

## FIRST STEPS IN PLANNING

Set the date(s) way in advance. Examine your church calendar thoroughly. Compare with school calendars, holidays, denominational events, and any other events that might prohibit people from full participation in the revival event. Also, the weeks before the revival event should not be crowded with activities. Set the revival date(s) accordingly.

Meet with your deacons, elders, and/or other leadership personnel. Be enthusiastic in presenting what God has put on your heart concerning the revival so they will be encouraged to assist in planning, preparation, and the carrying out of the event. Present your proposed date(s), why you chose that date frame, and suggest a speaker. Finalize the date(s); ask them to prioritize the date(s) on their calendars, and to be present at every service.

Meet with your Sunday School leadership and teachers – present the revival date(s) and plans and emphasize the importance of revival. Encourage them to plan ahead to be present at every revival service. Ask them to prioritize the date(s) on their calendar.

Meet with all other church leaders and present the revival plan. Advise them of the date(s) and have them prioritize the date on their calendar.

Review the suggested team listings herein and strive to involve every church member in some capacity in the revival event.

Enlist an evangelist and music leader for the event. Choose a preaching evangelist and music evangelist with a proven track record in harvest and revival evangelism. Visit [www.cogbe.org](http://www.cogbe.org) for a list of evangelists specifically from Georgia. Contact some of the churches where they have conducted revivals and ask for a reference. Evangelists should be booked at least six months in advance of the revival date, but a year is preferable. Waiting until the last moment to enlist these persons will severely limit your choice of evangelists.

Prayer. Recruit your church leaders to pray for the revival event, the preparations involved, the evangelists, the lost, and for the teams coordinating the event. *Prepare as though it all depends on you and pray as though it all depends on God.*

*“Now this is the confidence we have before Him: whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked Him for.” (1John 5:14-15 HCSB)*

- Pray for real revival in your life.
- Pray for real revival in your church.

Pray for a harvest of souls.