

24-Hour Prayer Guide

September 18-19, 2020

With God's enablement, "the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:16). Prayer is effective; it does "work" in the world. Romans 15:30-33 shows Paul praying with a passion for Christ, and sees prayer as a shared battle with the church. Eph 6:12 shows similarly. Carson 209, "The logic of the appeal runs something like this: If you truly confess Jesus the Messiah as Lord, I urge you in his name to pray for me. If you participate in the salvation he has gained for you, if you submit to him who has taught us to pray, if you have tasted his redemption and long to see his kingdom extended in the world, then I urge you to pray for me and my ministry." So today's endeavor is to do just that - to pray for Faith Reformed's leadership and its ministry. Thank you for obeying the call to pray!

Note: EVERYONE will pray through topics #1 & #8. Topics #2-7 are distributed amongst the various time slots. Please start with praying for the assigned topic, but feel free to pray through the others if time allows. Additionally, you are free to pray about whatever is on your heart.

Topic #1 (EVERYONE): First begin by praising God. Then transition into praying for FRC's Leadership. This would be a great time to pray specifically over Pastor Zach and his leadership of the session. Please also pray for the upcoming process for selecting new elders and deacons.

How should we pray for leaders?

- i. Carson 216, "We should pray that Christian leaders might be rescued from the opposition of outsiders who try to destroy their ministry."
- ii. Carson 218, "We should pray that Christian leaders might find that their Christian service is acceptable to those to whom they minister."

Topic #2 (Friday 8am-12pm): Discipleship Committee See p. 2-3

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Topic #6 (Saturday 12am-4am): Fellowship Committee See p. 7

Topic #7 (Saturday 4am-8am): Missions Committee See p. 8-9

Topic #8 (EVERYONE): We pray with "Big Ministry Ventures" in view. We are keeping an open hand to how God will answer our requests and where he will lead our church. Close your time in prayer yielding to His will, acknowledging His answers are always for His glory and for our good.

Discipleship Committee

Main contacts:

Pastor Zach Tarter
 Jon Damkot
 Elder- Jim Meinen
 Deacon - Carl Velzke

Youth Education Committee -

Jon Damkot	Wendy Wonser
Jim Meinen (elder)	Bonnie Depies
Carl Velzke (deacon)	Kari Meinen
Jeff Risseeu	

Youth Ed Team Purpose, Goals etc...

The Youth Education Committee oversees all education ministries through the Post-High years, and ensures that growth opportunities exist for these age groups. The team regularly evaluates ministries, identifies gaps in the education program and considers how to address those gaps through existing or new ministries. The team is especially involved in running the Sunday school program, and provides oversight and support for other education ministries including (but not limited to): Adventure Island, Joint Youth Ministry, Post-High ministry, Children's Church, VBS, Nursery, Youth Fundraising, Camp Calvin and the Christmas Program.

Prayer Requests

1. The youth – that they will continue to grow in their relationships with God as they head back to school amidst unusual circumstances.
2. Volunteers – that God will equip them and fill them with His Spirit as they shepherd the youth. Pray especially for new volunteers.
3. Church leadership – that they will make wise decisions in navigating through various restrictions, cancellations and ministry changes.
4. Core, Connect & Adventure Island – that our ministries will serve the youth well and continue to thrive through any necessary adjustments.
5. Upcoming retreats & fundraisers – that many students will be able to go and grow through these events, and that they will be adequately funded.
 - a. MS Silver Birch (Fall)
 - b. HS FORT (Winter)
 - c. HS Summer Mission Trip
6. God's grace – that leaders, youth and families will maintain unity through all the imperfect solutions to various decisions that are made this Fall.

Discipleship Committee <Continued>

Adult Education Committee - Team Members:

Pastor Zach Tarter	Kathy Coley
Jim Meinen (elder)	Sherri Morgan
Carl Velzke (deacon)	Kim DeRuyter
Mike Heinen	

Adult Ed Team Purpose, Goals etc...

Our team oversees the various adult ministries of our church; namely Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Adult Sunday School, occasional prayer meetings and Small Group Bible Studies (including D-Groups). Our goal is to encourage and facilitate fellowship and accountability between adults in our congregation, with a focus on knowing Christ through scripture.

Prayer Requests

1. Women's Ministry – praise and thanksgiving for a ministry that has taken shape and grown strong over the past 4 years with the help of its leadership and participants. Please pray for this growth to continue and for the challenges that arise in planning strategically.
2. Men's Ministry – that the early stages of development would be met with excitement and buy-in from men of all ages in our congregation. And that leaders would faithfully accept the task of forming new small groups and organizing events.
3. Adult Sunday School – that the planned overview of the Old and New Testaments would be well attended and the studies that take place would be fruitful.
4. Small Group Bible Studies – that all existing D-Groups would pursue the goal of finishing their scripture reading plans and divide into multiple groups as intended. That participants of the 24 Hour Prayer Event, and others, would consider joining existing or forming new groups to study God's Word together.
5. Communication & Promotion – that we would use the available tools (bulletin, announcements, website, social media, etc.) to promote these ministries to the congregation and beyond.
6. Overall – that adults of all ages in our congregation would show how much they value Christ through their actions, commitments, and participation in these ministries – not only to the benefit of their peers but also for the youth who need solid, Christ-like examples to follow.

We praise you, God, for those with a passion for making disciples of Jesus. We thank you for teachers and leaders who share the stories of our faith with children, youth, and adults. We are deeply grateful for our Youth Ministry Director and all who work with him to plan for nurturing us in faith and challenging us to think and live in the way of Jesus. For all who teach, lead, and plan in our church's ministry of making Christian disciples we praise you.

Management Committee

Main contacts:

Elder- John Morgan

Deacon - Jason Hopeman

Team Members:

Ward Meinen Laurie Holle

Al Holle Linda Dykstra

Wayne Bloemers Bruce Lukens

Rich Navis Ron Meinen

Management Team Purpose, Goals, etc...

The purpose of the management committee is to take care of the physical building of our church. Anything from keeping the church warm and clean, to insurance, falls under the responsibility of the management team. Laurie Holle and Linda Dykstra are the indoor custodians and Bruce Lukens is the outdoor custodian of Faith church.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the custodians as they continue to do their job during the pandemic, that they continue to stay both healthy and safe.
2. Continuing prayers for Ron Meinen's cancer treatments, he has been a big contributor to the management team over the years.
3. For decisions that the team will be making dealing with parking lot lighting needs and water damage in the basement.

We praise you, God, for those among us who care for our building and grounds, who find something sacred and important in weeding a plant bed or changing a light bulb or overseeing the repair of a leaky roof. We thank you for those who have a knack for fixing things, installing computers and phone systems, and being good stewards of our financial resources. For our Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, and all those who give themselves to the care of our building and grounds, we give thanks and praise.

Worship Committee

Main contacts:

Elder- Richard Jordan
Deacon - Jim Wonser

Team Members: Connie Bruggink, Jim Wonser, Richard Jordan, Wendy Wonser, Cory Meinen, Heather Posthuma

Worship Team Purpose, Goals, etc...

Our team oversees the various elements of the worship service so that as we will be able to worship on Sundays without distraction. We schedule those involved in the elements of worship month by month, provide oversight to the sound, video, and screens, and help to plan special services such as the Maundy Thursday service last April. The ultimate hope is that we would be good servants in our particular roles so that together as God's people, we would declare the worth of God through Jesus Christ, enjoy the blessing of His presence by the Spirit, and grow as God's people through His Word.

Praises:

- For Heather Posthuma as our new point person to oversee our sound and video
- For sound updates we are able to make.
- For Jamie Meinen's wonderful work to get livestream going and keep improving it.
- For the faithfulness of God's people serving in different capacities every Sunday.
- That we have been able to safely gather for worship the past few months and provide video for those unable to make it.

Prayer Requests:

- That we would get acclimated to our new soundboard and speakers coming soon.
- That our livestream would continue to serve shut-ins and others unable to come.
- That the Evil One would not use technology to distract but improve our worship.
- That we would be good servants in our roles so we can worship our Lord in the power of the Spirit and Truth of Jesus Christ.
- That our scheduling and planning would be used so that we would declare the worth of God through Jesus Christ, enjoy the blessing of His presence by the Spirit, and grow as God's people through His Word.

We praise you, God, for the gift of worship, and all those here who devote themselves to the worship of your church. For our pastor, music ministry, for those who place the flowers in our sanctuary, prepare communion, pour water into the font, serve as ushers, and guide our services.

Outreach Committee

Main Contacts:

Elder: Bob DeRuyter

Deacon :Eric Meinnert

Team Members:

Matt Arentsen, Tanya Arentsen, Carl Claerbout, Bob DeRuyter, Mike Heinen, and Eric Meinnert.

Outreach Team Purpose, Goals etc....

The Outreach Team exists to advance the gospel and support disciple-making efforts with special emphasis on our village, county, and state through proclamation of the Word and deeds of mercy. Our goal is to be the hands and feet of Christ within our community. We focus on the following areas:

- Support existing ministries (listed below) financially and through prayer.
- Educate the congregation about the above ministries, encourage their involvement
- Provide trainings and resources about witnessing and evangelism
- Maintain church website and Social Media pages / promote the church and its ministries

Prayer Requests

- That God would empower us to live our life in a way that glorifies Christ, that we would each strive to treat and love every person in our community as if they were Christ.
- Pray the team may find creative and effective ways to educate the congregation about the ministries we support and how members can get involved
- May our church's presence in the community would be evident for both our acts of service (being the hands and feet) but also for our proclamation of the Word (that we are sharing our hearts with the Gospel)
- That God would bless the various ministries listed below, help guide those ministries, and use their efforts to bring glory to God through helping others and witnessing.

○ Love Inc	○ KMCI Prison Ministry
○ Pine Haven	○ Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry
○ First Hope Community Meal	○ Care Connection
○ Good News Jail	○ Community Acts
○ Anchor of Hope	○ Mary's Room
○ Samaritan's Hand	

We praise you, God, for those who remind us that the way of Jesus leads us beyond ourselves to those in need, who point to those who are hurting and suffering beyond the doors of this church and testify that Jesus can be found there. We thank you for those of us who offer hospitality to strangers and yearn to share the vibrant life of this community of faith with others. For all among us who give themselves to our ministry of outreach, we pray for the guidance and inspiration of your Spirit.

Fellowship Committee

Main contacts:

Elder- Jon Sass

Deacon - Andy Brill

Team Members:

Mary Broetzman, Gary & Deb Meeusen, Bonnie Depies, Jeff & Kim DeRuyter, Craig & Barb Otte, Bruce & Barb Lukens, Dan & Jackie Posthuma, Dale & Jane Mentink, Jim & Shelli Obbink, Jon Sass, Tanya Weisner, Lloyd & Carol DeRuyter

Fellowship Team Purpose, Goals etc....

Our purpose is to promote fellowship through activities and events for the members and community friends of Faith Reformed Church. Most of the events focus on enjoying and getting to know each other better through fun activities, food, and fellowship. The Fellowship Team strives to have 3 or more events throughout the year which are usually family orientated. The Faith Fall Festival has become a highlight of the year and has also raised money for specific needs of the church.

Prayer Requests:

- A successful and safe Fall Fest on Oct 3rd
- Clarity in planning future events
- For more church members to get involved
- Discernment for how can the team can share the gospel to others through fellowship

We praise you, God for those who love a good party and see it their calling to rejoice with those who are rejoicing. We thank you for those for whom a good meal is a sacrament of your love, and folks gathered around tables sharing food is a sign of your kingdom breaking into the world. For all who give themselves to the ministry of celebrations in our community of faith we pray for the guidance and inspiration of your Spirit.

Mission Committee:

Main contact:

Elder- Steve Rauwerdink

Deacon - Dan Weiss

Team Members:

Dan Weiss

Jim Meinen

Tanya Arentsen

Steve Rauwerdink

BJ & Colette Hilbelink

Jamie Meinen

Mission Team Purpose, Goals etc....

The Mission Team exists to advance the gospel and support disciple-making primarily among least reached and unreached people groups. The purpose is to lead (inform, educate, and challenge) FRC in fulfilling its ministry with respect to mission through prayer and by acting as a screen for various requests for support. We provide monthly updates during the Mission Highlight time at the end of the service - a quick video, a reading of a portion of recent communication, or even an in-person visit by one of our missionaries. We currently have partnerships with 12 Missionary Teams and coordinate communications with them, as well as, to let them know we love and pray for them.

Prayer Requests:

- For our missionaries - safety; health; energy; encouragement; funding
 - WILD - Mike and Ann Prom
 - Arab World Media - Jon
 - Cat Lake team w/ To Every Tribe - Matt and Ashley
 - EFCA ReachGlobal Czech Republic - Tom and Tanya Clyde
 - Klockenga & Ron and Jen Keres
 - Compassion International
 - Wycliffe/JAARS - Todd and Darlene Voskuil
 - World Team - Kelsey & Josue Corpas
 - India Transformed
 - Deaf in Croatia - Bill and Liz Ferguson
 - Words of Hope
 - Intervarsity - Alex Holle
- Specific Missionary requests
 - WILD: Over 100 people are discipling more than 500 people as WILD continues to develop lives during Covid. WILD provides a small stipend for disciplers to help financially. Finances have gotten tight and so WILD is in need of increased funding. Please join us in prayer for additional gifts.
 - Ferguson's have 30% left to raise in monthly support. Due to the virus they have had to put many fundraising plans on hold. Pray that the Lord will make a clear path to providing the last 30%. Pray that borders will open again soon to Croatia. Pray that American government offices will open again so they can renew passports.

- India Transformed: Protection from COVID to keep this disease from spreading like wildfire. Provision and employment for Indian Christians. Protection for all believers especially in states with anti-conversion laws. People have freedom to access faith related materials online.
- Arab World Media: Pray for an Egyptian colleague who has been diagnosed with the corona virus and is in a quarantine hospital right now. Pray for the rescheduling and arrangement of his planned home leave this summer to a currently unknown time. Pray for a potential new client for our local business that will be a good opportunity for longer-term, sustainable work and income that also supports Christians in the region. Pray for our growth as an organization and ministry to learn how to work better as a fully remote team (instead of just remote offices).
- The Clyde's toddler aged child has recently suffered from a broken leg, and has been essentially on bed rest for weeks. Early September he went to have the cast removed. Pray that he continues to heal well and without complication.
- For our team
 - to know how to support the missionaries, to care for them well
 - to discern how best to engage the congregation with knowing who the missionaries are and how to pray/be involved
 - to have a big vision with faith to implement the idea of being able to send members of our congregation to support the various missionaries in the field - not necessarily work trips but to pray and serve the missionaries who give tirelessly of themselves.

Lord we thank you for being a missionary God, who loves and calls people from every tribe, tongue and nation. You promise to go with us until the end of age. Thank you for allowing our church, and us as individuals, to be a part of this mission in the world.