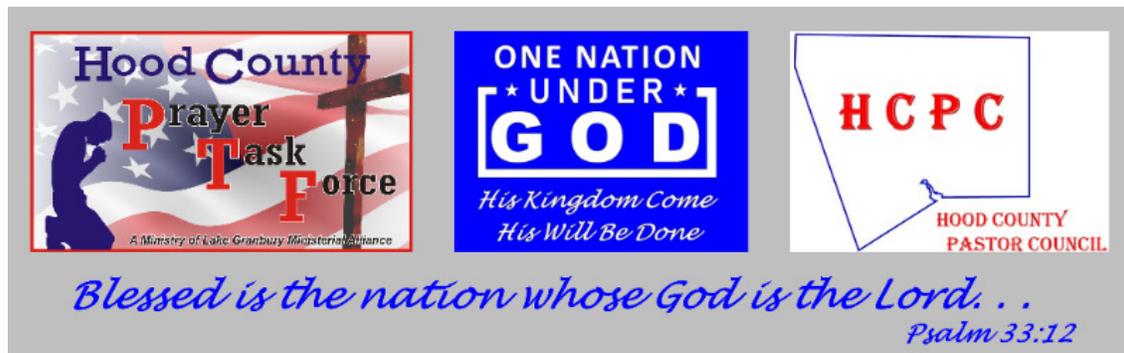


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Pray for Spiritual Awakening

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Reflections

In the book *Revival*, Doug Munton describes the beginning of a spiritual awakening that happened at the Church he Pastored.

It was the week following an incredible Sunday night service – one that had lasted for more than four hours. Dozens of people had made public confessions of sins and requests for specific prayer. I was trying to analyze what had happened. Had it been genuine revival or just a temporary emotional binge? ...Then people began to tell me about what God was doing in their lives.

Challenge

Revival begins in the Church.

For Discussion

Is the Church more influenced by the world or is the world more influenced by

Families were transformed, couples prayed together for the first time, several had gained a burden for witnessing, people were sharing their faith with their friends, people began getting saved, others renewed broken relationships and on and on it went.

Throughout the ages, every spiritual awakening looks at least a little different than all the others. However, there is one common thread throughout them all. Spiritual awakenings always begin in the Church and spread out into the world. Jesus awakens the Church, then, through the Church, Jesus awakens the world around them. Perhaps the greatest verse in all of Scripture that depicts this reality is the one above.

If you have been in Church at all, I'm sure you have learned that the first three words are vital; "If My People!" A Spiritual Awakening ALWAYS begins in the Church. Jesus added, "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." (John15:7)

Of course the "ask whatever you wish" of this teaching only includes those things that are within the will of God. Certainly a Spiritual Awakening is included in the will of God. Therefore, if God's People, remain in Christ, then Christ remains in them...at this point we are prepared to ask for Spiritual Awakening. Simply asking isn't sufficient, we must be obedient to Him, in order to remain in Him, so that we may ask of Him what He desires already...Spiritual Awakening. And so, our prayer for Spiritual Awakening is a prayer for the obedience and revival of the Church. If God's Church is Awakened the world will not be able to stand against it.

Prayer

Lord God Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, we join together with other believers in asking you to melt the hearts of your Church. We confess that we have hardened ourselves to your will

the Church?

Does the obedience of the Church bring revival or does revival bring obedience to the Church?



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and your ways. And so, we have hardened our hearts toward the perfect relationship you have designed us for in Creation and in Christ. We have seen, through Scripture and in our day, what happens when the Church does not seek you first. We see our need for you today. So we pray that You will move on us, that we might repent and seek your face and turn from our wicked ways. Lord send revival. Lord send a Spiritual Awakening in me and in us all. In the strong name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray. So Let It Be!!

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