

Revival Preparation Ideas

Finish Line Focused Ministries

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Revival is the refreshing and renewing of the relationship with God of those in the church to have a life changing effect on us and those around us. God wants to give us revival, and will do so if we are willing to trust God and cooperate with Him. God shows His power in the greatest way through changed lives. It is my desire to see the lost saved and Christians encouraged and faithful to the Lord. Real revival brings unity and obedience to God.

As an evangelist my purpose is to assist the pastor in the revival effort and will be a help and support to his ministry. I will do all within my power to challenge the church to love, pray for and follow their God called pastor. I am willing to pray, preach, visit and counsel in any way to be obedient to the Lord and encourage pastor and people.

I am an experienced soloist and will be glad to sing for any or all of the services, however, it will help the attendance and the spirit of the meeting to have as many people involved in music ministry as possible.

There are two keys to a successful revival meeting: prayer and involvement.

Prayer

Please encourage your people to be involved in praying for revival. The more opportunities for prayer and the better the participation in the prayer, the better results can be anticipated. The following are some suggestions to be considered by the pastor:

- Cottage prayer meetings: weekly prayer events led by pastor, deacons or other church leaders in an informal setting to allow people to gather in homes to pray for revival in their own lives and the lives of others.

Please pray for:

- The pastor and leaders to have a clear vision of what God wants to accomplish during the meeting
- The leaders of the church to be in harmony and obedience to the Lord and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- The music ministry and those who will be leading in worship to lift up Jesus and touch hearts for God

- The members of the church and their participation in the revival services
- Unfaithful church members who might be encouraged to participate in the revival services
- Lost people who can be invited to attend and can be visited by church people, the pastor and the evangelist
- God's anointing on the preaching and hearing of the word of God
- Outward response that will glorify the Lord and encourage others
- Operation Andrew: (Andrew brought people to Jesus)
 - Cards are distributed to members on which they will list the names of people who need to be saved, restored or changed
 - Members will pray for those they have listed by name
 - The people listed will be invited by the members to attend the revival services
 - Specific names can be shared with the pastor of those with whom the gospel could be shared prior to and during the week of revival (I will be glad to visit and share the gospel)
- 12 or 24 hour prayer vigil
 - A blank list can be displayed listing one hour or half hour time slots so that people can sign up to pray at the church, or at home for the revival meeting
- Special times of prayer designated in each service leading up to the revival services
- Ask for specific requests for the need for revival in the church and community, pray for these in the services a few weeks before the revival meeting begins

Involvement

We want to find ways to involve people in the revival meeting. It is not merely a matter of numbers, but it is hard for God to work in the lives of those who do not participate. Some possible ways to encourage involvement:

- Friend Day—ask each member to commit to bring a friend with them to a particular service. This works well for the Sunday Morning service. To do this effectively it must be talked about a great deal. The pastor needs to announce his guest (some influential part of the community) on Sunday at least three weeks before the Friend day. Encourage the church leaders to be prepared to announce who their friend will be about two weeks before the Friend Day. Ask church

- members to announce who their friend will be on the last week before Friend Day. Make it upbeat and positive.
- Encourage the Choir or praise team to participate in each service
 - Invite guest choirs from neighboring churches to sing
 - Sunday School Night—Encourage classes to sit together, recognize each class as a group and give a small prize to the best attendance class (either by number or percentage of enrollment)
 - Youth Night—Free Pizza Blast one hour before service time. Make up free tickets to give to youth to distribute to their friends on Sunday, offer a prize for the teen that brings the most guests.
Agenda: begin on time feed Pizza—all they can eat for 25 minutes. Gather teens and I will share the gospel and invite them to ask Jesus into their heart. Please have one volunteer (mature Christian for every 8 youth on hand to gather info and confirm decision on 3x5 cards). Youth should stay for service and I will encourage them to make their decision public at the service invitation time. All these decision will require a follow up visit in the home of the youth.
 - Pack a pew night—Assign pews in the building to each church family and send letter to church family to encourage them to invite friends and family to fill their pew. Offer a prize to the family who brings the most guests.
 - Some other possible nights are:
 - Loyalty night: recognize every office holder in the church
 - Children's night: Hot Dog supper before the service, similar to youth night
 - Family night
 - Men's and Lady's Night: Attendance competition between the sexes. Losers can prepare a meal for the winners at a later date.

Please prayerfully consider these possibilities as to which ones will be most attractive to you and your people. Some require more preparation than others. I will gladly answer questions and help you prepare for any event you would like to plan. Please let me know what special days you would like to plan as soon as possible. (By email: allen@allenwelborn.com or by phone: 678.939.2056)

Money Matters

I prefer to come on a love offering basis and request that a free will offering be received at each service. This can be received at the close of the service by ushers with offering plates at the exits on Sunday morning. I do not want to confuse or hinder your people from giving their tithes and offerings. The tithe is to be given to the local church and not to the evangelist. I am here to be a help to the pastor and the local church and do not want money to affect the meeting. God is my source and supply, and often he will use a local church to be a financial blessing to my work. I will not handle the offerings and would prefer that the church deposit the funds into the church account and write a check to: **Finish Line Focused Ministries** for the entire amount of the love offering received.

I ask that the church pay for my expenses from the budget or funds raised before the meeting begins and not taken from the love offering.

- Travel expense (mileage to and from or plane fare). I will gladly submit the cost of these expenses beforehand and would like to have the check for travel given to me upon arrival for the meeting.
- Lodging can be provided by the local church. I prefer to stay in a mid-range hotel (Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn Express, etc.) These usually have high speed internet so that I can continue to work and correspond during the week of revival.
- Meals in homes with the pastor or eating out with the pastor and people would be great. I would ask that we be finished with the meal by 1 hour before the service starts.

All of these matters are negotiable and not set in stone. I will gladly discuss any alternate arrangement that you have in mind. I do not want money to stand in the way of God working in your church through Finish Line Focused Ministries. Please share with me what you are able to do and I am certain that we can work together. It helps me to know where we stand and what your plans are so that I can arrange my finances to be a good steward of my resources. I am sure that I can arrange to work within your budgetary guidelines.

An honorarium is fine as long as we have discussed it beforehand.

Please talk with me about any concerns you or your people have about anything, especially finances. I will not hinder the work of God in your church for the sake of money!

Housekeeping Matters

I would like to have a product table in an accessible place to offer music and preaching products, a few books and other products for your people to purchase. I will mention these in the service, but will not apply any pressure to purchase them. I will certainly be sensitive to your feelings about this matter.

For those who pray to receive Christ. I like to give them a Christian Life New Testament to help them to get off to a good start. I will plan to have these available at a minimal cost to the church. The list price is about \$8.00 and I can make them available to your church and your people for about \$6.00 each.

I am excited about what the Lord will do during the meeting and trust that if you have any questions that you will feel free to discuss them with me. I am not offended by your questions and concerns. I am blessed by your kind invitation to your church and ministry and will consider myself your guest and will do all within my power to encourage you and your people in the Lord.

Blessings,
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