

# BACK TO THE PRESENCE

*"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*

*Psalm 16:11*

ignite  
September 14-16, 2023

Name:



# REVIVAL NOW



# ROKU

[www.revivalnow.media](http://www.revivalnow.media)



Revival Now Media is our multi-platform channel that provides audio, video, and downloadable resources to our global audience. Revival Now Media helps equip individuals, families, churches, and small groups with life-giving, Spirit-empowered, bible-based resources that will grow your intimacy with God, increase your faith, and strengthen your kingdom leadership.



Get the Revival Now Media app today through your favorite app store. You can also access our FREE on-demand content through your streaming device channel store (Roku and Apple TV). Just search for "Revival Now Media" and look for the orange flame logo!

[www.revivalnow.media](http://www.revivalnow.media)

# ignite

**Welcome** to the College of Prayer's 2023 Ignite Gathering. This year our theme is *"Back to the Presence."* If you're tired of simply keeping church machinery running, living life on empty, or if you just want renewal, this gathering is for you. God's call is for us to be people who build environments that welcome, minister to, sustain, and are empowered by His presence. Let's get back to His presence!

It's an honor and privilege for us to have you join us these three days. You are gathered with church leaders from around the U.S. who are hungry for a move of God. Together we will experience times of sin-crushing repentance, Christ-exalting worship, God-encountering prayer, biblical teaching, and life-giving stories. Sharing all of that with people who are in the trenches of ministry with you will only solidify God's work in your heart during our 3 days together.

We will also be making available a nightly live stream (7-9 PM EST) through our *Revival Now Media* platform. This includes our website ([www.revivalnow.media](http://www.revivalnow.media)), our app, (search for *Revival Now Media*), and our on-demand channels available on Roku and Apple TV streaming devices. Please let others who were not able to join you here in Atlanta know of this opportunity.



As always, our schedule is subject to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Worship and prayer will be interspersed throughout our time together. We will also offer a moment for an offering and commitment during Ignite which allows us to continue our Christ-exalting, kingdom-advancing, nation-discipling efforts to reach a lost world through a revived church.

May God ignite us with His presence!

Your Servant Leadership Team,

Fred Hartley, III  
Fred Hartley, IV  
Jon Mitchell  
Steve Phillips  
Don Young

SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 12-14

2024 ANNUAL IGNITE GATHERING

# AGENDA

*"In your presence there is fullness of joy..."*

*Psalm 16:11*

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1:45 PM - UPDRAFT <i>Updraft is a time dedicated to ministering to God's presence. It includes scripture, worship, and praise.</i></p> <p>2:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION 1 <i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i> <i>Lesson 1: A People of One Thing</i> <i>Lesson 2: Minister to the Presence</i></p> <p>5:00 PM - DINNER (<i>On your own</i>)</p> <p>7:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION 2 <i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i> <i>Lesson 3: Activation in the Presence</i> <i>Testimonies</i></p> <p>9:00 PM - CLOSE</p>	<p>8:45 AM - UPDRAFT</p> <p>9:00 AM - PLENARY SESSION 3 <i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i> <i>Lesson 4: The Presence Through History</i></p> <p>10:30 AM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS <i>Churches that Sustain the Presence (Sanctuary)</i> <i>Presence Based Evangelism (Chapel)</i></p> <p>12:00 PM - LUNCH (<i>Provided</i>)</p> <p>1:30 PM - PLENARY SESSION 4 <i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i> <i>Lesson 5: Carry the Presence</i></p> <p>3:00 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS <i>Pastoring From the Presence (Sanctuary)</i> <i>Back to the Tent (Chapel)</i></p> <p>5:00 PM - DINNER (<i>Provided</i>)</p> <p>7:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION 5 <i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i> <i>Lesson 6: Delight in the Fear of the Lord</i> <i>Our Future</i> <i>Offering</i></p> <p>9:00 PM - CLOSE</p>	<p>8:45 AM - UPDRAFT</p> <p>9:00 AM - PLENARY SESSION 6 <i>Worship &amp; Prayer</i> <i>Lesson 7: Seeking Impartation</i></p> <p>12:00 PM - CLOSE</p>

\*OUR SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. WORSHIP AND PRAYER WILL BE INTERSPERSED THROUGHOUT OUR GATHERING.

Plenary sessions will be held in the Sanctuary. Friday lunch will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Our resource table, located in Sanctuary Foyer, will be open daily.

**Nos complace anunciar que la interpretación simultánea en español estará disponible con una aplicación descargable en su celular inteligente. Por favor traiga sus propios auriculares si necesita interpretación.**



Then enter this code:

**677 750**

LESSON ONE  
A PEOPLE OF ONE THING

FRED A. HARTLEY, III

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4*

Christ is calling you to be a person of one thing.

You can be passionate about many things.

You can pursue many things.

Your heart, however, was made for one thing.

Your mind was made for one thing.

Your spirit and soul were made for one thing.

Your life was made for one thing.

We understand the importance of priorities, but we are not talking about priorities; we are talking about one thing. I'm not talking about priorities; I'm talking about one thing.

There is only one thing that is ultimately heart-worthy, mind-worthy, spirit and soul-worthy, and life-worthy. That one thing is Presence— God's Presence, his manifest Presence.

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4*

David was a man of one thing.

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after." Psalm 27:4*

*"asked"* (Heb. sha-al) - to ask, inquire, seek, to ask relentlessly.

*"seek"* (Heb. ba-khas) - seek, demand, require, set forth, and inquisition.

Paul was a man of one thing.

*"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." Philippians 3:13*

Mary was a woman of one thing.

*"But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'" Luke 10:41-42*

### **Are you a person of one thing?**

This is not talking about fanaticism; this is talking about zeal.

"A zealous man in religion is pre-eminently a man of one thing. It is not enough to say that he is earnest, hearty, uncompromising, thorough-going, whole-hearted, fervent in spirit. He sees one thing, he cares for one thing, he lives for one thing, he is swallowed-up in one thing—and that one thing is to please God. Whether he lives—or whether he dies; whether he has health—or whether he has sickness; whether he is rich—or whether he is poor; whether he pleases man—or whether he gives offence; whether he is thought wise—or whether he is thought foolish; whether he gets blame—or whether he gets praise; whether he gets honor, or whether he gets shame—for all this the zealous man cares nothing at all. He burns for one thing—and that one thing is to please God, and to advance God's glory. If he is consumed in the very burning—he is content. He feels that, like a lamp, he is made to burn, and if consumed in burning—he has but done the work for which God appointed him. Such a one will always find a sphere for his zeal. If he cannot preach, work, and give money—he will cry, and sigh, and pray. Yes, if he is only a pauper, on a perpetual bed of sickness—he will make the wheels of sin around him drive heavily, by continually interceding against it. If he cannot fight in the valley with Joshua—then he will do the prayer-work of Moses, Aaron, and Hur, on the hill (Exodus. 17:9-13). If he is cut off from working himself—he will give the Lord no rest until help

is raised up from another quarter, and the work is done. This is what I mean when I speak of 'zeal' in religion." (J.C. Ryle, Pd.1816-1900)

**David expressed his pursuit of one thing in three progressive ways.**

*"that I may dwell in the house of Lord all the days of my life," Psalm 27:4*

"dwell" (Heb. yashab) - dwell, sit down, abide, live, remain, inhabit, establish, settle down, marry, feel right at home.

*"Nor sit in the seat of mockers." Psalm 1:1*

*"Sing to the Lord who dwells in Zion." Psalm 9:11*

*"And I shall dwell in the house of Lord forever." Psalm 23:6*

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1*

*"The upright will live (yashab) in your presence." Psalm 140:13*

Jesus made dwelling the New Testament norm.

*"Abide in me and I in you." John 15:4*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

*"If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned." John 15:6*

*"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." John 15:7*

Are you a squatter, an interloper, or a dweller? Have you settled down, and made yourself right at home in the manifesting presence of Christ? Are you a one-thing dweller?

*"...in the house..." Psalm 27:4*

"house" (Heb. ba-yit) - house, home, household, inclusion, belonging, identity. (NT oikos)

David was saying, "That I may live where he lives."

*"But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you." Psalm 5:7*

*"O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells." Psalm 26:8*

*"Zeal for your house has consumed me." Psalm 69:9*

*"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere." Psalm 84:10*

*"Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore." Psalm 93:5*

**"to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord" Psalm 27:4**

"gaze" (Heb. kha-zah) - to look, see with understanding, perceive, behold, prophesy, gain a prophetic revelation, to delight in what you are seeing.

*"The upright sees his face." Psalm 11:7*

*"I will see your face." Psalm 17:15*

*"Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting." Psalm 93:2*

"upon the beauty" (Heb. na-am) - kindness, pleasantness, favor, delightfulness.

*"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us." Psalm 90:17*

Are you a one-thing gazer? Do you look on, and soak in the prophetic manifesting presence of Christ with appreciation and delight?

**"and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4**

"inquire" (Heb. ha-khar) - to reflect, relish, pursue with delight and zeal, to thoroughly examine, to plow, excavate, search, turn over every rock, pursue every lead, to split or rip open.

**ACTIVATION**

God is calling you to be a person of one thing.

To receive his manifest presence—to rest in his presence, and for his presence to rest on you.

To value his manifest presence—to gaze on his presence with highest appreciation, and to cherish his presence as your richest gain.

To seek for more of his manifest presence—to be a lifelong seeker of his ever-increasing glory.

## LESSON TWO

# MINISTER TO THE PRESENCE

JON MITCHELL

*"While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" Acts 13:2 (NASB 95)*

Many of us are good at ministering **for** God, but how good are we at ministering **to** God? No matter who you are, your highest calling is to minister to God's presence. Until we embrace this as our highest assignment, God will not fully entrust us with other assignments.

**DEFINITION:** In its most basic form, ministering to the Lord is worshiping through actions and words where we attribute honor to God, we give Him the highest worth and value. Those actions include prayer, praise, singing, silence, meditation on the word, living righteously.

The Greek word used in Acts 13:2 for "ministering" is *Leitourgias* which means "to serve free of charge; utilizing or sacrificing our own resources." Ultimately, ministering to the Lord is a sacrifice of time, of our desires, and of our resources.

### Ministering to the Presence Throughout Scripture

*"At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord to stand before the Lord to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day." Deuteronomy 10:8*

*"...no one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, for the Lord had chosen them to carry the ark of the Lord and to minister to him forever." 1 Chronicles 15:2*

*"My eyes will be on the faithful in the land that they may dwell with Me. He whose walk is blameless will minister to Me." Psalm 101:6*

In Acts 2:11 people heard those gathered in the upper room, "...telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

"Mighty works" is the Greek word *megaleious*, meaning "magnificent, splendid, wonderful, perfection." The early believers were using words they had never used before to describe things they had never seen before.

*"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1-2*

*"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5*

*"And you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:10*

We've been so caught up over the last 4 decades of church ministry on ministering to people, trying to figure out what would attract people, that we neglected our call and our role as priests to minister to God and to attract **His** presence.

### ACTIVATION

Commit to your role as a worshipper. *"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. John 4:23*

Commit to your role as a priest. *"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5*

## LESSON THREE

# ACTIVATION IN THE PRESENCE

FRED A. HARTLEY, III

*Isaiah 6, Acts 2, Acts 13:1-3*

**Revelation: Christ is the activator; we are the receivers.**

Christ is the initiator; we are the responders.

The primary role of the church on earth is to receive the manifesting presence of Christ, minister to the manifesting presence of Christ, and extend the manifesting presence of Christ to neighbors and to nations.

Teaching on the Presence without encountering the activation of the Presence would be like ordering a delicious meal without taking a single bite. Activation in the Presence is as essential to your encounter with Christ as wheels-up is to boarding the plane. If you encounter the manifest presence of Christ without activation, it would be like boarding the plane, taxiing around the tarmac, returning to your gate, and deboarding without ever traveling to your destination. We are not here to simply learn about the Presence; we are here to encounter Christ and to respond appropriately.

We do not seek an experience; we seek an encounter.

We are not seeking particular manifestations; we are seeking his manifest Presence.

**Clarification: We do not activate God’s presence; God activates his own presence.** God is a self-revealing God, and every time God sovereignly chooses to manifest his presence, it involves three essential miracles.

1. God chooses to manifest his presence.
2. God chooses to activate our receptors to recognize and respond to his presence.
3. God chooses to change our disposition toward his presence, so that we seek him rather than running away.

[For a more detailed description of these three miracles, read *God On Fire*.]

Five elements that are normally included in every encounter:

1. High worship.
2. Deep repentance.
3. Receive forgiveness and freedom.
4. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
5. Be empowered for ministry.

	<b>Isaiah 6</b>	<b>Acts 2</b>	<b>Acts 13:1-3</b>
<b>Hearing</b>	"Holy, holy, holy..." v. 3	"...sound like a mighty rushing wind..." v. 2	"Set apart for me..." v. 2
<b>Seeing</b>	"...I saw the Lord..." v. 1	"...tongues as of fire appeared to them..." v. 3	
<b>Feeling</b>	"...thresholds shook..." v. 4 "...touched my mouth..." v. 7	"...rushing wind..." v. 2 "...speak in other tongues..." v. 4	
<b>Knowing</b>	"Whom shall I send..." v. 8	"...were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." v. 4	"...the Holy Spirit said..." v. 2
<b>Calling</b>	"Here am I. Send me." v. 8	"...you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8	"...for the work to which I have called them." v. 2



LESSON FOUR

# THE PRESENCE THROUGH HISTORY

BILL HYER

**Where God Began**

---

---

---

---

**What God Has Done**

---

---

---

---

**Where We Are Today**

---

---

---

---

**Where God is Going**

---

---

---

---

LESSON FIVE  
CARRY THE PRESENCE

JON MITCHELL

*"If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" Exodus 33:15-16*

Moses had seen the power of God. He had experienced the promises of God. He had been told the purposes of God. But all Moses wanted was the presence of God.

**We Are Promised The Presence**

*"...I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20*

*"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." John 14:23*

*"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5*

*"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16*

*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." James 4:8*

**We Are Distinguished by The Presence**

Love - *"God's love has been poured into our hearts **through the Holy Spirit** who has been given to us." Romans 5:5*

Prayer - *"My house shall be called a house of prayer..." Matthew 21:13*

Purpose - *"For we are his workmanship, created **in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10* The degree to which we welcome God's presence in our lives is the degree to which we will fulfill God's purposes through our lives. Our time, talents, talk, and tithes are to fulfill God's purposes and bring Him glory.

Provision - *"The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who **seek the Lord** lack no good thing." Psalm 34:10*

Peace - *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds **in Christ Jesus.**" Philippians 4:7*

Protection - *"He who **dwells** in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence." Psalm 91:1-3*

Power - *"But you will receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8*

**ACTIVATION**

Commit to intimacy—dwelling, seeking, welcoming, receiving.

Commit to carrying God's presence into every area—family, work, school, neighborhoods—anywhere and everywhere God gives you opportunity. Tear down the silos.

Ask a simple question—"Father, what are you up to today, and how can I join you in it?"

LESSON SIX

# DELIGHT IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

FRED A. HARTLEY, III

*"His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord." Isaiah 11:3*

*"The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant." Psalm 25:14*

*"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." Psalm 19:9*

There may have never been a generation in history so confused about the fear of the Lord. God not only wants you to understand the fear of the Lord, he wants you to delight in it.

Dispelling a modern-day myth: Too many preachers mistakenly teach that we are no longer to fear the Lord. They say, "The Old Testament teaches to fear God; the New Testament teaches to love God." They are wrong on both counts—both Old and New Testaments teach to both love *and* fear God.

*"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever." Psalm 19:9*

Delighting in the fear of the Lord is a line of demarcation that marks the maturity of your walk with Christ. If you intend to dwell in the manifest presence of Christ, you want to learn to delight in the fear of the Lord.

Jesus was a man saturated with the Holy Spirit, and he delighted in the fear of the Lord.

*"And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear." Isaiah 11:2-3*

Jesus dwelt in the manifest presence of God because, obviously, he was, and *is*, the manifest presence of God.

## **The Fear of the Lord in the New Testament**

*"There is no fear of God before their eyes." Romans 3:18*

*"Bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1*

*"Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21*

*"Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12:28*

*"Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." 1 Peter 2:17*

*"And he said with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.'" Revelation 14:7*

*"And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.'" Revelation 19:5*

## **Blessings of the Fear of the Lord**

1. Honor. *Psalm 15:4*

2. God's secrets are revealed. *Psalm 25:4*

3. God's eye is on them. *Psalm 33:8*

4. God's angel encamps near them. *Psalm 34:7*

5. No want. *Psalm 34:9*

6. A banner is given. *Psalm 64*

7. God's salvation. *Psalm 85:9*

8. God's mercy. *Psalm 103:17*

9. Wisdom. *Psalm 111:10*

10. He fulfills their desires. *Psalm 145:9*

11. God's favor and pleasure. *Psalm 147:11*

12. Long life. *Proverbs 10:27*

- 13. Fountain of life. *Proverbs 14:27*
- 14. Riches. *Proverbs 22:4*
- 15. Treasure. *Isaiah 33:6*
- 16. Son of righteousness will rise with healing. *Malachi 4:2*

**Insights into Delighting in the Fear of the Lord**

1. The fear of the Lord and the friendship of the Lord are inseparable.  
*"The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant." Psalm 25:14*  
"Friendship" (Heb. sod) - to give face-to-face counsel and advice, to bring out into the open the hidden treasure, intimacy.

To develop your friendship with the Lord, you want to develop your fear of the Lord.

2. To fear the Lord and to love the Lord are inseparable.  
*"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 10:12*

To develop your love for the Lord, you want to develop the fear of the Lord.

3. Delighting in the fear of the Lord is inseparably linked with delighting in the manifesting presence of Christ. Most "fear not's" in scripture are spoken to people who have just encountered the manifest presence of Christ. Abraham (Genesis 1:15); Hagar (Genesis 21:17); Isaac (Genesis 26:24); Jacob (Genesis 46:3); Zechariah (Luke 1:12); Mary (Luke 1:30); Joseph (Matthew 1:20); John (Revelation 1:17).

4. The 7-fold anointing on Christ is the 7-fold anointing of Christ on every Christ follower.  
*"And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear." Isaiah 11:2-3*

**ACTIVATION**

1. Renounce the false teaching that marginalizes the fear of the Lord, or gives an unhealthy fear of the fear of the Lord.

2. Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which empowers you to **delight** in the fear of the Lord, and to carry his manifest presence all the days of your life.

**WORDS FROM GOD**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

LESSON SEVEN

# SEEKING

## Rediscovering the Joy of Praying on Assignment

FRED A. HARTLEY, III

*"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Luke 11:9-10*

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33*

*"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1*

*"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13*

The kingdom of God belongs to the seekers. In the kingdom, the seekers are the receivers.

There is a hunter inside everyone. Hunting is part of being created in the image of God. God is a hunter, a seeker, he is seeking worshippers. You wouldn't be a hunter if God wasn't a hunter.

*"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him." John 4:23*

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10*

We are all hunters: fishing, hunting, trapping, snorkeling, and spearfishing. Even golfing is hunting for the next great shot. Shopping is based on hunting. Watching my wife walk into her favorite stores is like watching a cheetah stalking its prey. **Ultimately, the hunter inside you is there to hunt for God.**

The Bible calls hunting, seeking.

*"Seek and you will find." Luke 11:9*

"Seek" (Gk. zateo) - to seek in order to find, inquire, aim at, strive for, crave, demand something, to pursue relentlessly and persistently.

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4*

*"Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob." Psalm 24:6*

*"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" 1 Chronicles 16:11*

*"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6*

*"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you." Hosea 10:12*

*"The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing." Psalm 34:10*

*"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30*

Your internal hunter, however, is broken. It hunts the wrong stuff. *"No one seeks God, all have turned aside." Romans 3:11-12*

Healing your hunter is vital to your personal health, and healing your hunter is part of Christ's sanctification.

Healing your internal hunter, and purifying your passions is essential.

Most of our passions are not too strong; on the contrary, they are normally too small and anemic.

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are

far too easily pleased." (C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory, and Other Addresses*, 1949)

The key to getting answers to prayer is learning to first get your prayer assignments. The prayers that start at the throne, reach the throne. Every prayer that starts in heaven will be answered. The more frequently you receive prayer assignments, the more frequently your prayers will be answered.

### **Epaphrus: A Case Study in Wrestling**

*"Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, pure and fully assured." Colossians 4:12 (NIV '84)*

Intercessory prayer is not for wimps. It often requires intense exertion, even wrestling, as we contend for the will of God.

"Wrestling" (Gk. agonizomai) - to agonize, strive, wrestle, strain every nerve, cause great pain. It is used in athletics, war, and forensic debate.

The apostle Paul uses the word "agonizomai" to describe his own lifestyle. *"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling (agonizomai) with all his energy that he powerfully works within me." Colossians 1:28-29*

Christ himself exhorted his followers to exert great intensity to enter the kingdom. *"Strive (agonizomai) to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." Luke 13:24*

Elsewhere, the apostle Paul exhorts all Christ-followers to demonstrate zealous obedience. *"Every athlete exercises self-control (agonizomai) in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." 1 Corinthians 9:25*  
*"For to this end we toil and strive, (agonizomai) because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe." 1 Timothy 4:10*

At the end of his life, the apostle Paul claims that such intense devotion characterized his life. *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7*

Epaphras not only prayed, he **always** prayed. He not only always prayed, he **always wrestled** in prayer.

"Prayer pulls the rope down below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give only an occasional jerk at the rope. But he who communicates with Heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously with all his might." - C.H. Spurgeon

Hunting takes time. You can ask in less than an hour, but you cannot seek in less than an hour. Less than an hour and you are not hunting, plain and simple.

Invite Christ to swap your bucket list. This is where you get your assignments.

Forget the animal heads, pelts, horns, and taxidermy, but you need a trophy case, a treasure chest. Pirates had treasure chests, and athletes have trophy cases. Every kingdom leader needs a war room, a treasure chest, and a trophy case.

### **ACTIVATION**

This message is intentionally activation-heavy; more than dissecting seeking, we want to activate seeking.

1. Sanctify your hunter to Christ.
2. Repent of misplaced passions. Repent of easily satisfied passions.
3. Discipline your delights. Establish guard rails around your sexual passions, as well as your eating and drinking.
4. Build time into your daily schedule for hunting, seeking.
5. Build a trophy room, a place where you can preserve, and even display, your kingdom trophies.



## Let me introduce you to the College of Prayer!

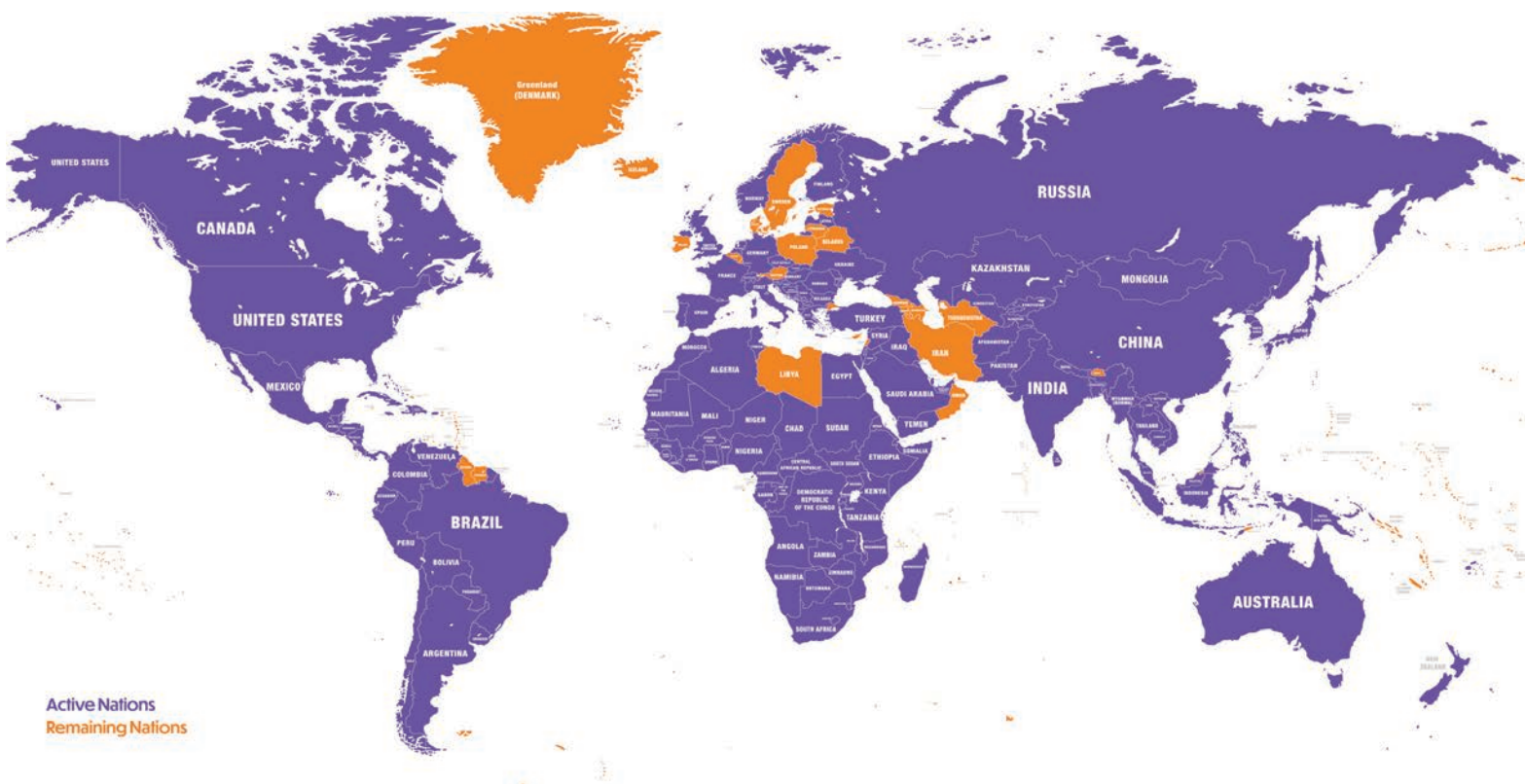
The College of Prayer exists to serve Christ and His church. We lead local churches and church leaders to encounter the manifest presence of Christ and we help congregations become houses of prayer for all nations. The entire College of Prayer ministry is modeled after the way Christ made disciples and the way He built the Upper Room. Just as Jesus spent three years training His disciples to pray, so do we (Luke 11:1). Just as Jesus led His followers into the Upper Room to have a fresh encounter with His manifest presence (Acts 1:13), to fill them with His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4), and then send them out to make disciples of all nations (Acts 1:8), so we are re-establishing this New Testament pattern all over the world.

The College of Prayer is a highly transferable paradigm of prayer discipleship and evangelism designed to revive the Church and advance the kingdom of God by the power of the Spirit of God. We are convinced that prayer is not the latest church growth program, rather, it is a way of life. The College of Prayer intentionally enables participants to grow in their own spiritual formation. We are seeing God pour out His reviving Spirit on His Church all over the world. He is calling His Church back to the Upper Room to be a house of prayer (Mark 11:17).

Our desire is to see every local church and every family revived as a house of prayer so that through the church Christ might reach the final unreached people on earth. We are convinced that the lost will never be reached through a lukewarm prayerless church, but through a revived praying church.

### A Brief Overview of Our History

In 1996 Pastor Fred Hartley invited fifty pastors from across the U.S. to come to Atlanta for four days of prayer, worship, and revival-prayer teaching. They met Christ. There was deep repentance, and refreshment came from the presence of the Lord. Seven pastors said they were ready to drop out of ministry, but decided to continue because God had recalled them. These same pastors and leaders gathered again six months later. In fact, a total of 120 pastors and leaders came, including some from Canada, Norway, and Africa. Three years later there was a campus of the College of Prayer in Georgia, Canada, Norway, and Africa. Today, there are more than 400,000 campuses and millions of Revival Prayer Groups in 171 nations serving more than 30 million pastors and leaders. All glory to Christ!



## THE BIBLICAL MODEL

The College of Prayer is modeled after the way Christ made disciples. He spent three years mentoring his disciples teaching them to pray, and so do we. He built upper room disciples and led them into the upper room to encounter his manifest presence, and so do we. When Jesus ascended into heaven, all he left behind on earth was an upper room, and that upper room is God's secret weapon. Christ will finish his work on earth through the church the same way he started— from the upper room to the nations.

## THE UPPER ROOM

In the first century the upper room was upper in proximity. It was located on the roof of flat top Mediterranean buildings, and served as the only social space to relax and to welcome guests. Christ chose this location as a convenient place to meet with his disciples and to teach them to encounter God's manifest presence. It was here in the upper room that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered for ministry.

Today an upper room can be anywhere—a living room, back porch, dorm room, office building, or church sanctuary. An upper room is a gathering of praying Christians who receive, minister to, and are empowered by the manifest presence of Christ. Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.

As we see in the first upper room, we believe that prayer and mission are interconnected. Our passion is to see the local church revived in Christ-encountering prayer, so that the church might reach neighbors, nations, and the final unreached people groups. However, the final unreached people on earth will never be reached through a lukewarm, prayerless church, but only through a revived, praying church.

## WHAT IS A COLLEGE OF PRAYER CAMPUS?

We have discovered that the best way to mentor spiritually hungry Christians and to build a praying church is to start a campus of the College of Prayer, because a campus is modeled after the way Jesus made disciples and the way he built a praying church. A campus is hosted by a local church and gathers believers for three years of on-going mentoring the way Jesus did. While a campus only gathers 2 days at a time, twice a year, for three years, the impact is transformational. It is unrealistic to expect to learn to pray, or teach someone to pray, simply from a book, video series, podcast, or conference. The method Jesus used was three years of mentoring and training. This is why we invite every pastor and local church to consider starting a campus of the College of Prayer with a full three years of revival-prayer training.

When most people hear campus they think of buildings, faculty, and residency. A College of Prayer campus, however, is far more dynamic. We don't own buildings, we use other people's buildings. We don't pay faculty, we mentor leaders. Instead of a residency, we gather two days at a time, twice a year for three years using our three-year curriculum.

A campus is led by a Servant Leadership Team (SLT) of 2-5 local pastors and leaders committed to the College of Prayer mission, with influence to gather fifty-plus people twice a year for three years, using our three year curriculum.

### **Three Year Curriculum:**

Year 1 - Lord, Teach Us to Pray! (Modules 1-2)

Year 2 - Lord, As Families, Teach Us to Pray! (Modules 3-4)

Year 3 - Lord, As Churches, Teach Us to Pray! (Modules 5-6)

Most modules are held Friday evening through Saturday afternoon (around 8-10 hours) but can certainly be tailored to your context. The cost of a module is totally dependent on your needs and can be covered by a small registration fee or through an offering. Curriculum can be ordered from our office at cost (\$3/book). All other costs are determined by your local campus. For example, whether or not you would like for someone from our team to come lead or whether or not you will provide a meal for attendees.



## HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU

Revival begins one life, one family, one church at a time. We have revival-prayer resources for you, your family and children, and for your local church.

### For You Personally

Download our *Revival Now Media* app and get access to all of our digital resources (video series, podcasts, and more). These resources are also available on [www.revivalnow.media](http://www.revivalnow.media). Specifically, we encourage you to subscribe to *Year on Fire*, our daily Christ-encountering devotional, as well as to our monthly *Kingdom Leadership Podcast*, available on any podcast platform. You can also access many great revival-prayer books and resources at [www.revivalnow.shop](http://www.revivalnow.shop) including:

#### “On Fire” Book Series

*Prayer on Fire* (NavPress, 2006)  
*God on Fire* (CLC Publications, 2012)  
*Church on Fire* (CLC Publications, 2014)  
*Hearts on Fire* (CLC Publications, 2021)

#### Other Books

*The Seven Wounds of Christ* (CLC Publications, 2017)  
*Ignite* (CLC Publications, 2019)  
*Just Say Father* (CLC Publications, 2021)

### For Your Family and Children

The College of Prayer has developed many great resources for your family and children. All digital resources are available on our website, our app, and our on-demand media channels for Roku and Apple TV. Simply search for *Revival Now Media*.

Specifically, we have produced two video series that may be helpful for your family:

*ABBA: Encountering the Father in House of Prayer* for children ages 5-12.  
*Build HOPE: Blueprints for Building Your House of Prayer*

### For Your Local Church

The College of Prayer exists to serve the local church. Visit website [www.revivalnow.us](http://www.revivalnow.us) to learn the three primary ways we can serve your church. Consider the following:

#### Invite us to help facilitate one of several Revival Prayer Gatherings. These include:

*Encountering God Weekend: A Prayer Infusion for the Local Church* (2-4 hours online / 6-8 hours onsite).  
*Weekend of HOPE: A Prayer Infusion for the Family* (2-4 hours online / 6-8 hours onsite)  
*Launch a College of Prayer Campus* (2 days, twice a year, for 3 years. Each module is 8-10 hours.)

#### Utilize our FREE small group video series along with study guides.

If you're looking for content to feed your small groups and lead them towards a deeper, authentic relationship with Christ, we have a growing library of video series we've produce that will serve you well. Visit [www.revivalnow.media](http://www.revivalnow.media) to access the full library. Video series include:

*Just Say Father: An Invitation To Be Re-Parented By God*  
*Hearts On Fire: A Guide To Personal Revival*  
*The Seven Wounds Of Christ: Every Wound In You Is Connected To A Wound In Him*  
*Encountering God: A Prayer Infusion For You And Your Local Church*  
*The Lord's Prayer Pattern: Meet Christ In The Seven Rooms Of The House Of Prayer*  
*Church on Fire: What Happens When Christ Comes To Church*  
*Ignite: The Upper Room—God's Secret Weapon*  
*Lord, Give Us the Nations: The Foundational Teachings of the College of Prayer*  
*Overcomers! Stand Your Ground Against The Enemy*  
*Hope For Families: Blueprints To Build Your House Of Prayer.*  
*ABBA: Encountering the Father in His House of Prayer*

### Please contact us. We would love to serve you and your church!

For U.S. inquiries, please contact Jon Mitchell at [jon@collegeofprayer.org](mailto:jon@collegeofprayer.org) or call our office at 770-829-0122. For international inquiries, please contact Fred Hartley, III at [fredhartley@collegeofprayer.org](mailto:fredhartley@collegeofprayer.org).

For further information or to access useful prayer mobilizing materials, visit [www.collegeofprayer.org](http://www.collegeofprayer.org).







# Is your church interested in hosting a College of Prayer Campus?

Build a house of prayer for all nations.

Hosting a College of Prayer Campus at your local church is a great way to initiate a long-term strategy of sustained prayer and revival. It strengthens the house of prayer to withstand the storms of life. The College of Prayer offers three courses of prayer mentorship and training, spread out across six God-encountering modules.

- Course 1 (Modules 1-2): "Lord, Teach Us to Pray!"
- Course 2 (Modules 3-4): "Lord, As Families, Teach Us to Pray!"
- Course 3 (Modules 5-6): "Lord, As Churches, Teach Us to Pray!"

Each module provides an environment for a fresh encounter with Christ. More important than the teaching is the encounter. Our desire is not to just impart information, but to see long-term transformation. Visit [www.revivalnow.us/campuses](http://www.revivalnow.us/campuses) to learn more or reach out to Jon Mitchell at [jon@collegeofprayer.org](mailto:jon@collegeofprayer.org) to schedule a meeting.



## BUILDING A PRAYING CHURCH FALL MENTORING COHORT

Join a FREE 7 week mentoring cohort focused on building a culture of prayer in your local church. This cohort begins SEPTEMBER 28 and will run for 7 straight weeks from 12-1 PM EST each Thursday via Zoom. Cohorts will enjoy practical teaching on prayer and kingdom leadership, life-giving discussion, and Christ-encountering prayer times.



Scan QR Code for more information and to register.



This FREE 7 week mentorship will be led by College of Prayer leader Jon Mitchell, who has been facilitating corporate prayer environments for over 15 years in the local church and internationally. It is designed to equip you to rapidly deploy biblical principles and practical insight on how to create a culture of prayer in your local church.

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE NEXT COHORT AT  
WWW.REVIVALNOW.US  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**



**REVIVAL NOW**  
RESOURCES

# RESOURCES TO REVIVE YOUR SPIRIT & SOUL

## College of Prayer Curriculum

Each notebook is \$3 or \$12/set

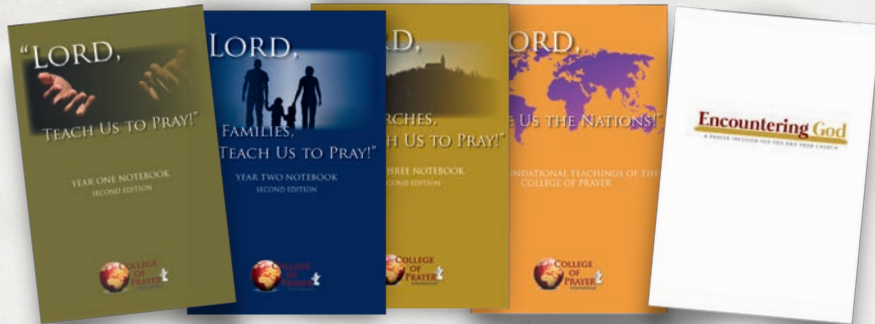
Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Lord, As Families, Teach Us to Pray

Lord, As Churches, Teach Us to Pray

Lord, Give Us the Nations

Encountering God



## Books

Red Hot Answer to Prayer Journal: \$6/copy and \$5/copy for 10+

Just Say Father: \$12/copy and \$9/copy for 10+

Hearts on Fire: \$12/copy and \$9/copy for 10+

Las Siete Llagas De Cristo: \$7/copy and \$5/copy for 10+

The Seven Wounds of Christ: \$10/copy

Church on Fire: \$12/copy

Ignite: \$10/copy

God on Fire: \$12/copy

Prayer on Fire: \$12/copy



## Small Group Video Series on DVD

Encountering God: \$10/copy

Church on Fire: \$10/copy

The Lord's Prayer Pattern: \$10/copy

Ignite: \$10/copy



**Buy one get one free  
at the Resource Table!**

Check out all of our great revival resources at  
**WWW.REVIVALNOW.SHOP**

## SPEAKERS & FACILITATORS



**Rev. Fred Hartley** pastors One Mission Church in metro-Atlanta, where he has served for over 30 years. One Mission continues to play a vital role in the region in bringing many different nations together in prayer and worship. Fred founded the College of Prayer in 1997 and has ministered all over the world. A prolific writer, Fred has written over 25 books including *Prayer on Fire*, *God on Fire*, *Church on Fire*, *Hearts on Fire*, *Ignite*, and his most recent book, *Just Say Father*. Most of his books are available at [www.revivalnow.shop](http://www.revivalnow.shop).



**Rev. Don Young** is the Pioneer Director for the College of Prayer. As such, Don works closely with our President and Regional Directors to oversee all current and developing campuses. Don and his wife Marlen have been involved with the College of Prayer since its inception in 1997. The Young's were formerly missionaries in West Africa for 15 years and have traveled and ministered in more than 40 countries. Revival prayer is their passion and they continue to teach worldwide.



**Rev. Jon Mitchell** has an amazing spirit, heart, and passion for the Kingdom of God and he desires to see lives ignited by the manifest presence of Christ. For over 12 years now he has served as a Director for the College of Prayer. He spends his time giving oversight to the growth, traction to the vision, and traveling extensively to stir revival and teach on prayer wherever he goes. Jon loves spending time with his wife and three girls as well as watching Alabama football.



**Rev. Bill Hyer** is Associate Pastor of Mission & Discipleship and Scholar in Residence at Saint Michael's Church in Charleston, SC. Growing up in California, Bill came to faith in Christ at the age of 18 in the early stages of the revival known as the "Jesus Movement." He has led churches in FL, MA, SC, and MS, planting two of these churches. Bill has also been involved for many years with the College of Prayer and wrote the book, *Ears to Hear*. He and his wife, Michelle, have two sons and six grandchildren.



**Rev. Jim Rudd** is the Lead Pastor of True Vine Church Community in Philadelphia, PA where he has served since planting the church in 2008. He is a graduate of Alliance Theological Seminary, is ordained in the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and has authored two books. He and his wife Kendra have three kids—Aiden, Emma, and Josiah. You can find Jim's sermons, blogs, and books at [www.reverencejournal.com](http://www.reverencejournal.com).



**Rev. Stephen Hartley** and his wife Emily recently launched a new church in metro-Atlanta, The Well Church, so that more people would receive abundant life in Jesus. Stephen was formerly an Associate Pastor at One Mission Church for 8 years and before that worked with the College of Prayer for 2 years. His heart for telling other people about Jesus is contagious.



**Javier & Monica Larrea** lead Student Ministries at One Mission Church in metro-Atlanta. They bring a wealth of experience and wisdom. Monica also oversees the global work of ABBA, a ministry teaching children to encounter the Father that was birthed out of the College of Prayer. She mentors a team of volunteers, provides training, leads events, and continues to write new curriculum to help empower families in prayer. They have 2 children, Joy and Lucas.

# COLLEGE OF PRAYER

*"Ask of Me and I will give you the nations." Psalms 2:8*



"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!"  
Psalm 100:1

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of the Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."  
Revelation 11:15

"Let the high praises of God be in their throats, and two-edged sword in their hand... This is the word of the Lord."  
Psalm 149:6-9

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."  
Psalm 24:1

"He who sits still to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"  
Revelation 22:20

"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron."  
Isaiah 45:2

"Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns!'"  
Psalm 96:10

"Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you."  
Isaiah 60:5

"Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory!"  
Psalm 115:1

"Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you."  
Isaiah 55:5

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."  
Matthew 28:19

"Arise, Jesus, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."  
Isaiah 60:1

"Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession."  
Psalm 2:8

"The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool!'"  
Psalm 110:1

"For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous."  
Psalm 125:3

"Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!"  
Psalm 24:7-8

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison doors to those who are bound."  
Isaiah 61:1-2

"Worthy are you to bless the earth and to open its work, for you were slain, and by your blood you redeemed people for God from all tribes and language and people and nation."  
Revelation 5:9-10

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands... an everlasting sign, that shall not be cut off."  
Isaiah 55:12-13

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."  
Matthew 24:14

"Behold, a great multitude, that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"  
Revelation 7:9-10

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."  
Acts 1:8

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples."  
Psalm 96:3

"Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places shall be plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."  
Isaiah 40:4-5

**Active Nations Remaining Nations**



**PO Box 2084 Lilburn, GA 30048**

**[www.collegeofprayer.org](http://www.collegeofprayer.org)**

**(770) 829-0122**