# CHURCH FIRE

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:28-29



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# ignite

*Welcome* to the College of Prayer's 2024 Ignite Gathering. 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 testimonies. 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.

This year our theme is "Church on Fire." Fire always draws attention. In fact, throughout the Bible God's manifest presence is often represented by fire, and He always drew people's attention. Then, in Revelation 1, Jesus is walking among the lampstands—representing churches on fire! We are also given a warning: "Don't put out the Spirit's fire" (1 Thess. 5:19). It's time to prepare our churches to be kindling for God to light on fire with His presence, trusting that the communities around us will be drawn to the flames. In our churches, it's less important what we do and more important what God does, and He wants to set our churches on fire.

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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	Jon Mitchell
Steve Phillips	Fred Hartley, IV
Luis Calderon	



#### AGENDA

#### "...for our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:29

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1:45 PM - UPDRAFT Updraft is a time dedicated to	8:45 AM - UPDRAFT	8:45 AM - UPDRAFT
ministering to God's presence. It includes scripture, worship, and praise.	9:00 AM - PLENARY SESSION 3 Worship & Prayer Lesson 4: Hearts on Fire Lesson 5: Start in the Upper Room	9:00 AM - PLENARY SESSION 6 Worship & Prayer Lesson 8: Flameholders Impartation
2:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION 1		
Worship & Prayer Lesson 1: Church on Fire	12:00 PM - LUNCH ( <i>Provided</i> ) 12:00 PM - CLOSE	
Lesson 2: Prayer on Fire	1:30 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS Pastors on Fire (Sanctuary)	
5:00 PM - DINNER ( <i>On your own</i> )	Church Planting on Fire (Chapel) Family Fire (Fellowship Hall)	
6:45 PM - UPDRAFT		
	3:00 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
7:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION 2	Activation	
Worship & Prayer	Q & A	
Testimonies Lesson 3: God's Secret Weapon	Lesson 6: Marks of a Movement	
9:00 PM - CLOSE	5:15 PM - DINNER (Provided)	
	6:45 PM - UPDRAFT	
	7:00 PM - PLENARY SESSION 5 Worship & Prayer Lesson 7: First Love Testimonies	
	Offering	
	9:00 PM - CLOSE	

\*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 AND MEALS ON FRIDAY WILL BE HELD DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. OUR RESOURCE TABLE IS LOCATED IN SANCTUARY FOYER AND WILL BE OPEN DAILY.

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#### LESSON ONE CHURCH ON FIRE

#### FRED A. HARTLEY, III

"And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them." Acts 2:3

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3:11

Welcome to church on fire! Acts 2 is where church on fire began. Notice the significant progression in this historic account.

#### Preparation.

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1

This is no small accomplishment. It took 3 years and 50 days for Jesus to build this first upper room—40 days with the risen Jesus, and 10 days following his ascension.

"in one place" - unity in proximity.

"they were all together" (this is the Greek word "homothumandon" meaning one flow) - unity in community.

The upper room is a gathering of praying Christians who receive and minister to the manifest presence of Christ. Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.

The difference between the upper room and any other prayer meeting is that the upper room is devoted to only one thing—receiving and ministering to the manifest presence of Christ.

#### Anticipation.

"And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting." Acts 2:2

The wind. The blowing. Swirling. Howling. Movement. Anticipation.

#### Manifestation.

"And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them." Acts 2:3 There are not always tongues, not always fire, but there is always manifestation. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3:11

#### Impartation.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:4a The Person of the Holy Spirit has now arrived. This is the culmination of everything else, and the entire flow of human history now culminates. "and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4b

It is impossible to be inconspicuously filled with the Holy Spirit.

#### Why the fire? What is the fire?

The Bible is full of fire.

Moses met God in the fire of the burning bush (Exodus 3).

All Israel met God in the fire on the mountain (Exodus 19) and the pillar of fire in the wilderness (Exodus 13).

Solomon met God in the fire at the dedication of the temple (2 Chronicles 6).

Elijah met God in the fire at the top of Mount Carmel (2 Kings 18).

The early church met God in the fire at Pentecost (Acts 2).

The Apostle Paul referred to the fire of the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

The Apostle John met God in the fire and the flameholders (Revelation 1).

Revelation 1 gives us the picture of church on fire and Christ on fire. The clinching argument for church on fire is the vision of Christ and his church in Revelation 1.

Christ is on fire from head to toe.

His eyes are like flames of fire.

His face is like the sun shining on fire.

His hand is on fire, holding 7 balls of fire.

His feet are on fire like molten metal in a furnace.

The church is on fire.

There are not 7 pulpits, because the primary purpose of the church is not preaching.

There are not 7 guitars, because the primary purpose of the church is not worship.

There are not 7 couches, because the primary purpose of the church is not small groups.

The church is one fire, represented by 7 flame holders.

Flameholders is the Greek word "luxnos" meaning a free-standing piece of furniture that holds oil and serves as a lamp. There are 7 flameholders, because the primary purpose of the church is to receive and extend the manifesting presence of Christ.

Church on fire is a church alive with the manifest presence of Christ, where people consistently encounter his manifest presence.

Q. What is the fire?

A. In each of these examples fire is the manifest presence of Christ.

The greatest tragedy in the church today is exchanging the fire of God's manifest presence for the everywhere presence of God.

<b>Everywhere Presence</b>	Manifest Presence
Biblical	Biblical
True to God's nature	True to God's nature
God is everywhere	God is tangibly perceived
Normally unknown	Always known
Impersonal	Personal
No conviction of sin	Conviction of sin
No repentance	
No prayer required	Normally prayer required

"The Presence and the manifestation of the Presence are not the same. There can be one without the other. God is here when we are wholly unaware of it. He is manifest only when, and as we are aware of his Presence." - A.W. Tozer: *The Pursuit Of God* (Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1982, p. 60)

"If we cooperate with him in loving obedience, God will manifest Himself to us, and that manifestation will be the difference between a nominal Christian life, and the life radiant with the light of His face." - A.W. Tozer: *The Pursuit Of God* (Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1982, p. 60)

"Our pursuit of God is successful just because he is forever seeking to manifest Himself to us." - A.W. Tozer: *The Pursuit Of God* (Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1982, p. 61)

The hope of the world is the church of Jesus Christ. The hope of the church is the manifest presence of Christ.

The single factor that separates the church from the fitness center and the sports bar down the street is the manifest presence of Christ.

*Church on fire* is a revelation. *Church on fire* is a redundancy, an intentional redundancy. A church without fire is no church at all. We are not saying that church is better on fire; we are saying that without fire the church does not exist.

#### ACTIVATION

"Your work, brothers, is to set your church on fire." - Charles H. Spurgeon, to a group of pastors.

Jesus only built one church, and he set it on fire.

Is your church on fire?

When Jesus made disciples, he made praying disciples.

What kind of disciples are you making?

The size of your ministry is determined by the size of your prayer life.

How would you describe the size of your prayer life?

The size of your prayer is revealed by the size of your answers by prayer.

What are you asking God for?

God not only wants your church on fire, he wants your heart on fire.

He wants your family on fire.

He wants your soul-winning on fire.

He wants your calling on fire.

Pastor, your primary role is to welcome and sustain the manifest presence of Christ, and to lead your people to encounter the manifest presence of Christ. Your preaching is to lead people to encounter God's manifest presence.

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:27

"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" Luke 24:32

You will never preach people into an encounter with God's manifest presence if you have not received your message from an encounter with God's manifest presence. You will never lead your people to encounter God's manifest presence if you don't live in the fire, receive the fire, and carry the fire.

Parents, getting your kids to punch the right buttons and jump through the right hoops like little Christian bobbleheads is not the goal of Christian parenting. The goal of parenting is to lead your children to encounter God's manifest presence. When your children encounter the manifest presence of Christ, they will not want to settle for anything less.

Church on fire begins with hearts on fire. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3:11

## LESSON TWO PRAYER ON FIRE

"Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1

Everyone of us and everyone of our churches needs an upgrade in our prayer life. This hour of history demands it. *"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41* 

Prayer on fire is what happens when we shift from seeing prayer as a means of simply presenting our shopping list to God and we move towards acknowledging, inviting, experiencing, and receiving his presence into our life and circumstances. Prayer becomes less about what we do and more about what God does. Less focused on our agenda and more focused on God's agenda.

#### **OVERCOME PRAYERLESSNESS**

We will never get prayer on fire without first recognizing and overcoming our own prayerlessness—when we stop calling prayerlessness a weakness and start admitting it is a sin.

Prayerlessness is a sin of omission. Omission is failure to do something you know that you should, especially something moral or spiritual. It's obviously not a sin that will send you to hell, but sometimes it will make you feel like you're' already living there.

Prayerlessness is generally linked to pride, unbelief, and idolatry.

Pride - "I don't need to pray, I can do it myself." Unbelief - "Prayer won't make any difference. I've tried this before." Idolatry - "I put my hope in what I can see, not in what I cannot see."

#### Repent

Repent of prayerlessness stemming from pride, unbelief, and idolatry. "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus..." Acts 3:19-20

There is an expectation and an anticipation that comes from repentance.

#### Renounce

Renounce discouragement and hopelessness. Renounce self-effort.

#### Receive

Prayer on fire doesn't happen apart from Holy Spirit fire.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26

# LESSON THREE GOD'S SECRET WEAPON

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"And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."" Acts 1:4-5

The axis of power, or the place of greatest influence on earth, is not the Oval Office, nor Capitol Hill. It is not Hollywood, Nashville, nor Wall Street. It is not the Kremlin in Moscow, the Ayatollah in Iran, the European Union, or the Prime Minister in Israel. **The place of greatest influence on earth is the upper room, the Christ-encountering prayer gathering.** 

Acts 1 and 2 are arguably the two most foundational chapters in the Bible. You may think Genesis 1 and 2 are the most foundational chapters in the Bible, yet it took God only 6 days to create the universe, but it took him 3 years and 50 days to create the upper room.

Jesus had already commissioned his apostles to make disciples of all nations.

"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

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

But before they would go anywhere and make disciples of anyone, they first needed to build their upper room, God's secret weapon.

Following three years of disciple-making, Jesus still needed to give the disciples two more pieces in order to complete the building of his secret weapon.

A Command.

"And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait." Acts 1:4 A Promise.

"Wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:5

"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

The command and the promise activated 5 upper room miracles:

Gathering (Acts 1:13) Praying (Acts 1:14) Receiving (Acts 2:4) Ministering (Acts 2:11) Harvesting (Acts 2:41,47)

These are the first unreached people in history.

One day we will meet them, hug them, kiss them, and rejoice with them that they were the first—the first fruits. An upper room is a gathering of praying Christians who receive and minister to the manifest presence of Christ. Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.

The final unreached people on earth will be reached the same way the first unreached people were reached—from the upper room to the nations.

8 billion people are alive today, and 3.39 billion are yet unreached (less than 2% believers) - Joshua Project and Global Frontier Mission

There are 17,446 ethnic groups in the world of which 7,391 are considered unreached (less than 2% believers). - Joshua Project

Of these 17,446 ethnic groups of the world, a shrinking number have zero believers.

2005 - 3,500 remaining ethnic groups 2015 - 1,400 remaining ethnic groups 2019 - 300 remaining ethnic groups Today - 5-20 remaining ethnic groups

- Douglas Cobb, And Then The End Will Come, 2021

The upper room is God's secret weapon, his strategy, for reaching the final unreached people groups on earth. All over the world today God is rebuilding his upper room and from the upper rooms reaching the nations.

#### **EXAMPLES**

In 2020 we taught the upper room to one pastor and his wife in Albania, and immediately they began meeting together in Christ-encountering prayer. Within one month they led 24 Muslim neighbors to faith in Christ. Six months later they led another 25 Muslim neighbors to faith in Christ. They had been pastors in Albania for 22 years and during that time had not even led 12 people to Christ until they started their upper room.

One believer in Western Sahara was taught to implement the upper room. He returned to his country as the only Christian he knew and began to implement his upper room. Within one month he led 25 Muslim neighbors to Christ, baptized them in his bathtub, and started two house churches.

One couple returned to Gambi after learning the upper room, Christ-encountering prayer principles, and began to implement them. Within two months they led 40 Muslim neighbors to faith in Christ, and the wife started a daily Bible study under the large tree in the middle of their village with 100 Muslim women participating.

One man returned to his Muslim country in Africa and immediately began his upper room with his wife. Within months he led 25 family members to faith in Christ. Now, after 5 years, they have led 56 entire households to faith in Christ. Today, there are over 600 baptized believers in their village.

The reason the upper room is God's secret weapon is because when Christ sent his disciples to their upper room on earth, he went to his upper room in Heaven (Acts 1:9-11). **Today, Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Harvest, is reaching the final unreached peoples on earth from his upper room in heaven through our upper rooms on earth.** 

#### ACTIVATION

You are under the same command and the same promise that Jesus gave to his apostles.

"Do not leave Jerusalem but wait..."

"You will receive the promise of the Father"

Ask Christ right now what adjustments he wants you to make in your personal life, your home life, and your ministry in order to give priority to building your upper room.

Repent of anything that has usurped the priority of receiving, ministering to, and extending to others the manifest presence of Christ.

Receive your calling to the presence of Christ.

Receive a fresh encounter with the manifest presence of Christ.

#### LESSON FOUR HEARTS ON FIRE Receiving Revival Fire in Your Daily Life

#### JON MITCHELL

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Romans 12:11 (NIV)

#### **Receive Presence**

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalms 145:18

#### **Receive Love**

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

#### **Receive Fullness**

"... be filled with the Spirit" Ephesians 5:18

#### **Receive 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

#### ACTIVATION

Receive by letting go. Hear Jesus calling you in. Give to him what is holding you back.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

#### LESSON FIVE START IN THE UPPER ROOM

#### JR RUSHNIK

#### God moves through people who rely on His power.

#### **The Brutal Facts**

"If you were to add the number of people that surrendered to Christ in the First Great Awakening, the Second Great Awakening, and all of the Billy Graham Crusades combined, it would not equal those who have left the church in the last 25 years." - Understanding the Spiritual Landscape of America, "The Great Dechurching".

#### The Upper Room and The Lower Room

1 Chronicles 28:11-12

Matthew 26:1-29, Mark 14:12-25, Luke 22:7-20, John 13:1-38

Acts 1:14, Acts 2:14, Acts 9:38-40

#### The Power of "and"

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

DANGER #1: LOWER ROOM	_ WITHOUT UPPER ROOM
DANGER #2: UPPER ROOM	WITHOUT LOWER ROOM

#### Start in the Upper Room

Ezekiel 37; John 15; Isaiah 55; Luke 10

#### Breakout Session


#### LESSON SIX MARKS OF A MOVEMENT

#### JR RUSHNIK

"I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18

#### Start in the Upper Room

**Culture is the Strategy** 

**Light Framework** 

Spin the Flywheel

**Make it Personal** 

Let it Rain

## lesson seven FIRST LOVE

#### "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." Revelation 2:4

The church that John pastored prior to his imprisonment was in the city of Ephesus. "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands."" Revelation 2:1

In many ways, this was a great church.

"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary." Revelation 2:2-3

Yet despite all their virtues, they had one serious problem. "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." Revelation 2:4

John made it clear that first love is God's first love for us. "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10

John clearly defines the essence of "abandoned the love you had at first." "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent." Revelation 2:5

There is no greater deposit Christ can make in you, than to manifest his presence to you.

When Christ manifests his presence to you, he holds you radically accountable for what you do next. If you fail to acknowledge the ultimate value of the manifest presence of Christ, God will certainly not continue to manifest his presence to you.

If abandoning your first love results in the removal of the lampstand, the core sin is obviously neglecting the manifest presence of Christ.

Anything we allow to become more important than the manifest presence of Christ in our lives in ministry, that thing for us is an idol. That idol must be dethroned.

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first." Revelation 2:5

#### ACTIVATION

Hear the Word of God with an ear to obey.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 2:7

Repent of idols.

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent." Revelation 2:5

Take hold of your identity as an overcomer.

"To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7

# lesson eight **FLAMEHOLDERS**

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Revelation 1 shows us who Jesus is today, and who the church is today.

John is currently a political prisoner of Rome, kept in isolation on the island of Patmos in the middle of the Aegean Sea, 100 kilometers away from his home in Ephesus (Revelation 1:9). Yet despite the persecution and his location geographically, look where he is with God: *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Revelation 1:10* 

When you are in the Spirit, things are activated.

"I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches ..." Revelation 1:10-11

He first saw the lampstands. "Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands," Revelation 1:12

He then saw the voice. "and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man," Revelation 1:13

#### Who is Christ today?

He is the ascended, exalted, glorified, anointed Christ. Revelation 1:13-16 Watch what happens when John encounters the ascended, exalted, glorified, anointed Christ: Alignment *"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead." Revelation 1:17* Empowerment *"But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." Revelation 1:17-18* Activation

"Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this." Revelation 1:19

#### Who is the church today?

"and the seven lampstands are the seven churches." Revelation 1:20

#### **ACTIVATION**

The activation of your calling comes from an encounter with the ascended, exalted, glorified, anointed Christ.

Your calling is to serve the flame and the flameholders.

#### Words From The Lord

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#### ACTIVATION SHEET

#### Welcoming the Manifest Presence of Christ Into My Life and Church

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

Name:		Date:
Area of Influence (circle one): My Soul My Local Church	My Family My Workplace	My Ministry Team My House Church or Small Group
•		ur life. Relinquish control over this area and declare that Jesus is Lord. Invite conspicuously manifest his presence.
-		e down what he says about welcoming his manifest presence into this area
-		time will look like as Christ takes control.
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Who is included?		
When will it meet? Frequency?	,	
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		er, how will this change impact your job description?

#### Activation Sheet

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#### Ignite Speakers & Facilitators



**Rev. Fred Hartley** pastors One Mission Church in metro-Atlanta, where he has served for over 35 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.



**Dr. JR Rushnik** is the Director of Strategic Alignment for the Church Development Network (a global church planting movement), Founder of Storehouse Church, and Superintendent of the Acts 12:24 Conference of Free Methodist Churches. JR has a passion to link arms with people who are in pursuit of an authentic and vibrant relationship with Jesus, personal breakthrough, and mission clarity. He is author of *Pray 360* and *Disciple Makerspace* which can be purchased on Amazon. The Rushniks have three sons and live in Havre de Grace, MD.



**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 13 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.



**Pastor Kelvin Woods** is the Pastor of Worship and Evangelism at One Mission Church in Lilburn, GA. In addition to leading worship, Kelvin is a soul-winner and disciple-maker. Kelvin's desire is to help lead us into worshipping God in Spirit and truth throughout our Ignite gathering.



**Rev. Luis Calderon** is the Regional Director of Latin America for the College of Prayer. A Honduras native, Luis, graduated from the Pastoral Ministries program at Seminario Bíblico Alianza in 1988. For over three decades Luis has served in church leadership as a pastor in New York, Florida, and in other states along the east coast. He's had oversight for christian education, discipleship, young adults, pastoral care, and missions ministries. He enjoys teaching and helping pastors to develop their vision for the local church. Luis is passionate about mentoring, training, and equipping pastors and leaders to revive the church.



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

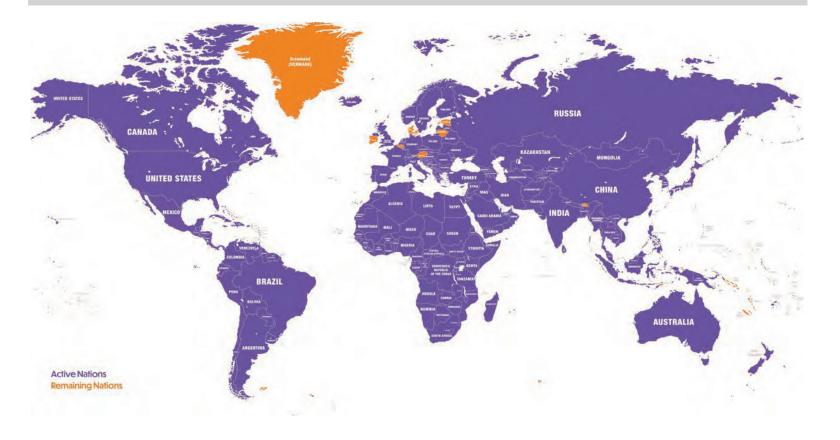
The College of Prayer exists to serve Christ and His church. We lead local churches and church leaders to encounter the manifest presence of Christ and we help congregations become houses of prayer for all nations. The entire College of Prayer ministry is modeled after the way Christ made disciples and 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 500,000 campuses and millions of Revival Prayer Groups in 200 nations and territories serving more than 40 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**. 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** 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** 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 to access the full library. Video series include:

Lord, Teach Us to Pray! Lord, As Families, Teach Us to Pray! Lord, As Churches, Teach Us to Pray! Lord, Give Us the Nations: The Foundational Teachings of the College of Prayer 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 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 or call our office at 770-829-0122. For international inquiries, please contact Fred Hartley, III at fredhartley@collegeofprayer.org.

For further information or to access useful prayer mobilizing materials, visit www.collegeofprayer.org.



For over 27 years we have been providing resources and gatherings that lead people towards intimacy with Christ and provide tools for building a house of prayer personally, in families, and in churches. By God's grace, we are now impacting more than 30 million church leaders in 200 nations and territories. If you're ready for revival now, visit www.revivalnow.us to learn more and to reach us.

#### **Three Ways We Can Serve You**



Our revival prayer resources provide a great entry point for small groups, churches, and families that want to grow in intimacy with Christ and begin building a house of prayer. We have produced a number of high-quality, life-giving, faith-building, and biblically foundational video series on prayer and the deeper life. The good news is that these video series are all available for FREE on our Revival Now Media platform. Visit www.revivalnow.media for more info.

# **Revival Prayer Gatherings**

#### Provide a prayer infusion for your local church.

Revival Prayer Gatherings offer churches and families an opportunity to encounter God through a prayer-saturated weekend event. There are two primary gatherings that may be helpful for your local church:

- Encountering God Weekend: A Prayer Infusion for the Local Church
- Weekend of HOPE: A Prayer Infusion for Families.

Every sustained move of God throughout history started with hunger for God. If you and your church have a hunger to encounter God, then considering having a Revival Prayer Gathering. Visit www.revivalnow.us/gatherings.

# College of Prayer Campuses 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 that welcomes God's presence. The College of Prayer offers three courses of prayer mentorship and training, spread out across six Christ-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 renewal in the local church and transformation in the community. Visit www.revivalnow.us/campuses.



# 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 (Sold out. Kindle version available on Amazon.)



#### **Small Group Video Series on DVD**

Encountering God: \$5/copy Church on Fire: \$5/copy The Lord's Prayer Pattern: \$5/copy Ignite: \$5/copy



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



#### **GET INVOLVED**

We want to serve you as you commit to seeing revival & spiritual awakening in your local church & in your community by building a house of prayer.

www.revivalnow.us

# **ACTIVATION FORM**

If we can serve you, simply fill out this sheet, tear out, and leave at the Resource

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name		
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#### LAUNCH A COLLEGE OF PRAYER CAMPUS

I am interested in launching and hosting a College of Prayer Campus at my local church. I am committed to utilizing the College of Prayer curriculum, establishing a Servant Leadership Team to oversee this campus, and to inviting other churches to participate with us.

Yes, please contact me about launching a College of Prayer Campus.

#### 7 WEEK PRAYER MENTORSHIP

Join a FREE 7-week prayer mentoring cohort led by College of Prayer leader Jon Mitchell. Each Tuesday from October 1-November 12 we will gather for 1 hour on Zoom for fellowship, prayer, teaching, and activation. We will seek to provide practical and biblical insight on how to grow a sustained culture of prayer in your local church. For more information visit www.revivalnow.us.

Yes, I want to join the 7 week prayer mentorship cohort. I am committed to attending every week and willing to take steps to build a house of prayer as the Lord directs. Please sign me up.

#### REVIVAL PRAYER WEEKEND

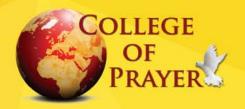
Revival Prayer Weekends offer churches and families an opportunity to encounter God through a prayersaturated weekend event.

Yes, please reach out to me about having a weekend prayer event at my local church.

# COLLEGE OF PRAYER

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





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