

Regional Prayer Events Have Started

Meetings have been set for the Stateline and Buckeye District in April and Illinois District in May. David Butts, author of *The Devil goes to Church* and the Chairman of our Nation's National Day of Prayer spoke in March at the Allegheny District concerning Prayer and Spiritual Warfare. It was well attended and resulted in the 8 churches represented, coming to the altar to seek the Lord of the Harvest for the lost in Clarion and Venango Counties.

Dave will be doing 3 additional regional events in the east this fall. Please pray and participate in these important prayer meetings.

How to pray for our Bishop

- For the completion of the stationing process and the effective matching of churches and pastors.
- For wisdom and vision in guiding churches that are wrestling with the need to close and possibly be evaluated for restart potential.
- For the formation of a Strategic Planning task group and the development of a planning process that will help transform us into a movement of God.
- That honoring God by making disciples be the purpose running through everything we do.
- That a new team of church planters will emerge, eager to launch new congregations where they are most needed.
- That ministries and people who are "stuck" in their spiritual growth due to hurts and resentments from the past might be released to move forward.
- That we will all find ways to turn the challenges from the economy into rich opportunities to grow in faith and extend Christ's Kingdom.
- A word of thanks for the significant improvement this year in the timely submission of annual reports. This helps us considerably in assessing our progress and making plans for the future.
- A prayer card for Bishop Kevin and Deborah Leibensperger is now available at Church Center. Your intercession is needed and cherished!

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HeartCry Prayer Letter and Calendar



PRAYER WALKING AT THE CAPITAL

In the month of March, the Prayer Mobilization Team of the Evangelical Congregational Church, at the invitation of Representative Donna Oberlander, visited the State Capital. We met at the Trinity EC Church in Harrisburg at 8 a.m. where we were challenged by John Shuey of Kingdom Quest Ministries in Camp Hill concerning the subject of praying declarative prayers.

After a picture was taken of our group in the rotunda, we were given an hour tour of the Capital. When we finished, we had opportunity to pray in the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives and the State Senate.

I was amazed about all the biblical references in the art work that was displayed everywhere. We were caught up in the history and the sense that we were given a divine commission to bring the Kingdom of God. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

We especially appreciate the hospitality that was shown to our team by the Pastor and members of Trinity EC Church.

May 2009

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 Pray today specifically for Bishop Kevin Leibensperger and the executive ministry team.</p>	<p><i>Some people pray just to pray and some people pray to know God. – Andrew Murray</i></p> <p><i>There is a mighty lot of difference between saying prayers and praying. – John G. Lake</i></p>				<p>1 Pray that leaders will make wise decisions in seeking ways to deal with economic turmoil.</p>	<p>2 Pray that people will respond to economic struggles by turning to God for help and hope.</p>
<p>3 Pray that people will become more diligent in managing their personal finances.</p>	<p>4 Pray that individual believers and churches will give sacrificially to help others in need.</p>	<p>5 Pray that economic hard times will not result in increased crime, substance abuse, and violence.</p>	<p>6 Pray that God will strengthen marriages and families experiencing increased stress due to financial struggles.</p>	<p>7 Pray that Christians will overcome fear and discouragement in economic crisis by focusing on eternal priorities and remembering God’s promises of help and provision.</p>	<p>8 Pray that churches will renew efforts to meet the spiritual and material needs of people through bold proclamation of God’s Word and through humanitarian outreaches.</p>	<p>9 Pray for God’s blessing upon church planting efforts across our nation.</p>
<p>10 Pray for a growing network of men and women who will respond to God’s call to plan churches.</p>	<p>11 Pray for favor within the communities where new churches are planted.</p>	<p>12 Pray for a powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the pastors as they preach and teach God’s Word.</p>	<p>13 Pray that the new churches will take root and grow steadily.</p>	<p>14 Pray that volunteers will come forward to take on responsibilities within new churches.</p>	<p>15 Pray that the financial needs of the churches, pastors and planters will be met.</p>	<p>16 Pray that the new churches will become a representation of Christ in their communities.</p>
<p>17 Seek God for a powerful spiritual awakening in our nation.</p>	<p>18 Pray for our leaders, that they will look to God for wisdom and guidance in decisions that impact the course of our nation.</p>	<p>19 Pray for our military, asking God to protect them from harm and danger. Pray also for their families, that they will find comfort and strength in Him during times of long separation.</p>	<p>20 Pray for the spiritual health of Christians, that we will grow in our faith, boldly stand for the gospel, and reflect the love of Christ.</p>	<p>21 Pray for our churches, that they will be powerful centers of discipleship, worship, and evangelism.</p>	<p>22 Pray that the ills of society – crime, addiction, violence— will be replaced with a desire to honor God and His Word.</p>	<p>23 Pray for our civil servants and teachers. Seek God’s protection for those who take risks and make personal sacrifices on our behalf.</p>
<p>24 Pray also that our teachers and other mentors in the community will guide youth toward wise and upright choices.</p>	<p>25 Pray for fractured and dysfunctional family situations, asking God to bless and protect the young and the vulnerable.</p>	<p>26 Pray for provision, as well as long-term solutions, for those trapped in the cycle of poverty.</p>	<p>27 Pray that Americans will respect all human life as a precious gift from God.</p>	<p>28 Pray for the increase of Christians in our public schools who work as faculty, staff, and administrators.</p>	<p>29 Pray that God will protect our students as they travel from home to school. Also as they travel in music, drama, sports and other after school events.</p>	<p>30 Pray that our schools will develop business leaders and other professionals who will serve effectively in the public sector.</p>

