



HUNGRY *for*

THE HOLY SPIRIT

PART ONE

The 'Quiet Revival' Breaks Spiritual Stillness in the United Kingdom

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Did I just watch revival in the UK begin?

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Amid claims that Gen Z is increasingly turning to spirituality, AJ Gomez reports from a HowToLife event in London. There, he saw hundreds of young Christians gathered to worship, share testimonies and engage with the call for spiritual renewal in their nation



'Quiet Revival' sweeps the UK, as church attendance soars

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Worshippers gather in Aberystwyth (Alamy)

The report suggests this pattern of decline isn't the whole story. In the past six years, churchgoing Christians have increased from 8 percent to 12 percent of the population, or numerically from 3.7 million to 5.8 million people. The number of 18-to-24-year-olds attending church has risen from 4 percent to 16 percent, with young men increasing from 4 percent to 21 percent. Only 12 percent of their female peers are churchgoers. Nineteen percent of churchgoers are now from an ethnic minority, but 32 percent of churchgoers aged 18 to 54 are from an ethnic minority.

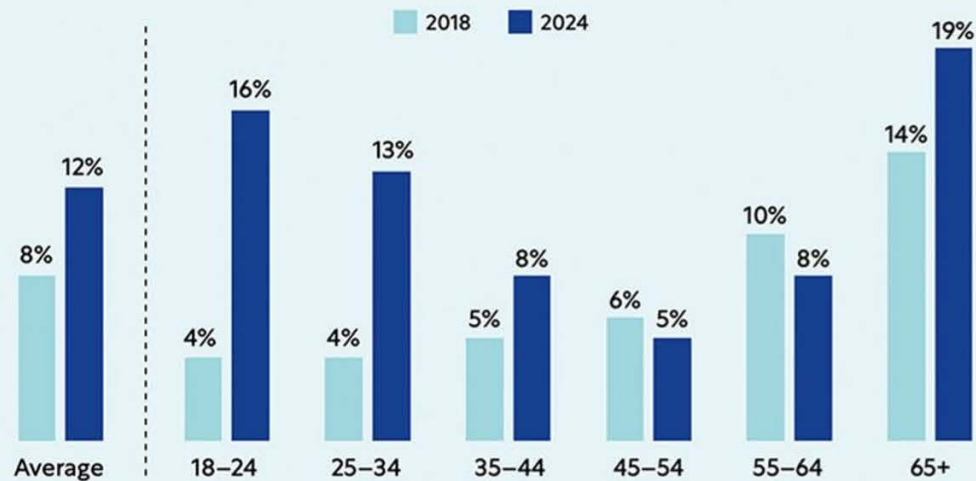
The growth in church attendance hasn't been uniform across denominations. The greatest growth has been within Catholicism and Pentecostalism. Catholics have increased from 23 percent of churchgoers in 2018 to 31 percent today, and Pentecostals from 4 percent in 2018 to 10 percent today. In contrast, Anglicans have dropped from 41 percent to 34 percent. Young people say they're more spiritual, with 35 percent of 18-to-24-year-olds saying there's "definitely a God/gods or some higher power," and 40 percent pray at least monthly. Those who attend church report higher life satisfaction and better connection to their communities.

From a human perspective, a major factor seems to be the desire to find real hope and meaning. Secular liberalism hasn't delivered the happiness and freedom it promised, and loneliness and mental health issues are ever-increasing. Young people bear the impossible burden of defining their own identity, and young men are tired of the relentless castigating of so-called toxic masculinity. Some pressures that have led to a rise in populist policies and alt-right influencers are also causing people to turn to the church for answers to their pain and frustration.

Source: www.thegospelcoalition.org

The rise in regular churchgoing

Percentage of age group population who describe themselves as Christian and go to church at least once a month



Question: Apart from weddings, baptisms/christenings, and funerals how often, if at all, did you go to a church service in the last year?

Base: Whole population

Source: www.premierchristian.news

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"These trends that we're seeing amongst young adults, of feeling lost, anxious, and isolated, for some, is leading them to these quite harmful, toxic spaces that we've heard a lot about.

"But this research shows that [young people] are seeking that meaning and that healing. They're finding community in the church, and that's really drawing them there."

One explanation for the increase in churchgoing could be an increasingly ethnically diverse UK population, with Christianity a strongly held religion for many migrants. Yet the data indicates that faith is growing across a range of social cross-sections.

Director of Research at the Bible Society, Dr Rhiannon McAleer, told Premier: "The stereotype is that churchgoers are predominantly old, white

Americans are purchasing Bibles at a record rate, *The Wall Street Journal* [reported](#). More than 13.7 million Bibles were sold in the first 10 months of 2024.

Book sale tracker Circana BookScan found that Bible sales increased by 22% through the end of October, compared to the same period in 2023. By the end of October last year, Bible sales were only up 1% from 2022. The growth is even more astonishing when you look at data from 2019, when Bible sales hit 9.7 million per year. That's a 41% increase in sales from 2019 to 2024!

Bible Sales Are Booming. Is Revival Coming to America?



Faith on Fire: University of Kentucky Ignites with Powerful Revival

Sources:
www.christianpost.com
www.charismanews.com
www.cbn.com

'They Want God': 8,000 Students Seek Jesus in Huge Kentucky Revival, 2,000 Give Lives to Christ

A supernatural Christian revival is stirring up once again on American college campuses through Unite US – an evangelistic movement marked by salvations, water baptisms, and worship. Last night at the University of Kentucky, more than 2,000 students responded to the gospel message of Jesus Christ and many took part in spontaneous baptisms.

"It's hard to believe. This keeps happening. It is insane," said Unite US speaker and founder of IF:Gathering Jennie Allen.




DEFINITION OF REVIVAL

A sovereign move of God that comes through
a spiritual awakening of His people.

Marked by **deep hunger, true repentance,
intense worship, and passionate prayer**
that ushers in the manifestation
of His presence and glory, power and miracles,
resulting in salvation of souls
and transformation of lives and communities.

**God is calling the church to experience
a greater spiritual awakening
through the Holy Spirit**



WHO
is the
HOLY
SPIRIT?

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another **advocate** to help you and **be with you forever—**

John 14:16 NIV

Helper/Counselor
Parakletos, "Paraclete"

Title/Role

A PERSON and not a force!

**PERMANENT and
not transient**

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:9

1 Corinthians 3:16

John 14:15-17

the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
But **you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.**

John 14:17 NIV

God is Truth

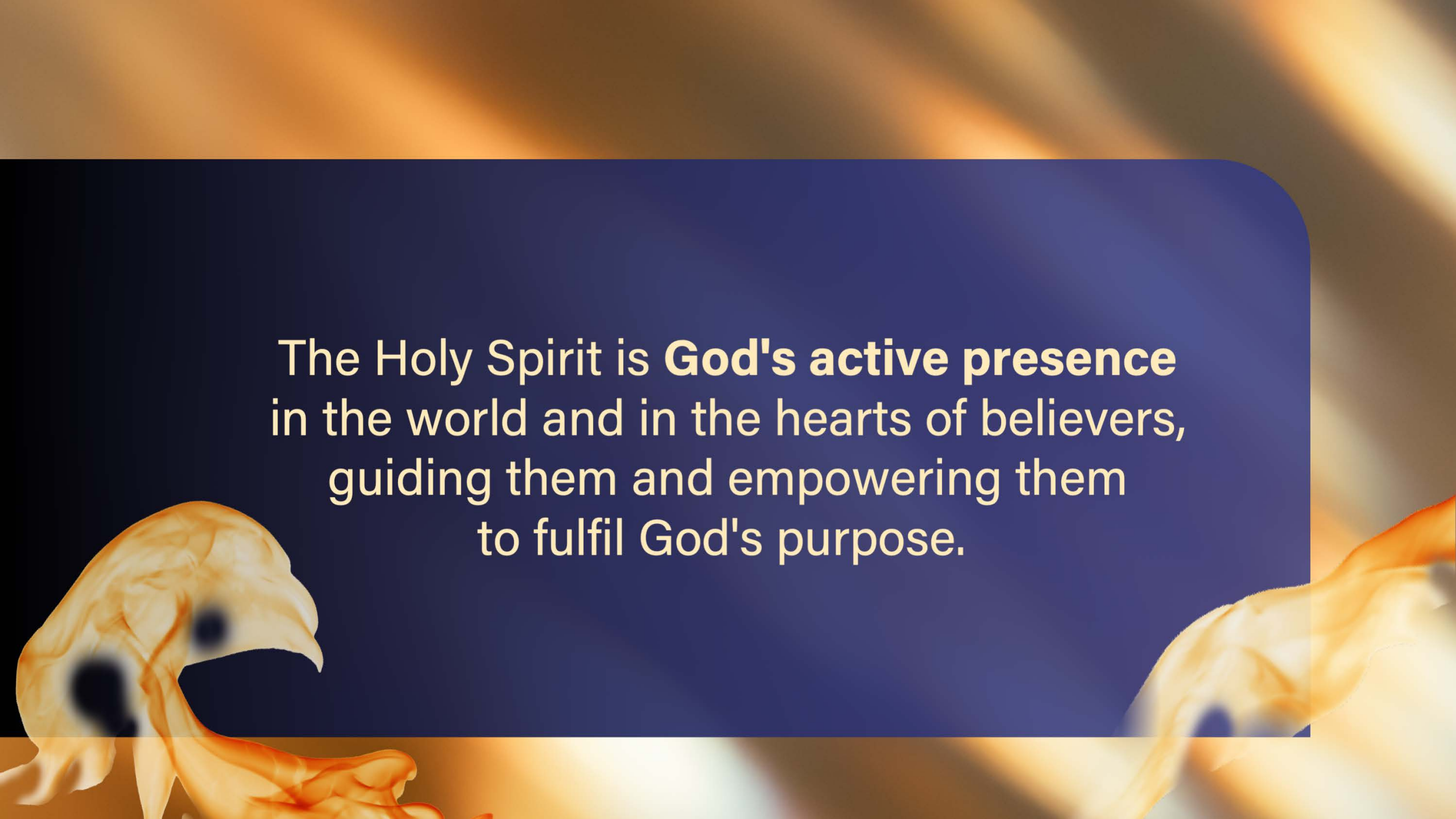
Jesus said about himself in John 14:6

The Holy Spirit is God

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- He is God – the third person of the Trinity
 - We must desire to know Him and surrender to Him
- He lives in us and is with us forever
 - We can develop an intimate relationship with Him
 - We can experience His tangible presence
- He is for us
 - We can experience His authentic power and strength in our lives



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The Holy Spirit is **God's active presence** in the world and in the hearts of believers, guiding them and empowering them to fulfil God's purpose.



How do we
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for the
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SPIRIT?



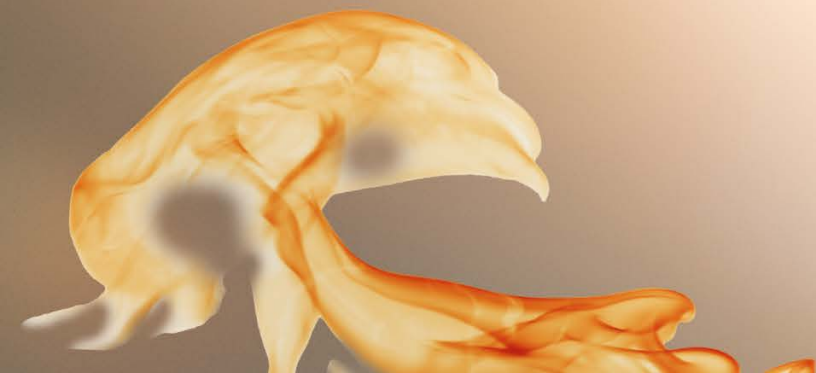
"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you...
If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:9-13 NIV

The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is often
seen when the *people of God gather*
as God's community *in receiving His truth,*
in praying and in doing His work



GATHERING TOGETHER



AT PENTECOST

*Baptism of the Holy Spirit and
manifestation of tongues*

When the day of Pentecost came,
they were **all together in one place.**

**All of them were filled with the
Holy Spirit and began to speak in other
tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

Acts 2:1, 4 NIV

SUBSEQUENT TO PENTECOST

Revival (Salvations) and Bold Witnessing

They devoted themselves... **All the believers were together** and had everything in common... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. **And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

SUBSEQUENT TO PENTECOST

Revival (Salvations) and Bold Witnessing

And when they had prayed, the place where they had **gathered together** was shaken, and **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

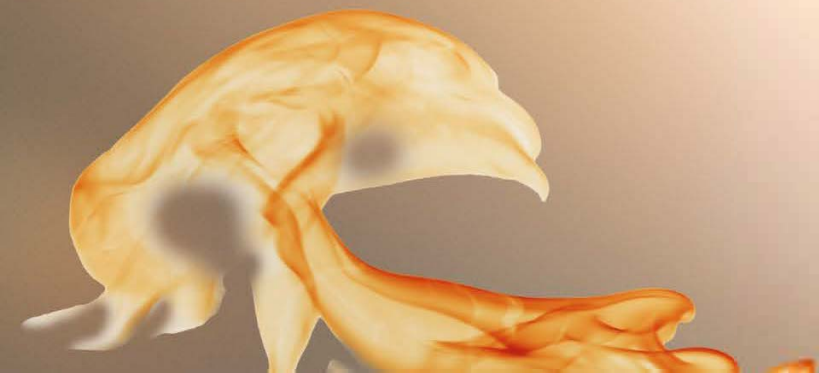
Acts 4:31 NASB

A ready posture to
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as we gather



- Devoted instead of uncommitted
- God-focused instead of self-focused
- Active instead of passive

PRAYING TOGETHER



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Acts 4:23–31

- The believers were threatened and yet, they gathered to pray the word and the will of God
- They aligned themselves to God's purposes as they prayed
- The Holy Spirit came upon the place powerfully and they were empowered to do God's will



- Passionate (Fervent) and Persistent Prayer deepen our hunger for the Holy Spirit
- Prayer is not as a tool to get what we want
- But a means to align our hearts to become the church that God desires
- A church where people's hearts are aligned with God's purposes and preparing the way for His power to move



if **my people**, who are called by my name, **will humble themselves and pray and seek my face** and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.** I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

2 Chronicles 7:14–16 NIV

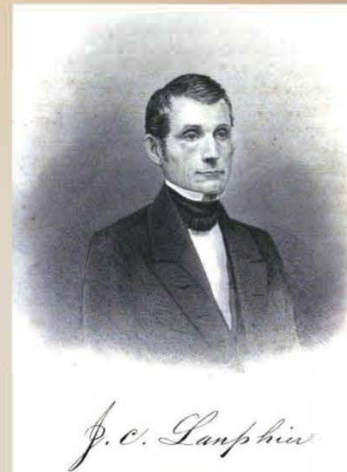
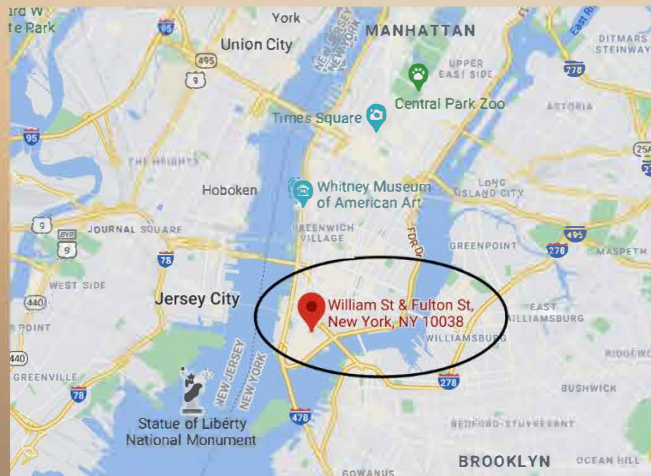
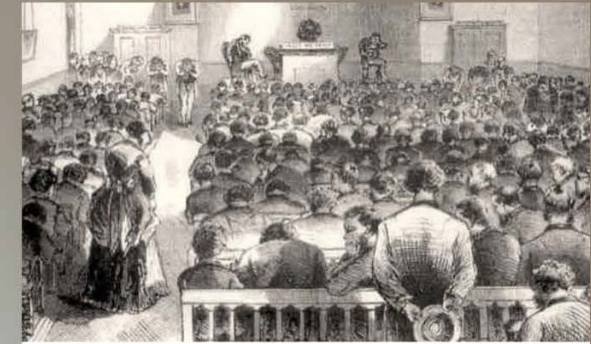
A Humble Beginning

The Businessmen's Revival had a very clear yet almost imperceptible beginning, which shaped the movement and gave rise to its name. It started with the leadership of a layman named Jeremiah Lanphier. Lanphier was born in 1809 and converted to Christ in 1842 at the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City. It is important to

America's Last Nationwide Revival: The Businessmen's Revival of 1857-58

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It was the "Great Century" according to eminent church historian, Kenneth Scott Latourette, because of the unprecedented global growth of Christianity from 1800-1899. The gospel spread



Lanphier so believed in this new prayer meeting that he had thousands of handbills printed to announce the meeting. Then, he distributed them all himself. The message on Lanphier's pamphlet read as follows:

How Often Shall I Pray?

PRAYERS & EXHORTATIONS
Not to exceed 5 minutes,
in order to give all an opportunity.
NOT MORE than 2 CONSECUTIVE
PRAYERS OR EXHORTATIONS.
NO CONTROVERTED POINTS
— DISCUSSED. —

noon prayer meetings. They could not make it to every prayer gathering before 1 pm. Those that they numbered were 6,110 people at 10 churches or theaters, and it was estimated that 10,000 men participated in the noon prayer meetings. Now the steady stream of prayer had become a raging river. Noon to 1 pm was no longer sufficient. Prayer meetings began in the evenings and often lasted for two hours at a time.

Source: www.cuamerica.org/businessmens_revival