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From President Brian Fossett

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President, Conference of Georgia Baptist Evangelists

Greetings in the strong and mighty name of Jesus! I pray that you are experiencing the great blessings and joy of the Lord along with your family and the ministry to which God has called you.

I know you join me in a sincere desire to see Heaven-sent revival sweep our land. I am so concerned with the lack of urgency and expectancy most churches and church members exhibit toward God. We suffer from the “been there, done that” syndrome. We need revival! Not a series of meetings on the calendar, but true revival.

You know as well as I do, according to the Scripture, Ephesians 4:11, evangelists are a gift to the church. The God-called office of the evangelist is Biblical and necessary. We are appropriately named together in God’s Word. The urgency of the hour dictates we remain together as a team, working together. However, evangelists do not pull revival out of their back pockets.

Billy Graham says forty-five percent of the effectiveness of a revival is preparation, ten percent is proclamation or presentation, and forty-five percent is preservation. The church must prepare (45%)...(a) pray, (b) bring the lost, (c) promote. The church must follow-up (45%)...(a) baptize those that are saved, (b) connect them to a small group like Sunday School, (c) visit, witness to, and win their lost family and friends as soon as possible. We need to “iron while the iron is hot.”

I want to encourage you to plan two revivals a year. Involve your people, do the preparation, expect people to be saved, and follow-up. Use a God-called evangelist. The late Dr. Roy Fish said it like this, **“Revivals work when people do.”** Work your revivals. The fruit will be souls saved, a church revived, and a pastor encouraged.

Brian Fossett



From Joel Southerland

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It was the late Adrian Rogers who said, “*Study the history of revival. God has always sent revival in the darkest days. Oh, for a mighty, sweeping revival today!*”

We are in dark days in our nation and our world. It seems that sin, immorality, and hard hearts abound on every hand. What’s the answer to the situation? The answer is a move of God that begins in our churches and spreads to our culture. God has gifted the itinerate evangelist for just that task.

In Ephesians 4:11, God places the office of Evangelist (not evangelism) beside the office of Pastor. The God-gifted evangelist is a great gift, tool, and resource for the Pastor to help him lead the church to do ministry and evangelism. The Evangelist has a driving passion to see the lost come to Christ and the un-churched brought back into the fold. One of the great mistakes a pastor can make is not exposing his church to the passion and gifting of an evangelist.

Some might even ask, “Do revivals still work?” “Aren’t revivals and harvest days a thing of days gone by?”

It’s popular to have that sentiment but the research does not bear it out. In our research we found that **churches that hold revival meetings baptize 27% more** than those that do not. That cannot take into account if it was a good revival – a revival where there was much prayer and planning. Or, was it a revival where the right evangelist took part? I would venture to say that churches that hold a well-planned, organized, and prayed over revival baptize much more than 27% more. In 2012 alone, almost 60% of our top baptizing churches held a revival meeting. The research says revivals work.

How difficult is it to hold a revival? It is much easier than you think. Here are a few quick steps:

- **Put it on the Calendar** – take out a pencil now and beginning planning no less than 6 months in advance. Find a date when schools are in session and nothing major is going on at the church.
- **Book an Evangelist** – look through the pages of this book and pray. Pray that God will lead you to the right man. If you are having difficulty, call my office and we can help.
- **Start Planning** – we’ve created a great web resource to take all the worry and difficulty out of planning a revival. www.revivalprep.com will be a tremendous resource for you and your church.

And, that’s it. If you will do those three things you will have a great revival and see many come to Christ.

Let’s work together to reduce the lostness in Georgia and our world!

Joel Southerland



From Pastor Johnny Hunt

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What an absolute privilege, as a Pastor of a local Southern Baptist Church, to realize the importance of using our Southern Baptist Evangelists. The Bible makes it extremely clear in Ephesians 4 that God has given gifts to the church, one of those being the gift of the Evangelist. During a past sabbatical, while being away for seven Sundays, four of those Sundays were filled with Evangelists. As a result, fifty-two baptisms were recorded in my absence.

I thank God for the way that He is using Evangelists to make a difference as it pertains to the harvest that needs to take place in our local churches. And, it is with great joy and anticipation that I commend to you our wonderful Georgia Baptist Evangelists. Use their incredible gifts to bless and challenge your churches and communities. They are a precious gift to the local New Testament church. Your people will thank you, and the sinners saved by grace will bless you throughout eternity.

God bless!

Dr. Johnny M. Hunt

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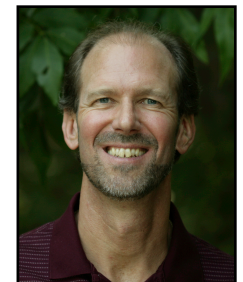
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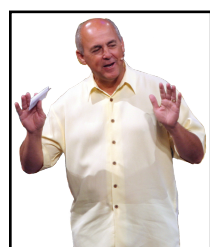
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