because it is not God's intention that we

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Prayer Opportunities

† [For Prayer](#)

Contact: Greg Dunn
(858) 613-7800 ext 110

† [Emergency Prayer Chain](#)

Contact: Greg Dunn
(858) 613-7800 ext 110
After Hours Call:
760-443-5899

† [Sunday Morning Prayer](#)

Contact: Bill
(760) 591-7525
9:15–9:55 am Prayer Chapel

† [Prayer Chapel](#) (After Services)

Contact: Greg Dunn
(858) 613-7800

† [Moms in Touch](#)

Call for a location near you
(858) 486-4065

† [Weekly Prayer Walk](#)

Contact: Christy
(858) 505-2566
Every Wed. 5:00–5:45 pm
Meet at Gazebo

† [Wed. Pre-Service Prayer](#)

Contact: Greg Dunn
Wed. 6:15–6:55 pm,
Prayer Chapel

† [College and Career](#)

Contact: Glenn Hirashiki
(858) 613-7800
Thursday 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

† [Men @ Prayer](#)

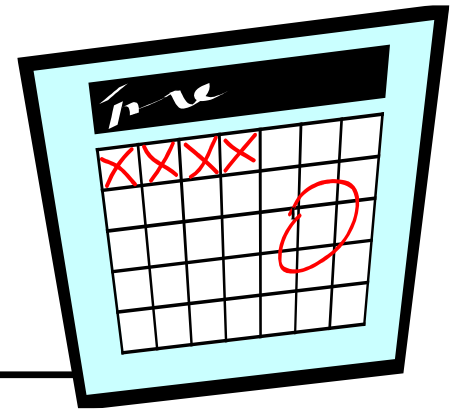
Contact: Elmer Getz
(858) 675-0500
Sat. 7:30–8:30 am, F-107

† [Prayer for Revival](#)

Contact: Candace
(858) 565-0314
Every Other Saturday
call for location



Prayer Event Calendar



Sign-ups Needed for 365 Days of Prayer

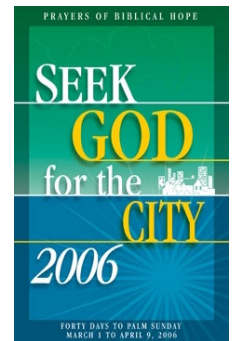
Sign-up to pray and fast for Maranatha's Pastors, Staff and Congregation. Prayer runs through September 2006
Sign-up for your day at the prayer shelf in the foyer.

Seek God For the City

March 1, through April 9, 2006

"In drastic days, pray great things." Each year we make available to those at Maranatha Chapel a 40 day devotional called *Seek God for the City*. During this time we join with praying Christians across America, lifting up our cities, our land and our world for His glory.

www.syatp.org



National Day of Prayer May 4, 2006



"...for those who honor Me I will honor,"

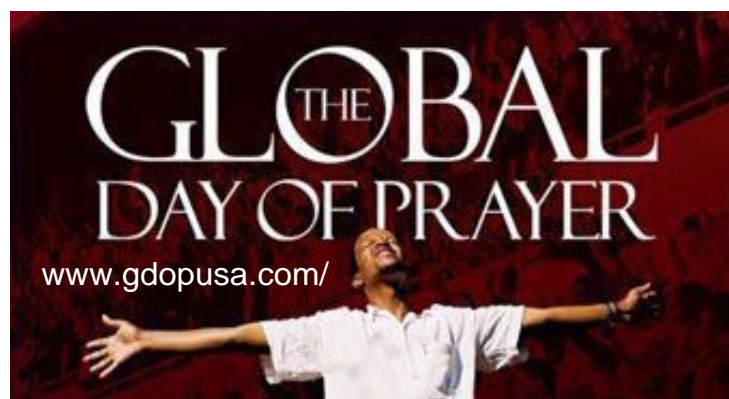
1 Samuel 2:30

North County Events:

Escondido—Prayer Breakfast, Center for the Arts

Escondido—City Hall Fountain, 12:00–1:00 pm

www.daytopray.com



Pray For The World

June 4,
2006

should need it. Parents always think the best of their kids and I think the Father God is no different. It would be like us writing a letter to our children in advance that said: "...now when you have become addicted to drugs, have caught an incurable venereal disease, murdered your own children and perhaps your parents... this is what you need to do to get revived." (1 Tim 1:9-10) God thinks better of us than that. It's true, we have let Him down in the past but He has a better word for us than "revive"; His primary New Testament instruction to us is "repent".

- John the Baptist's first message was "repent" (Matt 3:2)
- Jesus first message was "repent" (Matt 4:17)
- The disciples' first message was "repent" Mark 6:12)
- The apostles' first message was "repent" Acts 2:38
- Jesus' first word to the first church in the Revelation is "repent...repent" (Revelation 2:5)

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place; unless you repent."

I think I am starting to get what God wants us to do, it's **REPENT!** There is one New Testament word, used only once, that suggests biblical revival. The Greek word found in the new covenant writings is *anapsuxis*. It is usually translated as "refreshing" and the word literally means "*a recovery of breath*". We find the word in Acts 3:19, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Once again, even within this verse, repentance comes first.

Recently Maranatha Chapel was honored by being allowed to host Anne Graham Lotz. Anne brought us a fresh message from the prophet Isaiah about personal revival. She made it very clear that the problem with everything going on today was sin and the solution for all those problems was Jesus, simply Jesus. She reminded us that the scriptures have always taught that the way to get from the problem of sin to the solution of Jesus was personal repentance. Personal repentance is the only way to get to personal revival. Personal repentance and revival must come first before we will be in any way effective for praying for anyone or anything else.

Currently Maranatha Chapel is participating in the forty day time of *Seek God for the City*. From March first through April ninth we pray for our communities and cities. The first verse for the first week from the daily devotional we are using is Psalms 85:6, "Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?" For God to revive the people, we must repent. You are not going to see the crooked local politicians repent until we do; they reflect those who elect them, that's us! Then on May fourth this year we take part in the National Day of Prayer. The key verse this year for the NDP is found in 1 Samuel 2:30; "...for those who honor Me I will honor." We must honor God with and in our own lives before we can be confident and honest intercessors for our Nation. And finally we will gather on June fourth for the Global Day of Prayer. Pentecost Sunday has been set aside to relive the second chapter of the book of Acts. Verse one, chapter two says; "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Now we realize that there are a lot of Christians in the world and it would be difficult to fit us all into the same physical place. That is not a problem, we don't have to all be in one big room or arena somewhere for God to shake us and rain down holy fire. We have to be in the same place spiritually and we have to all be of one accord, in agreement, not squabbling among ourselves. That condition will only happen when we or a significant number of us personally repent.

Would you like to get your breath back as Acts 3:19 promises? Would you like to see your family, church, city, nation and world revived? If so then you have to remember, (Rev 2:5) it all begins with us. Remember all that He has done for us, in us and through us in the past. Ask Him for forgiveness for allowing anything to get in the way of the spiritual progress and growth that the Lord has planned for us. Repent and allow him to revive you again. Then watch out world, here we come, in Jesus' most holy Name!

Praise Reports!

Taken from the praise reports placed in our weekly offerings.

Prayers are answered!

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Thank God for prayer! Doctor said: "It's 99% likely to be cancer." Surgeon said: "50%" Tests show growth on thyroid 100% benign! Praise the LORD!

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Five years ago our marriage was broken after a six month adulterous affair. Today because of Jesus and His faithfulness to answer prayer, my marriage is restored and renewed. My husband grows daily in his faith and has become the spiritual leader I have been praying for. Our children have a strong family to thrive in. God is so good! All praise to Him!

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Last year I requested prayer for a man diagnosed with lung cancer given six months to live. He is a believer and knew God would heal him and God has! The man is in remission and plans on going back to work next month. We serve an awesome God!

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*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

Wednesday Prayer "Pray For The Harvest" Moves to a new Location **Prayer Chapel**

Every Wednesday 6:15–6:55 pm

Hosted By Greg Dunn



Starting March 1, 2006,
we will be meeting in the Prayer Chapel.

Same meeting time as in the past:

Personal prayer: 6:00 - 6:15 pm.

Prayer for the Harvest: 6:15 - 6:55 pm.

The focus of "Pray for the Harvest" is on the worship, the word and the decisions that take place during the Wednesday service. We also pray for other outreach events that Maranatha may be involved in at the time.

You can get to the Prayer Chapel through the sanctuary; the entrance is to the right of the stage and is clearly marked.

You can also come in from the rear door which is convenient for those parking behind the church in the cul-de-sac. Come late if you must, leave early if you need to, but please attend as often as you can and bring a friend or two. Nothing is more important to Maranatha Chapel's effectiveness in helping bring in the Kingdom of Heaven than the prayers of its citizens. That's you!

Come join us and pray for:

- The Preparation
- The Worship
- The Pastors, specifically Pastor Ray
- The Message
- The Work of the Holy Spirit
- The Response
- The Decision Follow-up

See you Wednesday night

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