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We Are Desperate for God in our Nation!

"Call to Me and I will answer..." Jeremiah 33:3
"He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry;
When He hears it, He will answer you." Isaiah 30:19 NKJV

I'm sitting here trying to write you an update newsletter here this morning in the aftermath of the largest mass shooting in US history in Las Vegas and just a few weeks after three major hurricanes left a wake of destruction. And in the context of major racial tensions... my heart is just desperate for God. My beloved friends, there has never been a time in my lifetime that we as the body of Christ need more to go to our knees in prayer! Please join with me in fervent prayer for God to pour out the Spirit of Prayer and to send revival to His church in our nation. Pray with me.



Village Fire Leaders gathering for equipping and friendship.



Overland Park Village Fire pastors meet with Overland Park City Manager, Chief of Police, Fire Chief and community leaders to develop ways Overland Park churches can serve the city. What an amazing story beginning!

God is Working Powerfully in our City!

Our constant prayer in the Citywide Prayer Movement is that we could be the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17:23 - "May they be brought to complete unity that the world would know that God sent His Son...."

In the midst of trials across our nation, God is doing a work in our city. In my 12 years as Executive Director of CPM, I have never seen more unity happening among churches and key leaders. The idea of partnering – We Are Better Together! – seems to have touched the hearts of dozens of leaders and great things are happening. This is a sign for good for our future.

Village Fire Pastor Leader Gatherings

We currently serve 12 regional gatherings of pastors and leaders for the purpose of deepening friendships across denomination and racial divides, to unite in fervent prayer, and to partner and collaborate in mission TOGETHER! We are planning to begin two to three new Village Fires in the coming months.

Caring for Kids Network Continues Growth and Impact

CFK Executive Director Nancy Mitchell and staff continue to see wonderful outcomes in serving under-resourced schools in seven school districts. Currently 185 churches, 75 businesses, and 59 civic organizations are partnering in over 100 schools, with nearly 1200 volunteer mentors. Recently nearly 40 urban pastors attended a CFK luncheon with new KCPS Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell. This is an exciting new chapter to serve this wonderful leader in our city.



CFK Pastor's Envisioning Luncheon with Dr. Mark Bedell

Introducing Our New CPM Associate Executive Director



Great News! Dr. Malachi Obrien will now be serving on our CPM staff half-time. Malachi has a doctorate in the use of Social Media for the expansion of the Gospel, and he has a passion for prayer and for bringing young millennial leaders into the prayer movement! He is an extraordinary leader. Please pray for our success.

MAKING 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. 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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National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4, 2017

CPM hosted seven NDP gatherings across the metro facilitated by Village Fire pastors.







Clockwise: NDP Gathering at Colonial Presbyterian, KCMO; NDP at Lee's Summit Courthouse; NDP at Platte City

Pray for . . .

Our Racial Healing Team - For Wisdom and God's Direction

Kairos 2017 - An Amazing gathering to build unity between Catholic and Protestant Leaders (see www.kairos2017.org)



Kairos 2017 gathering with Mateo Callisi from the Vatican in Italy and several Catholic priests and Evangelical Leaders. Very Amazing.

The LoveKC Project

We have been praying and collaborating for over eight months to birth this amazing project to mobilize 100,000 believers to pray for our city and to have a Christ follower praying for every home in the KC metro. This is an audacious dream but we believe God Can! This three-year project is a partnership of Citywide Prayer, The Sending Project and Elevate KC. Please pray for God to pour out His Spirit on this effort!!