



Goals of the Revival Month

Revival means awakening—stimulating the spiritual life by bringing it to the surface again. It can be a period of unusual blessing and activity in the life of the church. It happens primarily within the church and among believing people, but it can also affect those outside the church.

Revival is a restoration and renewal of every phase of our lives:

- Revival is a spiritual awakening in our own hearts.
- Revival is a spiritual awakening in our homes and families.
- Revival is a spiritual awakening in the church.
- Revival is a renewing of outreach for lost souls.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all of our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.” Ellen White, *Selected Messages, Book 1*.

The goal for this Revival Month in The Empowered Church program is to encourage the members of the church to have a devotional life based on daily prayer and study of the Word of God:

- ✓ **As individuals** – each person establish a personal devotional life.
- ✓ **As families** – every home institute the practice of family worship.
- ✓ **As a church** – every department of the church make prayer and a study of the Word its focus.

To accomplish these goals, the Revival Month will not only encourage members to have a devotional life, it will actually *teach them how* this can be accomplished in their personal, family life, and in their church life.