



**Ordinary People  
Extraordinary Things**

Bruce Ballast

# The Second Great Awakening



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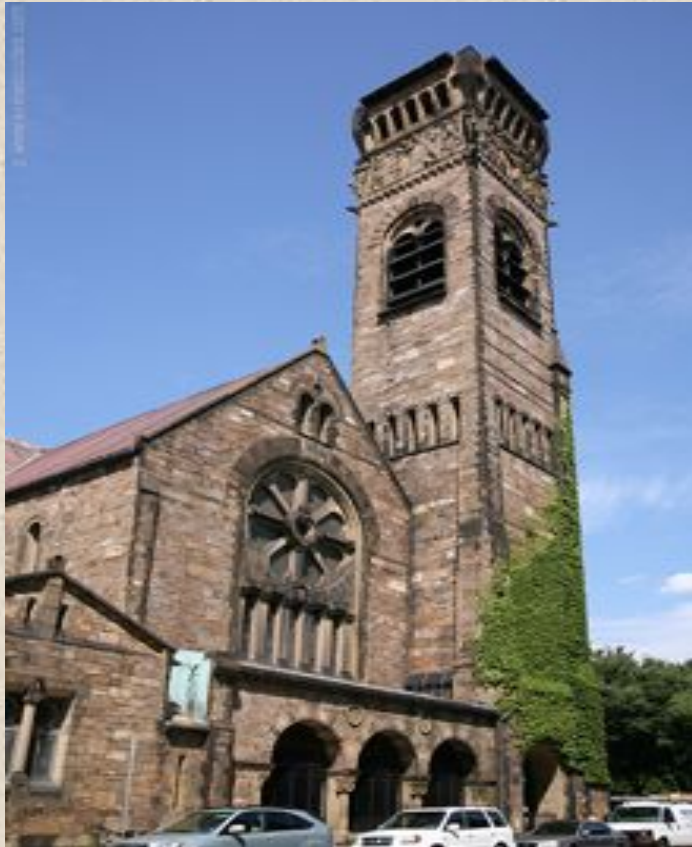
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The problem was too big for human ingenuity or human energy. Neither denominational organization nor inter-denominational cooperation could cope with the emergency. Demonic forces with a carnal collaboration had forced the churches into a corner.

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How did they retaliate and turn the defeat into victory? The only weapon left was prayer, and pray they did... Intercessors simply supplicated the God of the Universe to intervene on their behalf, in a revival of religion and an extension of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

# First Baptist in Boston



) -- prayer  
138 new members

# Concert of Prayer

for a renewal of religious fervor

- 1st Tuesday of January, 1795
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Vermont
- New Hampshire
  - 18-118
- New York
  - 80 to 700+

# Concert of Prayer

- Different from the Great Awakening
- No prominent names
- Local church pastor
- Controversial signs not there

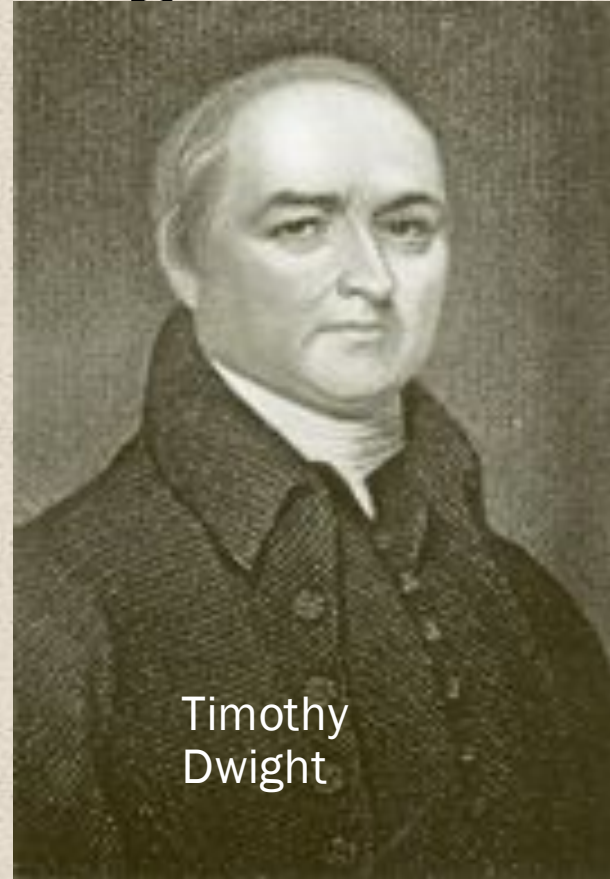
# Early Events

- Yale College
- Cane Ridge
- William and Mary College



# Yale College

- 1795 becomes president
- Preaches in chapel
- 1802 Revival
  - 75 out of 230



Timothy  
Dwight

# Cane Ridge Revival

- Barton Stone



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On my way I was informed by settlers on the road that the character of Kentucky travelers was entirely changed, and that they were as remarkable for sobriety as they had formerly been for dissoluteness and immorality. And indeed I found Kentucky to appearances the most moral place I had ever seen.

# Cane Ridge Revival

- Barton Stone



- August 6, 1801
- 10 to 25 thousand
- Methodist and Baptist pastors

# The Haystack Meeting

- 1806 William and Mary College



# The Haystack Meeting

- Lay leadership
- Commitment to missions
  - Adoniram Judson to Burma
  - Samuel Mills – American Board for...Foreign Missions



# Charles Finney

- Early life
- Teacher until 25



# Charles Finney

Thus when I went to Adams to study law, I was almost as ignorant of religion as a heathen. I had been brought up mostly in the woods. I had very little regard to the Sabbath, and had no definite knowledge of religious truth.



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On one occasion, when I was in one of the prayer-meetings, I was asked if I did not desire that they should pray for me. I told them, no; because I did not see that God answered their prayers. I said, "I suppose I need to be prayed for, for I am conscious that I am a sinner;

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but I do not see that it will do any good for you to pray for me; for you are continually asking, but you do not receive. You have been praying for a revival of religion ever since I have been in Adams, and yet you have it not. You have been praying for the Holy Spirit to descend upon yourselves, and yet complaining of your leanness.”

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I recollect having used this expression at that time: “You have prayed enough since I have attended these meetings to have prayed the devil out of Adams, if there is any virtue in your prayers. But here you are praying on, and complaining still.

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- Early life
- Teacher until 25
- Lawyer
- Study of the Bible
- October, 1821



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There was no fire, and no light, in the room; nevertheless it appeared to me as if it were perfectly light. As I went in and shut the door after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. It did not occur to me then, nor did it for some time afterward, that it was wholly a mental state.

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On the contrary it seemed to me that I saw him as I would see any other man. He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at his feet...I wept aloud like a child, and made such confessions as I could with my choked utterance. It seemed to me that I bathed his feet with my tears.

# Charles Finney

- Early life
- Teacher until 25
- Lawyer
- Study of the Bible
- October, 1821
  - - Call to preach
- 1824 Female missionary society



# Charles Finney

- Nine years an evangelist
- Greatest in Rochester, New York, 1830-1831





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The greatness of my work in Rochester, at that time, attracted so much of the attention of ministers and Christians throughout the State of New York, throughout New England, and in many parts of the United States,

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that the very fame of it was an efficient instrument in the hands of the Spirit of God in promoting the greatest revival of religion throughout the land, that this country had then ever witnessed.

# Charles Finney, Cont'

- 1834 Broadway Tabernacle
- 1835 Professor at Oberlin College
- 1851 President of Oberlin College

