

Judges 2:10 "After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel."

*Joel 2:28-32.*

## 'Revival Fire'

### ▫ What is revival?

*The CHURCH DORMANT becomes the CHURCH MILITANT*

### ▫ Do we understand a 'Spiritual Awakening'?

*Psalms 85:6 "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"*

*A. W. Tozer: "A revival changes the moral climate of a community"*

### *This is why I am committed to REVIVAL...*

*Deuteronomy 4:9. Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. **Teach them to your children and to their children after them.***

### **In the Murray River**

*Joel 2:28 'I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh'.*

*"Only later did we realize the amazing move of God that was taking place!" (Sunraysia, 1966-67)*

## An Art Gallery and a Back Brace

*Acts 9:32-35. As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. 34 "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. 35 All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.*

### •Gangrene and Back Healing – Broken Hill

*And - many turned to the Lord... (1968-1971)*

## It happened in a Tin Shed

*John 7:37-39 "On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "**If anyone is thirsty**, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, ...*

*God was moving in power among us! (Sunraysia 1972)*

## Canvas Cathedrals

➤ Salvations, healings, water baptisms, BHS, etc! (1972-1976)

*"So the word of God grew mightily and prevailed" Acts 19:20.*

## Sports Stadium Pandemonium

*Acts 3: 6-10. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 **He jumped***

to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.<sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- **A well-known crippled beggar is healed!**

*Many new churches planted! (South India – 1979/80)*

## **Changing Leaders Lives**

*Acts 19:1-6. .... There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” ..... They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ..... 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied*

*Spiritual awakening – fervour and fire! (1981-1994)*

## **A Pavilion Explodes**

- **Adelaide – the City of Churches**

*A fuse was lit...*

- **The bomb exploded in January 1986 – Wayville Pavilion!**

*As soon as the doors opened hundreds ran to grab a seat an hour before the meeting started!*

- **Thousands were stirred, revived, refreshed and inspired!**

## **A Horse Stable is on Fire**

### ▫ **Reformation – 1517 – Martin Luther.**

- 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries - John Wesley, Charles Wesley, George Whitfield, UK, Johnathon Edwards, USA; Cane Ridge Revival, USA; Evan Roberts, Wales; Charles Finney, USA; China, Japan, Pacific Islands, etc.
- Decline and revival, decline and revival...
- This has been a pattern through Biblical and church history!

### ▫ **The 20<sup>th</sup> century!**

#### • **Topeka, Kansas, Bonnie Bray Street and Asuza Street.**

- Willie J Seymour – African-American – 34 year old preacher - 1906.

#### **EG: An observer said in 1906/07...**

*“No instruments of music are used. None are needed. No choir - the angels have been heard by some in the spirit. No collections are taken. No bills have been posted to advertise the meetings. No church organization is back of it. All who are in touch with God realize as soon as they enter the meetings that the Holy Ghost is the leader.”*

*This outpouring produced the Pentecostal movement which now numbers over 500 million people.*

## **Our Nation needs a Fresh Awakening**

*Arthur Wallis, UK : (Revival) “It is God revealing Himself to man in awesome holiness and irresistible power”*

## ▫ **'The Southern Land of the Holy Ghost'**

*I take possession of all this part of the South as far as the pole, in the name of Jesus... which from now on shall be called the Southern Land of the Holy Ghost (La Australia del Espiritu Santo)...*

## ▫ **Revival Results**

The 1902/3 tent meeting crusades in rural NSW which resulted in the conversion of 25,000 was nowhere more wonderful in its manifestation than in the coal mining villages of the Illawarra when 2735 professed conversion or some 15% of the region's population.

*At Mt Keira (NSW) swearing disappeared and the pit ponies in the mines stopped work as they could no longer understand their instructions, a phenomenon also reported in the Welsh revival 3 years later.*

## ▫ **We are materially blessed - but...**

*Deut. 8:10-11.*

## ▫ **The City of Churches**

### • **George Fife Angas**

God's hand in the foundation of South Australia is demonstrated by the fact that "...within 10 years, over half the population of the state were attending two of the denominational churches... and further church buildings were necessary. From its settlement in 1836 to 1915, Sunday School enrolments far exceeded those of day schools!" (Pike, D)

### • **South Australia**

George Fife Angas - said: *"My great object was... to provide a place of refuge for pious Dissenters of Great Britain, who could in their new home discharge their consciences before God in civil*

*and religious duties... that South Australia will become the headquarters for the diffusion of Christianity in the Southern Hemisphere.”*

*What is our Deep Desire?*

**Friends – we need ‘Revival Fire’**

*“Every Generation needs a fresh Visitation!”*

**Jesus rebuked luke warm Christians...**

▫ **In Revelation 2 & 3 – he spoke to 7 churches**

- **He had strong words for most – and a very strong word for Laodicea!**

*Revelation 3:15-22 you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. .... 19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.... 22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

**How does a revival take place?**

▫ **Is it ‘from God’ – or, ‘from us’?**

*As Gods people become desperate and pray – we also see God acting to raise up people to lead us into revival!*

## Three actions points to position ourselves for revival:

**EG: A hang glider pilot positions himself to fly...**

- **1. Read the book of Acts – see the impact of miracles**

*Allow God to speak to your heart through His word and by the power of His Spirit!*

- **2. Read biographies of revivals and awakenings**

*Winkie Pratney, NZ : Revival is what the Church first experiences, evangelism is then what she engages in. Revival is periodic; evangelism is continuous”*

- **3. Pray for a new awakening**

*John Wesley (UK Preacher) prayed “Oh, Lord, send us the old revival, without the defects, but if this cannot be, send it - with all its defects. We must have revival”*