

PASTOR SHANE'S PRAYER GUIDE - 2020

In 2011 Pastor Shane had a burden to lead his congregation through 365 days of prayer on site at his church. Although the original intent was to specifically pray for one-year God's protection and guidance in the church, the prayer actually led into a multitude of blessings in which God was given the praise, glory, and honor. 365 days of prayer walking on the church campus became over 1,461 days of prayer walking on the campus of the church and not one day was missed during this four-year period.

According to the Scriptures, prayer has a direct and immediate impact on the battles of life. We must learn to make prayer a regular part of our lives. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace."

The disciples came to Jesus one day and asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds to this request by laying out the perfect format of prayer (Matthew 6). With everything that is going on in life, we must learn not to become so busy that we cannot find time to interrupt our daily routine for the most important pursuit of all.

What to pray for in 2020:

- 1. That for unity and diversity** – loving those with whom we have nothing in common but the gospel.
- 2. That for a culture of discipling** would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.
- 3. That faithful leaders** would use Scripture to train members to do the work of the ministry.
- 4. That a hunger for studying the gospel** would form among Christians so that they can guide and guard one another in it.
- 5. That transparent, meaningful relationships** would become normal and remaining anonymous strange.
- 6. The preaching of God's Word** – that it would be biblically careful and Holy Spirit imbued.
- 7. That pastoral leadership would remain above reproach**, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness.
- 8. That the church worship** would lead members to biblically confess, lament, and praise.
- 9. That the church's prayer** would be infused with biblical ambitions, honesty, and humility.
- 10. That we would work to disciple teens** and not just leave it to programming.

11. For teachers and group leaders grow in dedication to God's Word even when no one's watching.

12. That Christians would grow in being distinct from the world in love and holiness, even as it engages outsiders.

13. That we would share the gospel each week – and see more conversions!

14. That we would be prepared for persecution, remembering to love, not curse their persecutors.

15. That hopes for political change would be outstretched by the hope of heaven.

16. That giving would be faithful, as well as joyful, consistent, and sacrificial.

17. That we would use our careers to take the gospel to places it's never seen.

18. That we would be good and do good in their workplaces this week.

Scriptures for Prayer:

1 Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 4:1; Psalm 145:18; Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 7:11; Matthew 18:18-20; Mark 11:22-24; Luke 19:1; John 15:87; John 16:23-24; Philippians 4:6-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:8; Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 4:16; James 1:5-6; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9; 1 John 5:14-15