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New Years Blessing!

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon
thee, and give thee peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

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From the Heart of the District Superintendent



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Prayer Is a Prerequisite To Revival

As we fully understand the spiritual condition of the world around us, it must bring us to a place of repentance and turning to the Lord of the Harvest. As Jesus stated in His day, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Being like the sons of Issachar and understanding the times is one of the keys to experiencing revival. As John Wesley once said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." Myles Munroe wrote in his book, **Understanding The Purpose and Power of Prayer**, "Prayer is therefore not an option for mankind but a necessity. If we don't pray, heaven cannot interfere in earth's affairs. It is imperative that we take responsibility for the earth and determine what happens here by our prayer lives." Munroe goes on to write, "prayer is our earthly license for heavenly interference."

Let us begin 2024 with a renewed emphasis on prayer! Throughout the Old Testament, the Israelites enjoyed the blessings of the Lord every time they repented and turned to God in prayer. One illustration of answered prayer is found in I Samuel 1. Hannah was one of the wives of Elkanah. Her problem was she was barren. This is the same problem for too many churches today, they are barren. For too many years these churches have witnessed no new converts. One of the solutions to this problem is the faithful equipping of the saints to be soul winners. Prayers for the lost in our communities is of utmost importance. Hannah shows us how to petition the Lord for the lost in 1 Samuel 1:10, "And [Hannah] was in distress of soul, praying to the Lord and weeping bitterly" [Amplified]. One translation says she was "heartbroken" another, "deeply distressed" still another, "was in bitterness of soul and prayed unto the Lord and wept sore." All of these indicate the attitude which followers of Christ must have toward our world that is lost without Christ. All of these expressions of Hannah reflect the heart of her soul because she was barren. This must also be the reflection of the heart of the church when we do not see people come to Christ in salvation repentance.

When Eli the priest saw Hannah weeping but noted that he did not hear her speak a word, he accused her of being drunk. She replied she was not drunk but was a woman of a sorrowful spirit and had poured her soul out before the Lord. As the church we must follow Hannah's example and pray like we have never prayed before for the Lord to give us souls in our altars seeking the Lord in repentance which leads to salvation.

Prayer is the beginning point of any revival. When you read church history and the stories of revival, they always begin with extended times of prayer by the body of Christ. James Stewart, in a 1954 Pentecostal Evangel article, challenged readers to creatively and proactively fulfill the Great Commission. He wrote, "The magnitude of the unfinished task forces us to witness in unconventional places, at unconventional times, with an unconventional approach. It is our duty to go to the unsaved with the Gospel and not wait until they come to us. Evangelism is not optional for Christians." Stewart went on to write that Christians will "either evangelize or apostatize." His concluding remarks encouraged believers to consecrate themselves to God and to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He wrote, "Let us dedicate our lives, talents, possessions, and time to the sacred task of worldwide witness. We are couriers of the Cross. The task is great but not impossible. The Holy Ghost is here to empower us. Without the baptism of power our ministry is in vain."

The fresh wind of the Holy Spirit which brings the unrepentant soul to Christ is the same fresh wind which is needed to empower every believer to do as Solomon instructs in Proverbs 11:30, "he that winneth souls is wise." Let the fires of revival come as the church renews the altars of prayer for the lost. Revival will not happen except there is a people who will once again fall on their faces before God and prevail in prayer even as Hannah did. As this occurs the resulting revival will hear the words of Eli the priest as is recorded in I Samuel 1:17, "Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him."

PRAYER IS A PREREQUISITE TO REVIVAL
We declare 2024,
THE YEAR OF REVIVAL!!!

Thank You!

The district leadership team would like to express our appreciation to you for your expressions of love shown to us during the Christmas season. Words always seem inadequate, but please know we sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you for every card, offering, and prayer.
May God bless you in 2024!

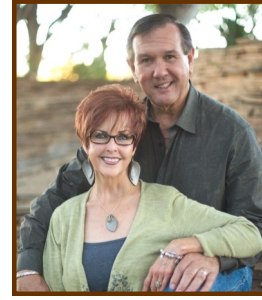
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THE FIRST STEP IS A DEEP
REPENTANCE, A BREAKING DOWN
OF HEART, A GETTING DOWN INTO
THE DUST BEFORE GOD, WITH
DEEP HUMILITY, AND A FORSAKING
OF SIN.

CHARLES FINNEY ON HOW TO
BEGIN A REVIVAL



District Secretary/Treasurer



Billy & Bettye
Nickell

Keep The Fire Burning: Part 1, Leviticus 6:8-13

With the debut of 2024, the new year is synonymous with **resolutions, resolves, and reviews** of the previous twelve months. Studies show that New Year's resolutions are not new to the twenty-first century, nor to this millennium. History tells of the ancient Babylonians making promises to the gods on the New Year, believing the gods would favor them if they remained true to their word. The ancient Romans sacrificed to Janus (after which the month of January was named), promising good behavior in the coming year. I suspect their good intentions were much like many today. Research shows that only 9% of Americans who make resolutions complete them, while 23% of people quit their resolution by the end of the first week, and 43% quit by the end of January, despite 52% of them feeling certain they will follow through with their resolve. While initiation to lose weight, save money, spend more time with spouse and family, or find balance for life is commendable, **continuation to Keep the Fire Burning** is of ultimate importance! Three times in the six verses of our text the command and warning to keep the fire of the altar burning without interruption is mentioned. "Do not allow the fire to go out!" No matter how hectic the day or how busy the schedule, never let the fire go out! Years later in a different dispensation the apostle Paul would say somewhat the same to Timothy, "This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you" (2 Timothy 1:6 NLT). "Timothy, keep the fire burning! Take the necessary measures so God's fire never diminishes or disappears from your life!" The Law of Degeneration is the natural bent. Left unattended, fire

diminishes and eventually **dies out** unless proactive measures are taken!

One of the travesties in growing numbers of modern-day churches is the absence of **God-fire**, a problem also seen in many who personally identify as "Christian." Have we forgotten that our spiritual birth as Pentecostals/Charismatics came about by **God-fire**? Do we not remember? We were not made members of God's family by walking the aisle, shaking a pastor's hand or signing a membership card! I will forever cherish the encounters that have powerfully impacted my life from childhood until present when God's fire fell upon my heart during a church service, a youth camp, or a minister's conference. Without exception those occasions were pivotal times in my life!

From Genesis to Revelation we see fire as one of the manifestations of Jehovah. We further see His fire coming upon men and women who live in intimate fellowship with Him. Much like a fireplace poker or fire iron that is inserted deep into the searing coals of a fireplace or a furnace, the intense heat of the fire is transferred into the fire iron, causing it to take on the nature of the furnace without the furnace diminishing its intensity. Just as the Passover Lamb of the First Testament foreshadows the Lamb of God who would come in human flesh and die that we might live, the fire of the Old Testament Tabernacle altars corresponds with the Holy Spirit fire of New Testament! John the Baptist announced, "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" (Matthew 3:11 NLT).

This fire of which Scripture speaks is much more than **charisma, homiletical prowess, talent, loudness of voice** or **emotions**. It is what the late Leonard Ravenhill identifies as the **unction** in his classic book, **Why Revival Tarries**. Following the Foreword by A. W. Tozer, Chapter 1 is entitled, **With All Thy Getting, Get Uction**. Illustrating the necessity for the unction, Ravenhill states, "A sermon born in the head reaches the head; a sermon born in the heart reaches the heart." The early fathers of Pentecost in America were known for saying, "Set me ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit and folks will come from miles around to watch me burn." The Pentecostal movement was birthed in the fire of revival, while being ridiculed and besmirched by the unbelieving! As the Azusa Street outpouring made headlines around the world, the **Los Angeles Daily Times** reported with contempt of a "new sect of fanatics breaking loose" in what the reporter called a "tumble-down shack" in the industrial area at 312 Azusa St. The front page story of April 18, 1906 read, "The devotees of the weird doctrine practice the most fanatical rites, preach the wildest theories and work themselves into a state of mad excitement in their peculiar zeal" yet the **fire** continued to burn. The **Azusa Street papers**, a reprint of **The Apostolic Faith Mission Publications**, of which William J. Seymour was the editor, tells many testimonies of those who came from all over the world to experience this supernatural fire. The May 1907 issue gave a summary of what was happening in Los Angeles and around the world, "Pentecostal power is sweeping its way into churches, missions, asylums, jails, hospitals, and soldiers' barracks. People are being cleansed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the power of the Holy Ghost. The saints of the Lord from Los Angeles to Africa and India are speaking in tongues and glorifying God."

Those who know particulars of the origin of the Assemblies of God fellowship in 1914 at Hot Springs, Arkansas, may also know about the letter of invitation that was sent calling on hungry hearts to attend with one stipulation attached, "No deadheads allowed." Though most of the attendees did not have much education, they had experienced the fire of God on the altar of their hearts and were committed to effectively evangelize the world by means of the same. They firmly believed the Old Testament prophet's insight, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6b KJV). As we move into the New Year of 2024, may we firmly commit to **Keep the Fire Burning!**

This Fire is Divine. God-fire is distinct from natural fire, such as lightning or the sun. We stand in awe of the power of those things but they are only a flicker in comparison to divine fire. It is a class of its own without rival or equal! It cannot be duplicated by **Disney** or **Universal Studios!** It is **Holy Fire** - both a **manifestation** and an **impartation** of God Himself! Scripture announces, "For our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29 KJV). While in Leviticus 6 we read God's directive to keep the fire burning on the altars, Leviticus 9:22-24 yields further insight, "After that, Aaron raised his hands toward the people and blessed them. Then, after presenting the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offering, he stepped down from the altar. Then Moses and Aaron went into the Tabernacle, and when they came back out, they blessed the people again, and the glory of the LORD appeared to the whole community. Fire blazed forth from the Lord's presence and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted with joy and fell face down on the ground" (KJV). Luke writes in Acts 2 of a similar manifestation and impartation as 120 tarried for the promised infilling of the Holy Spirit. This was not some ecclesiastical/religious conclave of dead liturgy. They were men and women hungry for God, who understood they needed more than a dog and a pony show to impact Jerusalem with the Good News! Ten days later everything changed! "And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place, when suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them. And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words]" (Acts 2:1-4 Amplified). Two millenniums later as the Church enters 2024, our theme should be, **Keep the Fire Burning!**





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Glenn R. Beaver
Superintendent

To the Ladies in Ministry across West Texas,

As I introduce the new coordinator of West Texas Ladies in Ministry, let me first of all say thank you to Regina Gonzalez who has filled this ministry assignment in the recent past. Due to the challenges we all faced during the pandemic it has been very difficult for our Ladies in Ministry to gather for meaningful times of fellowship and connection. While visiting with Regina recently she requested to step aside from this ministry assignment. We appreciate her time and effort to minister to our West Texas ladies during the challenges of recent years.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Pam Smith, spouse of Brad Smith, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God, Midland, as the new coordinator of West Texas Ladies in Ministry. As Sis. Pam shares in her letter which is enclosed, she has many years of ministry as an educator as well as being a pastor's wife. Pam is well gifted in communication and I believe that she will connect well with our Ladies in Ministry whether they are a credentialed minister, spouse of a minister or in a leadership position in a church.

Please feel free to reach out to Pam for resources and information regarding the upcoming gathering on March 8-9, 2024. My prayer is that the ladies of West Texas will continue to join together to strengthen the ministry assignments of each person who carries out the call of God.

Join with Pam as we pray together to effectively minister to one another as we bear one another's burdens as instructed in scripture.

May God's best be yours,

Glenn R. Beaver

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Enclosure

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Greetings Ladies,

I would like to start off by introducing myself to those of whom I have not had the honor of meeting yet. My name is Pam Smith. My husband, Brad, and I pastor Calvary Assembly of God in Midland, TX. In 1991, I graduated from Rhema Bible College and began working for the ministry there. I later attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University earning a degree in Church Ministries. I taught school in Perryton, Spearman, and Stanton for a total of 14 years before leaving to serve as the administrator at Calvary. The very best part about me is my family. I have the best husband, three amazing sons, and a beautiful daughter-in-law. All who love the Lord and serve Him wholeheartedly.

I was humbled and honored when Brother Beaver asked me to oversee the West Texas Ladies in Ministry, and my excitement has only grown from that day until now. Our churches across West Texas are so geographically spread out that relationships can sometimes be difficult. As ladies in ministry, we often find ourselves feeling lonely and isolated. Ladies, we were not meant to live life alone. We need each other!

I want to strengthen the bond between the ladies who serve in the ministry by providing friendship, support, and encouragement. I would love to see us become a close network of ladies who empower each other as we all fulfill God's calling on our lives.

Our Ladies in Ministry Retreat is scheduled for March 8-9, 2024. Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss it. In the meantime, I will be setting up a Ladies in Ministry Facebook page and hosting some gatherings to fellowship and get to know one another.

I look forward to serving you and strengthening the community of ladies who give their lives in service to the people of West Texas.

In Christ Alone,

Pam Smith



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Email resumes to Pastor Brad Smith at: bpbpa1995@yahoo.com.

Prayer Requests: **Stephen Norman Sr**, complete recovery from a brain bleed; **Gary McLendon**, surgery; **Becky Nenstiel**, cancer; **Chuck & Judy Redger**, healing; **Rey Rodriquez**, Muscular Dystrophy; **Luther Foster**, health issues; **Annette Newberry**, Dementia; **George & Janice Mullen**, health issues and strength; **Regina Gonzalez**, autoimmune disease; **Brenda Van Hoose**, autoimmune disease; **Perry Shuffield**, health issues; **Mylinda Wood**, (sister of Tracy McWilliams), ALS; **Patsy Anderson**, (mother of Kevin Anderson), heart issues; and **Sue Stevens**, (mother of Darla Anderson), Dementia.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Happy
 New Year





Christina Sattesalm
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MARCH 11-13 **AG NEXTGEN
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CONFERENCE**

MARCH 22-23 **FINE ARTS
FESTIVAL**

MAY

MAY 13-16 **WEST OF 50'S**

MAY 26-29 **CAMP SERVE DAYS**

MAY 29-JUNE 1 **KIDS CAMP 1**

JUNE

YOUTH CAMP 1 JUNE 3-7

JULY

CAMP SERVE DAYS JULY 7-10

KIDS CAMP 2 JULY 10-13

CAMP SERVE DAYS JULY 19-21

YOUTH CAMP 2 JULY 22-26

AUGUST

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