

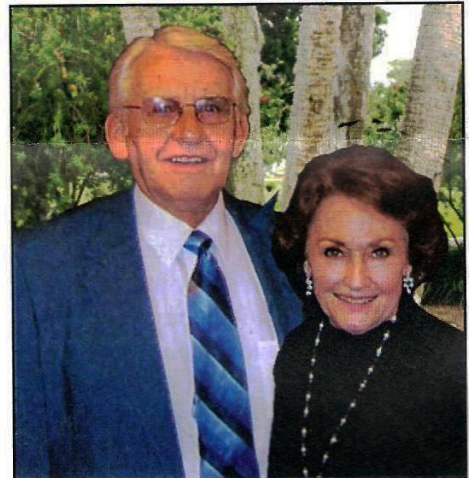
# Revival Crusade

December 2009

## Christmas Greetings

May the Christ of Christmas bring to you the joy of the season and may your heart and home be blessed by the warmth of His presence. He is Emmanuel! Luke 2.

*Jesus Christ our Savior is the light, the life and He gives lasting liberty. He became flesh as the Babe of Bethlehem and lived among us for 33 1/2 years as the Perfect God/Man. He is not just the "reason for the season", but the enduring purpose for all the seasons of our lives. Our prayer is that our Father will be personal and real to you and yours during this Holy Christmas season. May He also bless and keep you as only He can as you seek to serve Him throughout the New Year.*



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### CHURCHES

In 2009, we had 2 meetings that were Sunday through Friday, 22 meetings that were Sunday through Wednesday and 14 Sunday Only services. We preached in AL, GA, IL, KY, MD, NC, OH, TN, VA and WV. Mission trips to Dominic Republic and to Cuba were cancelled. The first was due to illness in the family and the second will be re-scheduled for 2010.

### RADIO

Through the assistance of **Board Member, Pastor Gary Drake**, producer of the daily radio programs, "A Time of Blessing" was heard 260 times on stations in WV, KY, OH, NC and in the Caribbean area. Over 8,300 of those daily programs have been aired since 1977. The Sunday Morning program on WCHS in Charleston WV, which was started in 1961, reached the milestone of 2,500 weekly programs on September 27 of this year. One new station was added (WPIP in Winston Salem NC) this year with plans for at least two more in 2010.

### MISSIONS

In addition to providing full support for a native pastor in Northern Thailand, we continue to provide monthly support for missionaries in the USA, Costa Rica, Brazil, Uganda, The Middle East, Ukraine and Australia. Three of the missionaries that we support are engaged in Jewish evangelism. Each year more than 25% of all funds that come to Revival Crusade goes to support missionaries and mission projects in our country and throughout the world.

### CHRISTIAN CARE GIVING

Literally hundreds of hours of counseling, mentoring, supporting and encouraging were provided to those God brought into our lives. The bulk of that ministry was done by Fleta and most of that by phone and email. We have never charged for any ministry, but such one on one service to our Lord in trying to meet the needs of others is both time consuming and emotionally draining! Some of those who receive counseling often give a gift to REVIVAL CRUSADE, INC. Do pray for this part of our ministry. **Fleta has posted an article: CHRISTIAN CARE GIVING on the web site, [www.revivalcrusade.net](http://www.revivalcrusade.net).** You will surely be blessed by reading it.

*Thoughts and questions  
after 57 years of ministry  
and the last 33 years in  
evangelism/missions:*

My first sermon was preached in February of 1953 when I was 17. I immediately became active in evangelism while at TTU. After college, and our marriage in 1958, then seminary, 2 children, and years in the pastorate in two states, we began full time work of evangelism and missions in the fall of 1976. Since that time, we have ministered on every continent – preaching, teaching, singing, counseling, taking teams to work and providing spiritual and financial aid. This could not have happened without the faithful support of individuals and churches that served our Lord in giving.

We thank God daily for all these who share with us in the cause of Christ in our country and throughout the world. Surely your reward will be great in Heaven as you give of your resources to Him and for the "least of these".

When we began our full time evangelism/missions ministry, many church meetings were two weeks long. Now? A Sunday through

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Wednesday meeting is the norm. It is ironic that the more time saving devices we get, the less time we seem to have for God's work. Now, some churches are asking for only a Sunday.... An assignment of teaching a combined Adult Sunday School, and preaching in both the AM and the PM services. Of course, we are willing to do what the pastor requests.

The question of what is next needs to be considered. In my lifetime we have gone from protracted meetings (some lasting 5 or 6 weeks), to two-week meetings (twice a year), to 4-day meetings and now to a one-day revival effort. Will churches stop having special meetings? What about Missions/ Bible and Prophecy conferences? They also are being abbreviated. Will such conferences even appear on future church calendars? *If Jesus does not come back in the next few years, will there still be ministries such as ours doing the work of the evangelist/missionary throughout our country and the world?*

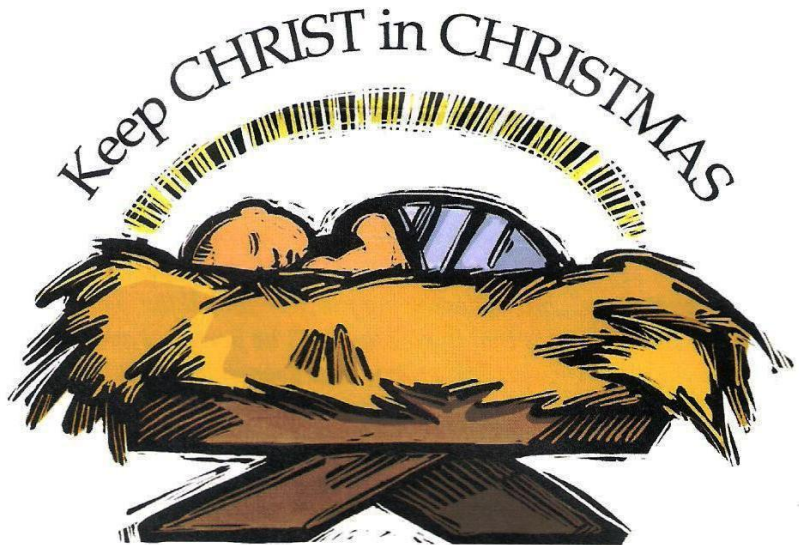
I have posted a timely article on our web site "The State of Special Meetings in the Local Church".

A revival does two things. First, it returns the Church from her backsliding and second, it causes the conversion of men and women; and it always includes the conviction of sin on the part of the Church. What a spell the devil seems to cast over the Church today!

*-- Billy Sunday*

#### **SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

The schedule, including open dates, is shown on the web site [www.revivalcrusade.net](http://www.revivalcrusade.net) When you have gone to the site, just click on 2010 Schedule. **THERE ARE OPEN DATES AVAILABLE.** What lies ahead in our ministry is up to the God whom we have served these 51+ years. Pray that He will continue to lead and open the appropriate doors for our service to Him during this, the winter season of our lives. We DO want to finish well.



*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;  
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*

*II Corinthians 4:5*

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