

Citywide Prayer Movement Kansas City

Connecting in Friendship
Uniting in Prayer
Partnering in Mission

April 2017

REVIVING A CULTURE OF PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

It seems to me that the deepest longing and desire of the heart of God is to find a "dwelling place" to be with His beloved sons and daughters – a place to draw them near to His heart in intimate relationship and prayer.

It has been my joy to serve the body of Christ over these past 11+ years with our **"Culture of Prayer"** curriculum.

I, with our team, have taken over 20 congregations and ministry teams through our material, seeking to inspire and resource the birthing of authentic praying culture ministries that are sustainable. Imagine what could happen in our city if hundreds of congregations and ministries were implementing the prayer culture of the book of Acts!!! Our common dream of expanding the gospel in our city would surely accelerate!

In the last week I was invited to take 14 team leaders and board members of Mission Southside on an all-day retreat to share the Culture of Prayer material. God's presence was wonderful at this retreat and these leaders expressed a longing and commitment to be a "dwelling place" of God. Please pray for us as we take this material to other congregations and ministries.

**"HAVE THEM BUILD ME A SANCTUARY,
THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM."
EXODUS 25:8**

*Mission
Southside
Culture of
Prayer
Retreat*



***That They May Be One** conference at South Broadland Presbyterian Church; pastors joined in prayer for racial healing and held a panel discussion at Memorial Church.*

RACIAL HEALING IN OUR CITY

God continues to work through our Racial Healing Catalyst Team. We have helped facilitate numerous Racial Healing prayer gatherings, a **That They May Be One** Conference focused on Race, and a citywide gathering for Racial Healing with breakout groups. We have entered into a season of deeper, courageous conversations and God is doing a great work. More to come Please pray for this catalyst team!!

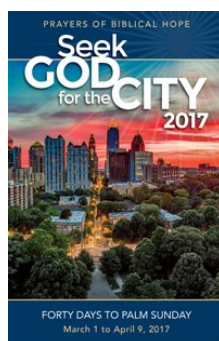
VILLAGE FIRE PASTOR LEADER GATHERINGS

We continue to faithfully serve our 12 village fire gatherings. God is doing a great work of deepening friendships across denominational and racial lines, releasing faith-filled prayer and collaborating **TOGETHER** in mission and service all across the city!



Overland Park Village Fire

SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY



We have distributed approx. 2400 40-Day Prayer Guides among churches and ministries across the city! Imagine the impact of these powerful prayers being lifted up from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. Please pray with us for an unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit of Prayer on our city!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 4

We plan to have five or six NDP locations across the KC region this coming May. Please consider gathering with us on this very significant day of united prayer across America. We are truly desperate for a mighty move of God's Spirit!!



CITYWIDE UNITED PRAYER FOR KIDS & SCHOOLS



Prayer for Kids/Schools at Colonial Presbyterian

CPM and Caring for Kids partnered together to host a powerful citywide prayer gathering focused on prayer for under-resourced kids and schools in our city. We prayed fervently for schools, superintendents, principals, teachers and especially for kids in poverty and the challenges they face. We will be hosting a **PRAY FOR KIDS SUNDAY** this coming August to mobilize fervent prayer in Sunday morning services, along with prayer walking at schools, and an afternoon worship prayer rally.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you would like to be a Personal Prayer Partner and receive frequent updates and reports for prayer, please contact me. We rely on God to work through you to provide for our financial needs as our team serves the gospel transformation movement in our city.

It seems that our nation is going through a great shaking, and I am convinced that mobilizing prayer, building unity in our city, and serving under-resourced kids are the most desperate needs of this hour.

We are so grateful for those of you who are able to give to this ministry with your gifts. As the Lord leads, please consider becoming a financial partner or send a special gift.



May the Lord richly bless you!

*Pastor Gary
and Barbara Schmitz,
Executive Director*

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