

2026-9 Email Intro for September 2026 Prayer Letter
Continuing the Work of Discipleship
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AUGUST IN WINCHESTER

Dear Pastor and Faithful Friends,

The month of August was a very special time for us as we stayed with our youngest daughter, Jessica, and her family in Winchester, Virginia. We spent much of the month enjoying our family and preparing for our grandson's wedding on August 28. It was a wonderful reminder of how quickly the years pass and how thankful we are for every opportunity the LORD gives us to be with our children and grandchildren.

But the LORD had something else waiting for us in Winchester. What began as an ordinary meal at Olive Garden became something we could never have planned. Our server, Maxx, was a young Catholic lady. As I witnessed to her, I gave her the Goodness Test card and the How to Have Peace With God booklet. She wanted me to explain the booklet to her from the first page to the last. As I was witnessing to her, the Holy Spirit was leading her to the Lord, and Maxx trusted Christ as her Savior. We began calling it the Olive Garden Revival.

The LORD was not finished. Five days later, I had lunch at Olive Garden again. On my way out, I had the opportunity to witness to the young manager who was greeting those coming and going. When I offered him the Goodness Test Card, he told me he was a Mormon and that they believed the same things we believe. I showed him a picture in the Mormon Gospel Principles book which teaches that their god was once a man like us. As we talked, he told me that Maxx had been showing everyone the How To Have Peace With God tract for days. As our conversation continued, I could see a change coming over him. The Holy Spirit was speaking to his heart.

Those experiences caused me to think seriously about revival. We often think of revival as a special meeting at church, but the LORD began impressing upon my heart that true revival begins much deeper than that. Revival begins when God begins His work in the heart. A heart begins to hunger for Him, becomes willing to listen to Him, and then responds in obedience.

That burden has now become our newest book:

THE REVIVAL BOOK

When God Begins His Work in the Heart

Throughout the Scriptures we find hearts that longed for God. David cried, "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psa. 51:10). Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6). Again and again, we see that when a heart truly longs for God, He begins to work.

That is also the burden behind this month's prayer letter. We are praying for revival, not only in churches, but in the hearts of pastors and believers. We are asking the LORD to give us willing hearts that will look honestly at His Word and be willing to move from tradition to obedience.

Please pray with us that the LORD will use The REVIVAL Book and Learning Center Ministries to reach those willing hearts.

With love and prayers,
Dave & Putter Weeks
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When God Begins His Work in the Heart

Revival is not something we can manufacture through meetings, preaching, or emotion. It is a work of the Holy Spirit in a heart that already belongs to God. Through His Word, He can awaken a heart that has become weary, troubled, distracted, discouraged, or occupied with self and turn it freshly toward the LORD.

The REVIVAL Book takes you through Scripture and real-life examples to show how revival comes to a longing heart. From the Beatitudes and Hannah to David, Nineveh, and many others, you will see how God responds to hearts that hunger, seek, and cry out to Him. You will also read contemporary testimonies, including the "Olive Garden revival," to see that He still changes lives today.

Whether you are longing for a closer walk with the LORD, praying for revival in your church, or burdened for a lost loved one, this book will encourage you to seek Him with a whole heart. He is still reviving hearts today.

*A revived heart brings a changed life,
and a changed life brings glory to God.*



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WHY THE REVIVAL BOOK?

For many years, when I heard the word revival, I thought of a special series of church meetings. An evangelist would come, Christians would invite their unsaved friends and neighbors, and we would pray that people would come to Christ. The LORD has certainly used those meetings, but I have come to understand that genuine revival begins much closer to home. It begins in the heart of a believer.

David gives us a beautiful picture in Psalm 51. After his sin, he did not need to be saved again. He needed his heart restored to fellowship with God. He prayed, Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Psa 51:10). Then he asked the LORD to restore the joy of His salvation. Only after that did David say, Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee (Psa 51:13). There is an order there we should not miss. God first works in our hearts, and then He can work through us to reach other hearts.

That is what makes *The REVIVAL Book* so important to me. I want us to discover that revival does not have to wait for a special meeting or an evangelist. It can begin when an ordinary Christian opens his heart completely to the LORD and becomes willing to obey Him in the ordinary places of life.

That is exactly what happened during what I have come to call the Olive Garden Revival. There was no scheduled meeting and no planned evangelistic service. There were simply people whose paths crossed in a restaurant, opportunities to share the Gospel, and hearts in which God was already working. What happened there reminded me that when the LORD has our heart, He can use us wherever He places us.

My prayer is that this book will help us stop asking only, "LORD, will You send revival?" and begin asking a much more personal question:

"LORD, will You begin revival in me?" And if He does, there is no telling how many other hearts He may touch through ours.

how many have ever been personally equipped to take what they have learned and disciple another believer?

This is where the move from tradition to obedience becomes so important. Tradition is not necessarily wrong. Many of our traditions have blessed us greatly, and we thank the LORD for every faithful pastor and church that has stood for the Word of God. But even a good tradition must never keep us from examining whether we are fully carrying out the command of our LORD. Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

There is another verse that makes this especially serious: “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (Jam. 4:17). Once the LORD shows us something from His Word, we become responsible for what He has shown us. The question is no longer whether discipling believers would be a good addition to our church program. The question becomes, Are we willing to obey what Christ has already commanded?

REVIVAL IN THE HEART

This is why we are praying for revival. Revival is more than a series of meetings or an unusual time of blessing. Revival begins when the LORD works in a heart until that heart longs for Him and becomes willing to obey Him. Before churches can move from tradition to obedience, there must be hearts willing to say, “LORD, show me what You want me to do, and I will do it.”

We are praying especially for the hearts of pastors. We are not asking the LORD simply to persuade pastors to accept Learning Center Ministries. We are asking Him to revive their hearts. We are praying that pastors will open the Scriptures afresh and ask whether the believers God has entrusted to them are becoming disciples—and whether those disciples are being equipped to disciple others. If the Word of God shows that something needs to change, revival gives us the willing heart to make that change.

Where are those who will say, “It is time for us to look again at the Scriptures and begin discipling believers who will become disciplers”? We believe there are pastors with that kind of heart. We are praying that the LORD will bring us together with them and allow us to help in any way we can.

That is why Learning Center Ministries exists. We are not trying to replace Sunday School, preaching, or any other ministry of the local church. We simply want to help pastors fulfill the responsibility God has already given them—to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. We are here to help you.

The LORD has already given us the command. He has already given us the pattern. He has already shown us the need. Now we are praying for willing hearts to take the next step.

Please pray with us for revival in the hearts of pastors—that the LORD will give them willing hearts to move from tradition to obedience and equip believers to become disciples who become disciplers.

With love and prayers,
Dave & Putter Weeks