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“Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” -
Matthew 16:16-17

Some want to live
within the sound
of church or chapel bell;
I want to run
a rescue shop
within a yard of hell.

C. T. Studd, 1860-1931.

For My Church

"..On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.." -Matthew 16:18

A local church is a community of believers united by faith in the saving knowledge and revelation of Jesus Christ. It is meant to be dynamically gathered around the supernatural manifest presence of God and watched over by godly elders and leaders who model the truth of the gospel and who care and feed the people of God. It is also commissioned and empowered by the Holy Spirit to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God reaching all people at the point of need. [Acts 2:41-47](#)

The first century church in the book of Acts was a church in continual revival. Through it the message of the Kingdom spread until half the Roman Empire was converted. The church in revival is the most powerful institution on earth. Throughout the centuries pagan religions could not compete with it. Greek philosophy could not outwit it, and persecution only purified it and made it grow more rapidly. Today we need a great awakening and revival in the church of America. Let it begin in my church!

Meditate on Acts 2:41-47

Proclamations and Prayer

"Father, in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit I am asking You to let the spirit of revival begin in me first. As I pray today for a great outpouring of Your Spirit upon my local church, Father, bring a deep conviction of sin. Expose and bring to light any thing that is hindering the full release of Your Spirit in us. Awaken those who may be asleep. Give us a fresh burden for those without Christ and empower us to reach them at the point of need. In Jesus' name, Amen!