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Dexter, Missouri - For the last 18 months a group of pastors and lay leaders from local churches in the area have been meeting at the Crusade Center to pray for revival. Crusade Center Organizer Steve Kleffer said, "We are excited to have Bro. Ed lead next week's Thursday night prayer meeting and want to invite any other Christians who desire to see a revival in our community to come out and join us." He continued, "Ed Kleiman is a respected teacher on the subject of prayer and we will be claiming the God's promise to answer the prayers of his people."

Ed Kleiman, a Messianic Jew, grew up in St. Louis "worshipping & serving the god in the mirror" as he refers to it. From the age of sixteen to forty one he offered up daily sacrifices to this god; of drugs, alcohol, and sexual immorality. Then God granted him repentance (Acts 11:18), and God's gift of eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8), on October 23rd, 1994.

After attending Covenant Theological Seminary Ed preached for the first time on November 16th, 1997. In 1999 he began preaching at Sunshine Mission, a homeless shelter in St. Louis. During his 16 years of ministry at the Mission God has granted new life to some of the most down-&-out, through their trust and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In 2000, Ed became part of, and now serves full time with the mission's organization, International Messengers.

Like all great historical revivals in the past, Ed believes prayer continues to be a crucial, and still often missing element. Since 1999 the Lord has been using Ed to preach on the importance of the local church, God's design for the family, especially the role of men, the call for missions, while always emphasizing the power, priority, and purposes of prayer. Sweet Prospect Pastor Ray Rowland revealed, "Ed taught a prayer conference at our church last year and his candid and direct speaking style challenged our members to search their hearts and draw closer to God through prayer. His message of God's grace and what He could do for our community through the prayers of His saints is exactly the kind of message Christians are in need of."

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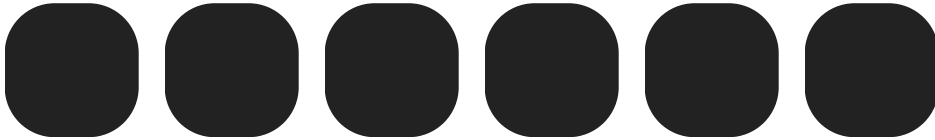
"Please pray for Ed's visit to Stoddard County and ask God to move mightily so that Christians will begin to pray for revival in our community. We ask you to join us in thanking God for what He will do during these upcoming meeting on prayer," added lay leader Rod Jetton.

Rev. Kleiman will be speaking Aug 6 - 7. He will teach a prayer conference the 6th and 7th at Living Water Worship Center. Ed added, "I am looking forward to spending time praying and teaching on the power of prayer with the people in Stoddard County. I trust the Lord will bless our time and renew a passion for Christ that will have a lasting impact on not only Christians in Stoddard County, but on everyone in the community."

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