FIRST SARASOTA
THE DOWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

REVIVAL WEEKEND

Sharing the Good News of Jesus

AUGUST 29–30

YOUR INVITATION COULD CHANGE SOMEONE'S ETERNITY

Revival Weekend isn't simply another weekend on our church calendar. We're praying and believing that God will use these days to change lives as people hear the Gospel clearly and are given an opportunity to respond to Jesus.
And every one of us has a part to play.

We invite → **The Gospel is preached** → **God saves**

1 Start With Prayer

Before you send a text or hand someone an invitation, pray. Ask God, ***"Lord, who?"*** Who has He already placed in your life who needs Jesus? A neighbor, coworker, family member, friend, another parent at your child's school, or someone who used to attend church but has gotten away? Write their names, and commit to pray for them every day between now and Revival Weekend.

1. _____ **2.** _____ **3.** _____ **4.** _____ **5.** _____

- **Lord, open their heart.** Prepare them to hear and receive the Gospel.
- **Lord, remove obstacles.** Make a way for them to be here for one of the services on August, 29 or 30.
- **Lord, move in our church.** Give First Sarasota a renewed burden for the lost.
- **Lord, give me courage.** Help me recognize the opportunity and invite them.
- **Lord, use Tony Nolan.** Give him clarity, boldness, compassion, and the Spirit's power.
- **Lord, save people.** We cannot change hearts, but we're asking You for a harvest of souls.

2 Make the Invitation

Don't overthink it. You don't need the perfect words. A personal invitation from someone they already know can be as simple as a phone call or a few of these texts:

TEXT 1 · START THE CONVERSATION
"Hey! Our church has a really special weekend coming up August 29–30, and you came to mind. I'd love for you to come with us!"

TEXT 2 · MAKE IT PERSONAL
"I really think you'd enjoy this. We're calling it Revival Weekend, and we're having Tony Nolan with us. His story is incredible, and it's all about hope and how Jesus can change a life."

TEXT 3 · REMOVE THE AWKWARDNESS
"If you want to come, just meet us there and sit with us, or we'd be happy to pick you up. No pressure at all. We'd just love having you with us."

TEXT 4 · FOLLOW UP
"Hey! Just wanted to circle back about Revival Weekend this weekend. Do you think you'll make it? We'd still love for you to come with us !"

TEXT 5 · THE DAY BEFORE
"Tomorrow's the day! We're excited you're coming. We'll save you a seat and meet you at _____. Can't wait to see you!"

TEXT 6 · IF THEY HAVEN'T RESPONDED
"Hey! I know life gets busy, so no worries if you can't make it. I just didn't want you to think this was a mass text. I really think you'll enjoy it!"

TEXT 7 · AFTER THEY SAY YES
"So glad you're coming! I'll text you all the details before we go. You're sitting with us, so you won't have to figure anything out when you get there!"

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3 Pray As You Invite

Every invitation is an opportunity to trust God.

BEFORE YOU HIT SEND

"Jesus, I give this invitation to You. You know this person and love them. Give me courage to be faithful and prepare their heart for whatever You want to do. Amen."

WHEN THEY SAY YES

"Lord, thank You for making a way. Remove anything that would keep them from coming. Begin preparing their heart now. Amen."

IF THEY SAY NO

"Lord, help me continue loving them well. Give me another opportunity in Your timing, and keep drawing them toward Yourself. Amen."

4 Be a Great Host

Your responsibility doesn't end when someone says yes.

→ **Sit with them.** Don't simply tell them where to go.

→ **Introduce them to people.** Help First Sarasota feel relational from the start.

→ **Pray during the message.** Quietly pray for the person beside you as Tony preaches.

→ **Meet them outside.** An unfamiliar church can feel intimidating alone.

→ **Don't pressure them.** Let the Holy Spirit do the work.

→ **Stay with them afterward.** Celebrate and help them take their next step.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who should I invite? Anyone God has placed in your life, especially someone who doesn't know Jesus, doesn't have a church home, has walked away, or needs hope right now.

Q. What if they ask a faith question I can't answer? You don't have to know everything. It's okay to say, "Great question. I don't know, but I'd love to find out with you."

Q. Should I call Tony an evangelist? You can, but you don't have to lead with a title. Tell them Tony has an incredible story about the hope and life-change found in Jesus.

Q. What if they already attend another church? This isn't about pulling people from a Bible-believing church. Focus on those who don't know Jesus or aren't connected anywhere.

Q. Can their kids come with them? We love kids! We will have First Kids available on Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9:30 & 10:55 am. Sunday at 5 pm will be a family service. Teenagers are welcome to join us for any service.

Q. What if they say no? That's okay. Your responsibility is faithfulness, not the outcome. Keep loving and praying for them. Reach out anyway.

Q. What if I haven't talked to them in a while? A simple, genuine invitation may mean more than you realize.

Q. What if I'm nervous to invite someone? That's normal. Pray first, then send the text. Courage doesn't mean feeling comfortable. It means being faithful anyway.

Q. Can I invite more than one person? Absolutely. Pray about several people and invite as many as God puts on your heart.

Q. Which services should they come to? While the Lord may move in a unique way during each service, they are welcome to attend whichever service works for their schedule.

Everything You Need Is Here

Scan the QR code to access the complete Revival Weekend Digital Toolkit, including: **invitation graphics · digital invite cards · text prompts · event details · Tony Nolan info · prayer resources · shareable social content.**

ONE QUESTION TO PRAY EVERY DAY

"Lord, Who?"

Who have You placed in my life who needs to hear about Jesus?

Write their name → Pray for them → Make the Invitation → Pray for them

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