

REVIVAL PREPARATION TEAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Decision Counseling Team

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Leader to recruit and train counselors to lead people to Christ and assist with other decisions/counseling during the invitation time.

Example Countdown Calendar

Six weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Enlist counselors. ➡ Secure a counselor trainer. 	
Five weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Order gospel tracts, counseling guides, pencils, badges, et cetera. ➡ Remind the team of the date and time of counselor training. 	
Three weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Conduct counselor training. 	
Two weeks before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Pastor or team leader should meet with any counselors who missed training event and go over training and procedures thoroughly. 	
One week before the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Remind all counselors to personally bring lost prospects with them to the revival event. ➡ Conduct an invitation rehearsal in the church auditorium with all the counselors. Ensure that everyone knows what is expected, how to fill out complete decision forms, and answer any last-minute questions. ➡ End the rehearsal with a time of prayer, asking God to bless all the preparation and for the lost to be saved. 	
During the week of the revival event	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ All counselors should report 30 minutes before the revival service for a time of prayer. 	

Additional Suggestions

- ➔ Request the counselors to print legibly and acquire accurate information when filling out decision cards.
- ➔ Have counselors come forward during the invitation and pray at the altar. This will help “break the ice” and says to those who need to make decisions.
- ➔ Set up a room or rooms for counseling. Have gospel tracts, assurance of salvation tracts, baptism tracts, and other relevant information in the counseling area. After the decision is made, there should be ample time for the counselor to bring the person back in for the pastor to present them to the church.
- ➔ Follow-up on decisions immediately. Visit the persons within three days. Review Scripture with them about their decision, confirming they have assurance of salvation, et cetera. Discuss the importance of baptism. Tract recommendations and a baptism tract can be obtained from the Evangelism Ministries office of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Coordinate visitation efforts with Outreach Team.
- ➔ Offer a new member’s class for all new believers. Suggested materials: *Beginning Steps* from the North American Mission Board or *Survival Kit* from LifeWay.
- ➔ Connect the new believer with an age-appropriate Sunday School class.
- ➔ Provide materials for counseling children and adults. The North American Mission Board provides excellent materials for counseling adults and children, as well as a “Personal Commitment (Counseling) Guide” to assist in dealing with those who respond at the invitation time.