

Implementing the Revival

This month, the steps that were decided upon for the Revival Month will be implemented.

Step 1: Preach revival sermons.

Each Sabbath during the Revival Month, the one presenting the sermon should focus on the importance and blessings obtained from a consistent devotional life. Sermon manuscripts and outlines can be downloaded from The Empowered Church website under the link "Revival." There are two sermon outlines on the subject of prayer ("Elements of Successful Prayer" and "Hindrances to Answered Prayer") and two sermon manuscripts on devotional life.

In addition, Amazing Facts has revival speakers who may be scheduled to conduct a revival weekend as a part of The Empowered Church program during the second Revival Month, which will come 12 months from now. For more information about this special program, you can visit The Empowered Church website or call Amazing Facts at 916-434-3880.

Step 2: Emphasize prayer and personal devotions in the adult Sabbath school programs as well as the youth and children's departments.

Sabbath school programs during the Revival Month, from the adult level on down through the children's divisions, should teach the how and why of the devotional life. An idea for part of the Sabbath school program could be to review the bulletin inserts that are being distributed as a devotional tool for the coming week. Ideas gleaned from the inserts may also be used for the children and youth.

Remember to work closely with the Sabbath school leaders.

Step 3: The Sabbath school class may take a few minutes to highlight elements of the Revival Month.

The Sabbath school class is an excellent place to get down to some of the practical aspects of the revival. A new habit requires approximately 30 days to become established. The members can share experiences and encourage one another as they work toward making the devotional life a habit in their personal lives and in their families.

The time spent each week in discussing the revival in the Sabbath school class is not to take the place of the regular lesson study. Do not fail to encourage the teachers and express appreciation for their support in the revival.

Step 4: Emphasize prayer and personal devotions during prayer meetings.

This month of revival will fit into the purpose for prayer meeting, and the prayer meeting can help to affirm the revival as well. Prayer meeting should not be just a time of prayer and study but should include a time for personal testimony. Remember the words of our Lord when He told the healed man to tell his people what Jesus had done for him.

You will have already chosen books from Amazing Facts or other source that affirm the how's and why's of the devotional life.

Step 5: Make sure to encourage the members to utilize the bulletin insert packets.

These daily study guides will get the members involved on a daily basis in the Revival Month. Each week there will be a packet to be included in the church bulletin. These bulletin insert packets can be downloaded from The Empowered Church website.

Step 6: Utilize the announcement time to encourage personal devotions.

During this month, those making special announcements should take advantage of the time to remind members of the Revival Month. People often need to be encouraged along the way.

Step 7: Utilize the power of personal testimony.

Each Sabbath for three to five minutes an individual or a family who has expressed special appreciation for the revival emphasis can share what the personal devotional life means to them. They should be chosen in advance and advised that their testimony should be short and just that—a personal testimony of what the revival is doing for them.