THE WATCHMAN'S LETTER

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM REVEREND GARY HOBAN

VOLUME 1 | ISSUE 12 | 3 NOVEMBER 2026

AWAKEN THE CHURCH

Revival Begins Among the People of God

"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." - Romans 13:11 (NKJV)

When Christians speak about revival, the conversation can quickly turn toward what is wrong with the nation. Yet the biblical pattern brings the people of God under the searching light of God first. Before we ask Australia to awaken, we must ask whether the Church is awake. Revival is not primarily a strategy for changing people outside the Church. It is a work of God that renews His people so deeply that prayer, holiness, compassion, evangelism and obedience begin to overflow.

THE FIRST CALL IS TO THE CHURCH

It is easier to diagnose culture than to examine ourselves. We can identify secularism and confusion while ignoring prayerlessness, division, complacency and hidden sin within the Church. Romans 13:11 is addressed to believers: it is high time to awake.

AWAKE TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

A spiritually awake church is conscious of God. Worship becomes more than music, prayer more than a scheduled segment and preaching more than information. There is hunger for the living God to convict, heal, restore, call and transform.

AWAKE TO THE WORD

Every genuine awakening must be anchored in Scripture. Spiritual hunger without biblical truth can become unstable; biblical knowledge without spiritual hunger can become dry. We need Word and Spirit together.

AWAKE TO HOLINESS

The Holy Spirit does not awaken us merely so meetings become more powerful. He awakens us so lives become more like Jesus. Revival brings pride, unforgiveness, immorality, greed, bitterness and dishonesty into the light.

AWAKE TO PRAYER

Prayer is not an optional ministry for unusually spiritual Christians. It is the breathing of the Church. Homes need prayer again. Leadership teams need prayer again. Congregations need prayer again.

AWAKE TO THE HARVEST

Revival turns our eyes outward. We begin to notice neighbours, workmates, migrants, young people, lonely people, the poor, sceptics and those hurt by religion. The Church is not called merely to defend its place in society; it is called to make disciples.

AWAKE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecostal identity must be more than history or vocabulary. We need fresh dependence on the Holy Spirit, His fruit, gifts, conviction, guidance and power for witness. Spiritual gifts must remain submitted to Scripture and directed toward the building up of the Body.

AWAKE TO FIRST LOVE

Activity can continue after affection has cooled. Revelation warns a church that had endurance and discernment but had left its first love. Awakening restores love for Jesus Himself, not merely love for ministry,

causes or Christian culture.

AWAKE TO UNITY

Revival does not require uniformity, but pride and rivalry grieve the Spirit. Pray for churches to honour one another, pastors to resist competition and believers to recognise the wider Body of Christ.

AWAKE TO THE NEXT GENERATION

Young believers need more than entertainment. They need Scripture, spiritual mothers and fathers, opportunities to serve and space to ask honest questions. An awakened Church prepares the next generation to carry the Gospel faithfully.

AWAKE TO COMPASSION

Spiritual power without compassion misrepresents Jesus. Revival should make churches more attentive to the poor, lonely, elderly, wounded and marginalised. Mercy and mission belong together.

AWAKE TO COURAGE

The Church must recover courage to speak biblical truth without hostility. We do not need cultural dominance; we need faithfulness. Courage allows believers to remain gracious without surrendering conviction.

AWAKE TO THE NATIONS

Australia sits in a region of extraordinary spiritual significance. Southeast Asia and the Pacific are close to us, and the nations also live among us. An awakened Australian Church should become increasingly missionary.

AWAKE TO OBEDIENCE

Revival is not measured only by what people feel in a meeting. It is seen in changed decisions, reconciled relationships, clean leadership, generosity, evangelism and sustained prayer.

LET NOVEMBER BECOME A MONTH OF AWAKENING

Pray specifically: awaken pastors, congregations, families, intercessors and ordinary believers. We are not asking for temporary excitement. We are asking for the deep work of God that makes Jesus central and produces fruit that remains.

THIS MONTH: AWAKEN THE CHURCH

Pray for spiritual awakening in the Australian Church: renewed hunger for God, holiness, prayer, Scripture, the Holy Spirit and Gospel witness.

10 PRAYER POINTS

- Fresh hunger for God - Psalm 42:1-2
- Renewed love for Scripture - Psalm 119:105
- Repentance and holiness - 1 Peter 1:15-16
- A deeper culture of prayer - Acts 4:31
- Pastors to preach with courage and grace - 2 Timothy 4:2
- Fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23
- Bold Gospel witness - Acts 1:8
- Young believers to be discipled deeply - 1 Timothy 4:12
- Missionary vision for the nations - Matthew 28:19-20
- Revival that produces enduring fruit - John 15:16

A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Father, awaken Your Church in Australia. Restore first love for Jesus. Give us hunger for Your Word, delight in prayer and willingness to repent. Purify our motives and make us holy, compassionate and courageous. Fill believers afresh with the Holy Spirit. Strengthen pastors and local churches. Open our eyes to the harvest around us and to the nations beyond us. Let awakening begin in us and overflow in faithful Gospel witness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WATCHMAN'S RESPONSE

Do not begin November by listing what everyone else needs to change. Ask the Holy Spirit where you have become spiritually sleepy, distracted or routine. Respond to the first clear area He identifies.

OUR MISSION

To equip, encourage and mobilise Spirit-filled believers to pray, proclaim God's Word and contend for revival, reformation and the advancement of God's Kingdom in Australia.

CONNECT • PRAY • PARTNER

PIFA - AUSTRALIA
Wednesday Prayer - 6:30 PM AEST
Telegram: @IntercessorsforAustralia

CONTENDING FOR THE NATIONS
Telegram: @ContendingForTheNations

CONTACT
info@refinerylife.org
www.refinerylife.org

PARTNER WITH REFINERY LIFE
Your giving helps Refinery Life Australia Limited continue biblical teaching, prayer, publishing, mission and equipping believers in Australia and the nations.

GIVE SECURELY ONLINE
Card • Apple Pay • Google Pay • BECS Direct Debit
https://donate.stripe.com/9B63cveLqcCndRcgYqbbG03

NEXT WEEK
Issue 13 - 10 November 2026 - Recover the Fear of the Lord.