

The Kistler Report

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MINISTRY UPDATE (Pennsylvania and Virginia)

The last two weeks have been blessed times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord! I cannot remember times when I've enjoyed preaching to teens (and adults) more than the last two weeks. There has been a great spirit of receptivity and responsiveness among all the teenagers, especially the young men. In addition to souls saved, today, over 25 teens responded to yield their lives to Christ for some area of full-time ministry. The testimonies that followed the service were stirring.

From the early part of 1904, through the middle of 1906, God moved in mighty power across the principality of Wales. In approximately 18 months, over 120,000 were swept into the kingdom of God. I have read the only copy (that I know of) of one man's day by day account of that revival, chronicling the conversions that occurred in each Welsh city. I have, also, visited the two churches, in Lougher, Wales, where the revival began. What is most striking is that that awesome move of God began with a small assembly of young people.

Perhaps what God is beginning to do in America is stir the hearts of young people with the desperate need for Him to, once again, touch our nation, and our world, with His reviving power. Maybe the older generation has lost its expectation that God can shake up an entire nation with His Word and by His Spirit. If that is the case, count me among the young ones, for I firmly believe that God is more than able, more than willing, and more than ready to do so. If we (His people) will humbly and desperately admit our need (our fancy buildings, elaborate sound systems, impressive organizations, impressive educations, and even more impressive personalities are not enough to bring God's blessing) and call out to Him in honest confession of our sin, then He will (for He has promised to do so) respond. From the White House to our house, we are in desperate need of God's Divine intervention. May we grasp firmly His promises, call earnestly for His power, and desire exclusively His glory to be displayed in our land! Having done so, by faith may we wait patiently for His response.

"If my people...will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14)

Below are photos from our last two meetings (Calvary Baptist Church, McConnellsburg, PA, Pastor Dave Carroll and Engleside Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA, Pastor Brad Lapiska). In each meeting, we experienced wonderful fellowship, great congregational singing, beautiful special music, riveted attention to the preached Word, and many decisions made for God's glory.

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