"If my people, who are called by my name, 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 Chronicles 7:14

Many of us have prayed that God would renew our lives and our churches through heaven-sent revivals like those experienced in the 18th century Great Awakening. These past revivals have much to teach us, but most of us have not had the opportunity to examine with care the remarkable 'seasons of refreshing' that God has used to renew His people across the centuries. If you have ever longed to explore in depth the story of God's renewing work in the pages of Scripture and throughout Christian history, then this course may be what you are looking for. It will challenge you to think biblically about spiritual awakening and to prepare for spiritual renewal.

Course requirements: Students who are taking this class for credit will be asked to attend class regularly, to complete a total of 2500 pages of required reading (including the required textbooks), to write 2-5 page reflection papers on each of the required textbooks, to write a 20-25 page research paper on one of Christian history's historic awakenings, to lead an opening devotional, to analyze a portion of the Lovelace book and/or to make an oral presentation in class on an assigned book (assignments to be made on the first day of class), and to write a final essay exam at the end of the course.

Course textbooks:
Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Revive us Again: Biblical Insights for Encouraging Spiritual Renewal (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999);

Opening devotionals and oral presentations: Each class session will include a biblical, historical, theological and pastoral component. Drawing upon Kaiser's Revive us Again, a designated student will begin each class session with a discussion of one of the great biblical awakenings and an opening prayer. Drawing upon Lovelace's Dynamics of Spiritual Life, another student will present an assigned section of the book and lead the class in a brief discussion of that section. Drawing upon an assigned text, several designated students will be invited to make 15 to 20 minute presentations on one of the
great awakenings of Christian history and several additional students will be asked to make 15 to 20 minute presentations on one or more of the key leaders of that awakening. Assignments for these various responsibilities will be made on the first day of class.

Class Schedule

Tuesday, January 27: MOVEMENTS OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Opening Scripture and Prayer
Orientation to Course and Presentation Assignments
Lecture: Principles of Spiritual Renewal (Rosell)
Discussion: "Is Spiritual Renewal Actually Possible?"

Tuesday, February 3: THE FIRST GREAT AWAKENING

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Kaiser, *Revive Us Again*, pp. 61-73
(Revival under Samuel) I Samuel 7: 1-13

Historical Presentations:
- **The Awakening:** Thomas S. Kidd, *The Great Awakening: The Roots of Evangelical Christianity in Colonial America* (Yale, 2007);

- **The Leaders:** George M. Marsden, *A Short Life of Jonathan Edwards* (Eerdmans, 2008);
  Thomas S. Kidd, *George Whitefield: America's Spiritual Founding Father* (Yale, 2014);

Theological Reflections: Lovelace, *Dynamics*, pp. 11-60 ("Jonathan Edwards and the Jesus Movement")

Lecture: "America's Revival Tradition" (Rosell)

Tuesday, February 10: THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Kaiser, *Revive Us Again*, pp. 115-129
(Revival under Hezekiah) II Chronicles 30: 1-9

Historical Presentations:
  Keith J. Hardman, *Seasons of Refreshing: Evangelism*
and Revivals in America (Baker, 1994), pp. 100-167;
John B. Boles, The Great Revival, 1787-1805: The
Origins of the Southern Evangelical Mind (University of Kentucky
Press, 1982);
William G. McLoughlin, ed., Lectures on Revivals of

The Leaders: Charles E. Hambrick-Stowe, Charles G. Finney and the
Spirit of American Evangelicalism (Eerdmans, 1996);
Bennet Tyler, Asahel Nettleton: Life and Labours (The
Banner of Truth Trust, 1975)

Theological Reflections: Lovelace, Dynamics, pp. 61-94 (Models)

Lecture: "Tiptoeing through an Historiographical Minefield" (Rosell)

Tuesday, February 17: No Class Session (Reading Week February 16-20)

Tuesday, February 24: THE THIRD GREAT AWAKENING

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Kaiser, Revive Us Again, pp. 131-146
(Revival under Josiah) II Chronicles 34

Historical Presentations: David W. Bebbington, The Dominance of
Evangelicalism: The Age of Spurgeon and Moody (InterVarsity,
2005);
Kathryn Teresa Long, The Revival of 1857-58
(Oxford, 1998);
Arcturus Z. Conrad, ed., Boston's Awakening: The Great
Boston Revival (King's Business, 1909);
Cecil M. Robeck, Jr., The Azusa Street Mission & Revival:
The Birth of the Global Pentecostal Movement (Nelson, 2006);

The Leaders: Vinson Synan & Charles R. Fox, William J. Seymour:
Pioneer of the Azusa Street Revival (Bridge-Logos, 2012);
John Pollock, Moody: A Biography (Baker, 1997);
Lewis and Betty Drummond, Women of Awakenings: The
Historic Contribution of Women to Revival Movements (Kregel, 1997);
Lyle W. Dorsett, Billy Sunday and the Redemption of Urban
America (Eerdmans, 1991)

Theological Reflections: Lovelace, Dynamics, pp. 95-144 (Primary
Elements of Continuous Renewal)

Lecture: "Lessons from America's Third Great Awakening" (Rosell)
Tuesday, March 3: **THE FOURTH GREAT AWAKENING**

**Opening Scripture and Prayer:** Kaiser, *Revive Us Again*, pp. 159-171  
(Revival under Ezra and Nehemiah) Nehemiah 8

**Historical Presentations:** Garth M. Rosell, *The Surprising Work of God: Harold John Ockenga, Billy Graham and the Rebirth of Evangelicalism* (Baker, 2008);  
John Avant, Malcolm McDow and Alvin Reid, eds., *Revival: The Story of the Current Awakening in Brownwood, Ft. Worth, Wheaton and Beyond* (Broadman & Holman, 1996);

**The Leaders:** Grant Wacker, *America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of a Nation* (Harvard, 2014);  

**Theological Reflections:** Lovelace, *Dynamics*, pp. 145-200 (Secondary Elements of Continuous Renewal)

**Lecture and Video:** "Billy Graham" (Rosell)

Tuesday, March 10: **REVIVAL IN WALES, KOREA AND EAST AFRICA**

**Opening Scripture and Prayer:** Kaiser, *Revive Us Again*, pp. 173-183  
(Revival under John the Baptist) Matthew 3

**Lecture:** "Revival in Wales" (The Rev. Kevin Adams)

**Historical Presentations:** Mark A. Noll, *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith* (InterVarsity, 2009);  
Timothy S. Lee, *Born Again: Evangelicalism in Korea* (University of Hawaii Press, 2010);  


**Plenary Discussion:** Mark Shaw, *Global Awakening: How 20th-Century*
Revivals Triggered a Christian Revolution (InterVarsity, 2010)

Theological Reflections: Lovelace, Dynamics, pp. 203-287.

Tuesday, March 17: REVIVAL IN INDIA, CHINA AND ARGENTINA

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Kaiser, Revive us Again, pp. 185-195, 107-218 (Revival at Pentecost) Acts 2 and 10

Historical Presentations: Marie Monsen, The Awakening: Revival in China 1927-1937 (Kingsley, 2011);
Bruce P. Baugus, China’s Reforming Churches: Mission, Polity and Ministry in the Next Christendom (Reformation Heritage, 2014);
Dennis Balcombe, China’s Opening Door: Incredible Stories of the Holy Spirit at Work in One of the Greatest Revivals in Christianity (Charisma, 2014);
Rocky Grams, In Awe in Argentina (Creation House, 2006);
T. E. Koshy, Bakht Singh of India: The Incredible Account of a Modern-Day Apostle (Authentic, 2008).


Theological Reflections: Lovelace, Dynamics, pp. 289-336.

Plenary Discussion: Shaw, Global Awakening, pp. 113-214.


Tuesday, March 23: No Class Session (Reading Week, March 23-27, 2015)

Tuesday, March 31: REVIVALS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Opening Scripture and Prayer: Kaiser, Revive us Again, pp. 197-205 (Revival under Philip) Acts 8

Historical Presentations: J. Edwin Orr, Campus Aflame: A History of Evangelical Awakenings in Collegiate Communities (International Awakening Press, 1994);
William C. Ringenberg, The Christian College: A History of Protestant Higher Education in America (Baker, 2006);
George M. Marsden, The Soul of the American University
Oxford, 1994);

**Theological Reflections:** Lovelace, *Dynamics*. pp. 337-354.

**Lecture:** "Reaching Students for Christ: Some Historical Reflections" (Rosell)

**Plenary Discussion:** Trends in Campus Ministry

**Tuesday, April 7: REVIVALS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL REFORM**

**Opening Scripture and Prayer:** Kaiser, *Revive us Again*, pp. 207-218
(Revival under Paul and Silas) I Thessalonians 1

**Historical Presentations:** Timothy L. Smith, *Revivalism and Social Reform* (Johns Hopkins, 1980);

**The Leaders:** John Perkins, *Let Justice Roll Down* (Baker Academic, 2011);
Roger J. Green, *Catherine Booth: A Biography of the Cofounder of the Salvation Army* (Baker, 1996);

**Theological Reflections:** Lovelace, *Dynamics*, pp. 355-435.

**Some Final Reflections:** Rosell

**Tuesday, May 1: FINAL EXAM**

All remaining course work must be submitted by no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015.