

CLASS	FALL	9/1	9/8
College	TBD	19	19
SB Averette	TBD	4	4
Drummond	TBD	3	4
C Coker	TBD	4	4
Gifford	TBD	5	3
C Averette	TBD	3	4
Career	14	10	20
Johnson/Timmons	36	34	34
Coker	7	8	6
Livingston	8	8	6
Duffy	8	6	8
Britt	6	4	6
Timmons	5	3	3
Leland	6	5	5
Sawyer/Sinclair	20	22	22
Jordan/Poston		18	22
Caudill/Odom	20	16	18
Miles/Stewart	28	24	26
Hill/Owens		19	30
Barber/Berry		12	16
Miles/Reynolds	45	40	42
Page		17	23
Dibb		12	14
Roeder/Simmons	80	88	76
Truluck	36	25	38
Sterling	23	23	24
Evans/Harris	18	14	15
Bryant	16	17	11
Rice/Hicks	TBD	17	19
Grant/York	TBD	19	21
Di Roth	TBD	20	20
Beard	TBD	23	19
Schneider/Mathews	TBD	21	21
Arwood/Lee	21	19	18
Flamini/Roth	30	28	30
Barnwell/Harsh	27	18	22
Beard/Calder	23	22	20
Massie	18	12	13
S. Ordonez	8	8	4
Rodriguez	5	4	4
C Ordonez	9	9	4
Jepertinger	6	5	5
ADULTS		642	676
FBT		982	1080

## PREPARING FOR 9/15

### PROMOTIONS:

#### REVIVAL – REVIVAL – REVIVAL!

- ⇒ Encourage the class to register for the meals.
  - Idea: Eat together before the service.
- ⇒ Encourage them to attend each service!
  - Idea: Sit together in the service.
  - Idea: Fellowship after the service.
- ⇒ Talk to them about revival!
- ⇒ Pray for revival! Promote the daily time of prayer in the auditorium at 11:30 AM.

#### WHERE APPROPRIATE: FBT Kids Open House, September 22

- ⇒ 8:45-9:15 AM before SS
- ⇒ Come a little early to drop off your children and get to know the teachers and ministry plan for your kids in the upcoming year!

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Begins Wed., October 16

- ⇒ Space is limited – contact Ryan at the church office.

PLEASE HELP: Drinks in the Dining Hall storage are not for Sunday mornings. Those are reserved for other times. Please don't go in there and take them for SS.

*Our purpose today is to make Jesus look good!*

*David Gibbs*

## FALL TEACHER'S MEETINGS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ⇒ October 2
- ⇒ October 30

### REVIVAL LESSON: Read this in class this Sunday!

It was exactly 12 noon on September 23, 1857. A tall, middle-aged former businessman climbed creaking stairs to the third story of an old church building in the heart of lower New York City. He entered an empty room, pulled out his pocket watch and sat down to wait. The placard outside read: "Prayer Meeting from 12 to 1 o'clock—Stop 5, 10, or 20 minutes, or the whole hour, as your time admits." It looked like no one had the time. As the minutes ticked by, the solitary waiter wondered if it were all a mistake.

He waited ten minutes, then ten more. The minute hand of his watch pointed to 12:30 when at last he heard a step on the stairs. One man came in, then another and another until there were six. After a few minutes of prayer, the meeting was dismissed with the decision that another meeting would be held the following Wednesday.

That small meeting was in no way extraordinary. Lanphier had no way of knowing that it was the beginning of a great national revival.

Twenty men came to his second noon-hour meeting. The following Wednesday, forty. Lanphier decided to make the meeting a daily event in a larger room. That very week—on Wednesday, October 14 the nation was staggered by the worst financial panic in its history. Banks closed, men were out of work, families went hungry. In a short time the Fulton Street meeting had taken over the whole building with crowds of more than 3,000.

Lawyers and physicians, merchants and clerks, bankers and brokers, manufacturers and mechanics, porters and messenger boys all came. People would drive up to the curb, tie up their horses and come in for a few minutes. It seemed that the Fulton Street meeting had touched a nerve. Within six months 10,000 businessmen (out of a population of 800,000) were gathering daily in New York City for prayer. In January 1858 there were at least twenty other prayer meetings going full tilt in the city. Other cities had them too.

By January of 1858 newspapers were sending reporters to cover the meetings. "The Progress of the Revival" became a standing news head. Remarkable cases of awakening were detailed at length. One time a man wandered into the Fulton Street meeting who intended to murder a woman and then commit suicide. He listened as someone was delivering a fervent exhortation and urging the duty of repentance. Suddenly the would-be murderer startled everyone by crying out, "Oh! What shall I do to be saved!" By the conclusion of the service he was converted.

The revival swept across much of the country and rolled on into 1859 and 1860. There is no telling how long it might have lasted if the Civil War had not broken out. When the revival was at high tide through the nation, it was judged that 50,000 persons a week were converted. And the number who joined the churches in 1858 amounted to almost 10 percent of the country's total church membership!

What lesson does this revival teach this generation? Certainly, it demonstrates again how God can use one dedicated life to work out His purposes. Jeremiah Lanphier is an inspiration to all unsung, seemingly unappreciated church workers everywhere. Lanphier's dedication to the work came only after a struggle and total surrender to God. He testified: "The subject was laid upon my heart, and was a matter of constant consideration for some time. At last I resolved to give myself to the work, and I shall never forget with what force, at the time, those words came home to my soul: 'Tis done, the great transaction's done, I am my Lord's, and He is mine; He drew me, and I followed on, Charmed to confess the voice divine."

- ⇒ We have the opportunity on September 22-25.
  - But we must make it a priority to be here!
  - We must make it a priority of our prayers!
  - We must make sure that we are right with God and with others!
- ⇒ Stop and pray in class for the revival.