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THEME: "Never Too Late to Sow the Seed" (Eccl. 11:6)

Praying Down Revivals

WHEN MEN PRAY, GOD WORKS; HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

**RETRO ARTICLE
NOV 1946
By John Shearer**

In 1885, J. H. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Connor, Ireland, urged one of his young men to do "something more" for God. "Could you not gather at least six of your careless neighbors and spend an hour with them in reading and searching the Word of God?" The young man agreed to attempt "something more," and the result was the commencement of the Tannybrake Sunday School.

After two years' labor, the teachers of this little school did again "something more." They asked the parents of the children to come to a meeting for prayer and Bible reading at the close of the school. Only one responded at first, but the meeting grew, and soon the Sabbath School Teachers' Prayer Meeting became intensely interesting, for the Spirit of God came pouring into this newly opened channel. "Christ and the Cross" became the one absorbing theme of the gathering, and an in-

tense desire to win souls for Christ seized the workers.

Among these praying folk were four young men—M'Quilken, Meneely, Wallace and Carlisle—who were very strongly bound together in the fellowship of prayer. The story of George Muller quickened within them a mighty faith in God as the Hearer of Prayer. They began to meet regularly in the old schoolhouse of Kells, pouring out their hearts in passionate supplication for Revival. Like-minded brethren joined them, and now decided conversions, clearly following definite and insistent prayer, greatly encouraged them.

In 1858 came the news of the American Awakening. They heard how in New York, 12,000 business men met daily for prayer, and, like Jacob, they cried: "We will not let Thee go, except Thou bless us." Nor was the answer delayed. Prayer meeting multiplied all around them.



Daily conversions took place. Soon Connor was manifestly ablaze with holy fire.

A great Revival is like a forest fire. You may trace its early course, following the first thin line of flame. But soon its progress is so swift and widely diffused that the eye can no longer keep pace with it. The flame bursts forth at once in many places, and now we see but one great conflagration. So it was with this marvelous work of grace. You might observe its course in Connor and a little beyond in 1858. But in 1859 the Heavenly fire was leaping up and spreading in all directions through Antrim, Downs, Derry, Tyrone, and the other countries of Ulster, and to this day "59" is remembered as the preeminent year of grace.

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Celebrating the Fires of Pentecost

By Rev. David W. Cook; International Bible Church; San Antonio, TX

Pentecostalism has become the largest and fastest-growing segment of Christianity in the world. In 1982, David Barrett wrote a thousand-page book entitled, *The World Christian Encyclopedia*. It was estimated then that 100 million people spoke in tongues. Twenty years later, he updated his findings in a three-volume book, each with a thousand pages, in which it is estimated that there are 5.237 million Pentecostal Charismatic Christians in the world.

Almost every continent has experienced a massive revival of Christianity in the last several years. Around the world, Christianity is growing at an amazing rate. Every day, 178,000 people are being saved worldwide. Accompanying the growth of Christianity is the mighty work of the Pentecostal power—signs and wonders with supernatural miracles; the operation of Spiritual gifts, including the Baptism of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in tongues. God is moving powerfully in these days.

◆ An estimated 28,000 are coming to Christ daily in CHINA, 20,000 in AFRICA, and 35,000 in LATIN AMERICA.

◆ In 1900, KOREA had no Christians. It now is over 40% Christian. David Yongi Cho (who just died) had a Pentecostal church of more than 800,000 in Seoul. Korea is celebrating 100 years of Pentecostal revival.

◆ In CHINA in 1950, it was estimated to have one million believers; by 1980 there were 40 million believers; by 1992 there were 75 million believers in China. It's continuing to grow at an explosive rate.

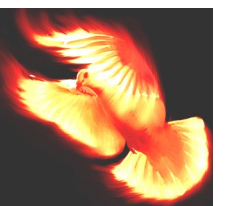
◆ LATIN AMERICANS are getting saved at a rate that is four times faster than the population growth. In 1900, there were only 50,000 born-again believers in Latin America, but by 1980, there were 20 million. By the year 2000, that number has grown to more than 100 million.

◆ In the MIDDLE EAST—During the Persian Gulf War, more than 100 churches were planted in SAUDI ARABIA. There is a mighty move of the Holy Spirit in Moslem countries. One of the greatest revivals in the world is happening in IRAN (especially among women).

◆ In MYANMAR, (formerly Burma), 37 of the nation's top Lotus monks gave their hearts to the Lord during a presentation of the Jesus film.

◆ In ALGERIA, in the village Bugia in this Moslem nation, every person became a Christian when Jesus appeared to each of them in dreams the very same night.

The church began at Pentecost in a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was in fulfillment of what Jesus had promised His disciples. He told His followers to wait in Jerusalem for the Promised Comforter. Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me, in Jerusalem, Samaria, and all Judea, and the uttermost parts of the earth." Ten days later in a prayer meeting in the upper room, the Holy Spirit descended. The good news is that the flames are still burning!





Pentecost and the Jesus Movement

By Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Board Member

Pentecost Sunday: June 5th!

IMA has hundreds of ministers that have been directly affected by the Jesus Movement of the late 1960s to 1970s. It may have been by personal experience or perhaps by those in their teens or twenties coming to faith in that era who later assimilated into IMA churches. One way or another, the Jesus Movement directly affected the spiritual climate of the USA and the entire world.

Many of you could write your own testimony of how the Holy Spirit moved throughout the war-torn, drug-infested, freedom-seeking youth during the 1960s. The insights I've gathered here originate from interviews, research, and personal experience. I was there.

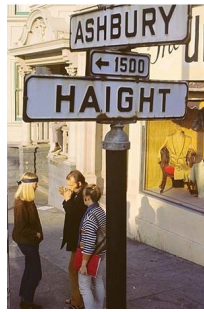


Following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Presidential hopeful, Bobby Kennedy; the close of the Vietnam War; and a mass-exodus of young people from nearly every state in the union, society changed. There was a convening of beguiled young people to Haight and Ashbury Street in San Francisco, California. This happened in about 1967 when the Hippy Movement was in full force. The free-loving hippies (wore pants on their hips rather than pulled up with shirts tucked

in) were looking for something, but few knew what that was. America's youth went for "Free-love" and expensive "Highs" or drug trips. This new group dominated the U.S. and much of the Western World. Amongst these love-ins and misguided youth, however, came preachers of the gospel. They gave a "future and a hope" to all who would hear the truth.

Instrumental to this spiritual revival was [cross-carrying] Arthur Blessed, Hal Linsey and (conservative CMA Pastor) Chuck Smith (known later for Calvary Chapel Churches). As the story goes, Chuck was a pastor of a typical, smaller, Bible-believing church. He heard about the Jesus Movement, saw young people wearing JESUS T-shirts, carrying Bibles and wondered what it was all about. One day, he told his son he would like to meet some Jesus people. His son said, "Let's go, Dad; they are hitch-hiking on the highways." They jumped into their car and pulled over to pick up the first Jesus-people person they saw. When he got into the car and talked a little while, it was discovered his name was Lonnie Frisby. They brought Lonnie into their home; Chuck Smith and Lonnie began a long-term relationship. This new bond touched tens of thousands of troubled youth in the movement. As things progressed, churches began holding gospel talks on the beach. Thousands were converted to Christ. Hun-

Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after Him!" John 10:19



dreds of young people were baptized in the ocean everyday.

An unnamed IMA minister had a profound impact on many churches who were at first very reluctant to receive these long-haired, bell-bottomed, jean-wearing, unconventional young men and women. Because of a message called "Who Is Your Neighbor?" traditional Pentecostals began to open up their hearts and welcome in these new believers. The result: Thousands of new converts entered churches across the country. Tens of thousands became pastors, missionaries, Bible-college leaders, Seminary professors and more.

Pentecost Sunday is coming soon. It gives IMA ministers opportunity to speak about the original Day of Pentecost. We can also brush up on church history and give living examples of when the Holy Spirit moved upon people in the distant and recent past. Let's make room for the Holy Spirit to move afresh in our services on this glorious Sunday!

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Fresh Outpouring

By Rev. Chad Hayes
Chairman of the IMA National Board



Once again, the Pentecost Season has arrived. We celebrate the fact that God's Spirit is with us. He has taken up residence within us.

One thing I realize during this Pentecost Season is that even though I am a Spirit-filled believer, often times, things can become very stale, spiritually speaking, without even realizing it. It can be too easy to get to a place of living life and doing ministry without being centered and grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I want to urge each of you not to take the abundant supply of the Holy Spirit for granted. Don't allow the busyness of life to distract you from leaning in to the presence of the Lord and receiving what you need the most. Nor should you allow the repetitive routines of day to day life lull you into apathy.

As leaders, we must always position ourselves to stay fresh in our spiritual walk. Stay in the Word and pray. Pray with understanding and pray in the Spirit. Stay plugged in to the Source.

I believe we also have a responsibility to contend for the move of the Holy Spirit in our churches and ministries. We have a responsibility to make sure the bodies we lead are also digging into the Word and praying.

My prayer that all churches and ministries in the IMA will experience a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit this Pentecost Season!



IMA World Harvest Offering

The IMA has a 70 year legacy of helping to fulfill the Great Commission. We have more than fifty IMA missionaries serving in six continents. Some missionaries plant churches, while others run schools or feeding programs. Still others disciple youth at soccer camps and operate boats or airplanes to reach remote people groups.

For many years, IMA churches have participated in an annual offering called the World Harvest Offering. This offering has allowed the IMA to raise a good portion of funds needed to support our missionaries.

This year we have marked **Sunday, May 29th** for our **World Harvest Offering**. We hope all of our churches will participate! We have prepared a short video (which will be emailed) that you can show in your church. It explains the purpose of the World Harvest Offering and presents many of our missionaries.

Questions? Contact the IMA Home Office. Thank you for cheerfully giving!

IMA 2022 National Conference **SAVE THE DATE!** **Mon—Wed, September 19-21, 2022**
Living Waters Church; Seguin, TX; Hosts: Rev. Paul & Brooke Mason
Airports: San Antonio (or Austin), TX ~ Theme: Fearless Faith!

Quotable Quotes

"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?" ~ Bible, Psalm 85:6

"A revival means days of heaven upon earth." ~ David Lloyd-Jones

"We cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from Heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again." ~ G. Campbell Morgan

"Present-day wickedness, apostasy and modern civilization cannot prevent revival." ~ John R. Rice

"When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the Day of Pentecost." ~ David Wilkerson

"As long as we are content to live without revival, we will." ~ Leonard Ravenhill

"Every time we say: 'I believe in the Holy Spirit,' we mean that we believe that there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it." ~ J.B. Philips

God of inspiration, move your church as You did in those early days. Fill us with your Spirit and ignite us with holy fire so we might go out, proclaiming hope for the lost and eternal life for the condemned. Breathe on us Breath of Life. Amen.

A revival may be expected when Christians have a spirit of prayer for a revival. That is, when they pray as if their hearts were set upon it. When Christians have the spirit of prayer for a revival. When they go about groaning out their hearts desire. When they have real travail of soul.