

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR OUR UPCOMING REVIVAL

### 1. PRAY

What are your goals? What are you desiring from a meeting like this? You'll have a better chance of hitting what you're aiming for. Aim at nothing and you'll hit it every time. Make that list - go back over it - listen to God narrow that list to what HE wants. You should be doing that corporately and individually.

### 2. FAST

If you truly want to hear from God, consider fasting one day each week prior to the meeting (Matt. 5:6; Psalm 42:1-3; Eccl. 4:12; Matt 6:5-18).

I would define fasting as "refraining from food for a spiritual purpose" (praying and reading the scripture).

### 3. PROMOTE

Create an event on Facebook. Take a screen shot of the filled in poster and put it on Instagram. Send a poster to other churches and invite them to come. Announce it at associational meetings. Print some postcard or business card size invitations for your people to hand out. Encourage your people not to wait to make their contacts. Make the calls, do the email and texts now, then follow up later. If they don't provide some enthusiasm, who will?

### 4. PRIORITIZE

Write these dates down and don't let anything or anyone get in the way of you being there. Not ballgames, not homework, not movie night, NOTHING. (Matthew 6:33) It might be a sacrifice, but you can't outgive God.

### 5. GIVE (I Corinthians 16:1)

Pray and consider ahead of time what you will invest financially in this meeting. Try to give something every service, and on a certain night make it **sacrificial**. Maybe the biggest bill in your wallet instead of the smallest, write a check, or make a donation with a credit card at our table (Phil. 4:17). Investing in our music ministry is also a great blessing.

### 6. INVITATION

If your church does not give a formal invitation at the end of the service, please let me know ahead of time so I can plan accordingly. However, this type of meeting does not come around very often, and it does lend itself toward that, so I would suggest you make an exception.

If you do, I also suggest having a prayer team prepared and ready to pray with the people who respond. Prayer team members may also be prepared with some sort of decision card to gather information for follow up. Having these cards in the pews or seats with pens will also allow folks that did not come forward to let us know about their obedience to Christ. They can drop their card in the offering plate or box in the back. Many churches display information on their multimedia screens so that those who made decisions or have further prayer concerns or questions can easily contact the church digitally.

I don't always conduct my invitations the same way every night, so being prepared will keep my options open.