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Dear NG712 Parents and Students,

Every now and then, God's voice speaks with the sound of a heralding trumpet. That day happened to me on Saturday, October 27 at a Men's Breakfast Gathering at Calvary Road. *Let me explain*. In late September I began to feel a stirring in my soul that I should begin planning for a revival within our student ministry. Although the stirring seemed legitimate, I began to, as they say, "test the spirits" to see if it was a real call from the Lord. I began to pray and listen to see if God would confirm this call. As I continued to pray for several weeks, it wasn't until I attended the Men's Gathering that God spoke. He spoke to me through our speaker, Tim St. Clair and the confirmation came through like the heralding trumpet I just mentioned. *That day, God and I began a journey together*.

The very next Sunday, November 4, I began a Revival Prayer Meeting in Cottage B during our youth breakfast time and invited teens to join me if they desired. At the very first prayer meeting, 9 students joined me. I explained what revival is and gave them a prayer sheet that listed some things that I, personally, was praying for, as well as several points of prayer consistent with seeking revival. The teens, Chip, and I have been praying every week from 9:45-10:15 AM since then. That group has grown to 16 faithful students. These students have been praying (some even fasting) during the week to seek revival and prepare themselves, spiritually, for God's Spirit to be poured out on our group and our community. Over the weeks, these students have been praying for friends at school who need the Lord. These names (so far, 20 names) are posted on the walls of Cottage B. We are praying for the lost, praying for revival, and are expecting the Lord to perform great miracles during this scheduled time of refreshing.

Our revival dates are Sunday, January 6, beginning at 11:00 AM in the gym and will continue each night from Monday, January 7 through Friday, January 11, starting at 6:30 PM in our Sanctuary. The first four days of our revival will be focused on who revival is meant for: believers in Jesus Christ. Our revival speaker, Tim St. Clair, will spend the first four nights preaching from the Word of God for revival in the hearts of our believing teens. We will then focus the last two nights of revival (Thu & Fri) on the lost, and these are the two nights that we are asking teens to target lost friends to attend. The message of the Gospel will be preached with God's power, and I am asking God to save many lost teenagers during this outreach.

Each night of our revival will be a unique opportunity for God to speak truth, for the Holy Spirit to bring conviction, and for each participant to receive a personal revelation from the Lord. *The previous statement sets up my ask.* I am **imploring** each family to set aside **any/all** nightly commitments between the period of Sunday evening, January 6 and Friday evening, January 11 so that each student (and parents as well) can devote themselves to faithful attendance. I know that this is a big ask, but God <u>will</u> work each night during this revival and will work in *different ways* each night. Further, every night will complement the night before and lead to an amazing conclusion on Friday night.

Please don't miss this very special week. We are bathing this revival in prayer and fasting. We are very expectant of God's Spirit manifesting Himself in the lives of our youth group and sparking an awakening in our surrounding community and schools.

Thank you for reading. Please pray alongside me and let's prepare our hearts for a great miracle of God.

For the Next Generation of Believers,