
Fire on the Prairie News

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Important Notice

Friday May 10th meeting canceled (this meeting only)

Please help spread the word.

What Are People Saying About FOTP?

"There is total freedom here."

International evangelist Tom Fox of Hope of Glory Ministries and the Twin Cities Impact Center at the April 5th FOTP meeting.

"The heavens were open.... He (God) opened them right away. We didn't have to press in. The first thing that happened was that the heavens were opened."

Dr. Michael Pilla of Pilla Ministries and the new Metro Christian Fellowship in the Twin Cities at the April 19th FOTP meeting.

"...I do know this - if you can ever get to Kansas City... that's what we have here."

Jimmy Sopland, March 29th FOTP meeting, upon returning from Kansas City Metro Fellowship, IHOP, and the World Revival Church (formerly the Smithton Outpouring)

"I was going to give a little sermon on giving, but... God's presence is too awesome here right now."

Joy Stiles, during the offering time at the March 29th FOTP meeting

Looking For More?

If you are in or near the Twin Cities and interested in a non-traditional, radical fellowship that moves in the Spirit, equips people, flows in the miraculous, check out the new **Metro Christian Fellowship** pastored by **Dr. Pilla** - Sunday mornings at **10 AM** at **Drover's Inn Best Western** at 494 & Concord on the So. St. Paul/Eagan border. Info: Lyle McEmury at 651.455.0644 or Steve Smith at 952.929.1829.

Quote to Ponder: "If you want to get wet in God's rain, don't put up an umbrella!" *Ruthie Haag, April 19th FOTP meeting*

Been There, Done That?

"The Scriptures indicate that there is a direct correlation between maintaining the awe of God and the continuous occurrence of signs and wonders (Acts 2:43).... I believe **the key to seeing continuous revival and the ongoing performance of signs and wonders by the Holy Spirit is that we remain in awe of everything**

that He is doing. It is only when we grow tired of what He does and begin to take Him for granted that we grieve the Holy Spirit..." *Melinda Fish in Keep Coming, Holy Spirit*

Toronto Trip Thank You

With sincere gratitude, we thank those of you who donated to the sponsorship fund for Toronto. There is still financial need for a couple of people, however, so if the Lord speaks to you, please invest in the Kingdom. Checks should be made out to **"Fire on the Prairie"** with a note that this money go to the **Toronto sponsorship fund.** Send it to Box 277, Clarkfield, MN 56223 if possible by May 1st.

The **Toronto Blessing** (the Father's Blessing) is **transferable.** Investing in the Kingdom helps place us in a position to receive that blessing - "Give and it shall be given unto you....". During the FOTP meeting coming up on Friday, May 17th, those who go to Toronto will be ministering

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and sharing the impartation they received there. May 17th is also the Jewish feast *Shavuot* known to us as Pentecost (Acts 2). We are fully expecting the Holy Spirit to immerse us anew that evening in His awesome presence. *"...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" Matthew 3:11b.* **Thank you for being a blessing!** May you be richly rewarded in every way.

Car Top Carriers Needed

We need three car top carriers to hold luggage on the Toronto trip. If you have one that we could borrow, please call 320-669-4402 or e-mail fotp@fireontheprairie.org right away to let us know.

Good Seed Into Good Ground

We sincerely thank all of you who have given in so many ways -your prayers, time, effort and financial contributions. We have several needs where people can plant good seed into good ground: bookkeeping and other office functions, helping with the FOTP newsletter, press releases, etc., and the FOTP Building Fund.

When the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully and quickly at FOTP (which He does Friday after Friday) we could use a few extra catchers and ushers as the presence of the Lord continues to increase. The spillover of the anointing onto the catchers is a mighty blessing (sometimes there's no way for them to stay standing either).

Diane Lang Ordained

Diane Lang was publicly ordained as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ on March 8, 2002 and pastors Fire on the Prairie. The goal and the cry of her heart is, as it always has been, to allow the Holy Spirit to move at Fire on the Prairie in total freedom without human hindrances and the "traditions of men" (even Spirit-filled ones) as well as to equip of the people of God, not just a few leaders, to DO the work of the ministry as the Lord has commissioned.

Reflections

by Barbara Schacherer

Ever since Adam and Eve forfeited their right to have dominion and rule over the earth to the enemy of their souls, people through the ages longed for the fulfillment of the scriptures that God would send a Savior and King to take back the keys of the Kingdom and establish His Kingdom. And He did - exactly as Scripture said He would!

How is it then that so many *missed* His coming? Why did the religious community of that day oppose Jesus so vehemently? Even when they were faced with the miracles, signs, and wonders of healing and deliverance, all they could think of was that Jesus threatened their realm of power and influence. Being very religious and steeped in man-made tradition, their very livelihood and identity was determined by how well they could control Jesus and keep things just as



they were. Their pride and fear of losing their position kept their hearts and minds closed to the truth.

I see a parallel between then and now concerning revival. Back then, the people longed for a Savior and King, but not for one like Jesus. He didn't come or act the way their preconceived ideas thought He should. So they actually rejected the very answer to their prayers.

Don't we often do the same concerning the revival we've been praying for? What if it doesn't meet with our preconceived ideas or we don't like the manifestations or the music or the people who are leading it? So, just as the Pharisees built a case against Jesus saying He was blasphemous and of the the devil, we too are prone to build a case against revival or renewal.

After years of praying is it possible that we might miss our day of visitation? Could we today be too steeped in tradition and religion and not even realize it? Are we ashamed or offended by the way God manifests His presence? Do we scorn a move of God because of its location or whom God has anointed to lead it?

These are tough questions, but I believe it must break the heart of God when He draws near to His people in revival, but is rejected.

Jesus grieves in Luke 13:34: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who continue to kill the prophets and to stone those who are sent to you! How often have I desired and yearned to gather your children together as a hen her young under her wings, but you

would not!"

So let's embrace what God is doing. It's worth whatever it costs. The truth is - the forfeited blessings of scorned revival are irretrievable.

In the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship's "Spread the Fire" magazine Issue #2 - 2002, John Arnott wrote:

"The Holy Spirit is looking for those who will be called out of the old structure and flow with the new move that He has initiated. We need to both love the new anointing and the new structure that comes about as revival brings new ways and methods....

"So, some of us have a decision to make. Do we try to hedge our bets by trying to find the middle ground of moderation and compromise? Or do we pay the price of separation, turn from the comfort of public opinion, and go hard after God? I say, 'Go hard after God'...

"New wine needs new wineskins. Don't cling to the old. The new wine will burst them and both will be lost. In order to keep revival, you need to love it - all of it!!" *John Arnott is senior pastor at TACF where he and wife Carol have been host to revival more than 8 years.*

God is moving and drawing near to His people. How blessed we are that He chose to bring Fire on the Prairie to our own backyard. Remember, revival isn't like just waiting around for the next bus - there may not be another. I'm not willing to take the chance of missing it. How about you?

Barb Schacherer is on the board of

Fire on the Prairie.

Quote to Ponder: "There is today an open door to intimacy with the Father before us. We can choose to walk into the very fire of the heart of God and be consumed. Only with brokenness can we enter that door. Once we encounter the innermost heart of God we are broken, crushed, destroyed, ruined, for any life other than complete adoration, love, real worship, and unreserved service to Him. Nothing else matters beyond that point. Everything is up to God and is totally for Him." *Ron McGatlin, Carolina Revival Connection*

Living In The Heart Of Revival

From Melinda Fish's new book, "Keep Coming, Holy Spirit. Melinda is editor of TACF's "Spread the Fire" [FYI: TACF has been in renewal/revival several years longer than some of the best known revivals in history!]

"If your church is not embracing revival because of the stigma attached to it, and yet you're hungry for it, you will need to feed yourself elsewhere. You must follow the hunger God has given you with the godly wisdom He also suppliesThe charismatic renewal lost momentum because so many people sat waiting for their churches to enter the mainstream of what God was doing. Once eager for God, they missed out on the blessed results of revival because they mistakenly believed that He would one day revolutionize their churches

or denominations." (p. 162)

"Jesus does not want us to be satisfied with what pleases our own tastes, but with what radically affects us, both inwardly and outwardly. Church history testifies that every revival restores an experience with God that we need. Why would we refuse what God is giving us? Surely He sends it because we need it." (p. 164)

" 'Old wine' drinkers can threaten a move of the Spirit because they are unwilling to make the radical changes necessary to accommodate it." (p. 164)

"During this move of the Spirit it is not unusual to see Christian leaders ostracize a church in revival. Sometimes the ministries are jealous or misunderstand the way God is moving, but they condemn it and even forbid their people to go to the church that is holding renewal meetings." (p. 131)

"Take your cue from God, not others." (p. 188)

Please note: Barb Schacherer wrote her article previous to learning about the quotes above. But it's the same Holy Spirit!

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