

## The Spirit in the Valley

Four talks on Christianity in the “Pioneer Valley” of Massachusetts by the Rev. Dr. Les Fairfield, at the Northfield campus of the new C.S. Lewis College. Dr. Fairfield explores the ebb and flow of Christian faith in the valley, from the earliest days of English settlement in the 1650’s through the great age of Dwight L. Moody and the Northfield Conferences of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Fairfield argues that like the ancient people of Israel, Christians in the Valley have alternated between seasons of lively faith and times of preoccupation with “It’s all about Me.” He concludes with the anticipation of a new revival through the witness of the soon-to-open C.S. Lewis College on the campus of Dwight L. Moody’s Northfield School.

All the talks are from 7-8 p.m. in Hibbard Hall.

- July 18     The Deerfield Raid of 1704
- July 19     The Great Awakening in the Valley (1734-1741)
- July 20     Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) and the Struggle for Faith
- July 22     From Northfield to the Ends of the Earth (1879-1899)

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