

Weekly Online Prayer Focus

July 18-23, 2022

DAILY AWAKENING PRAYER:

Pray that God would bring the leaders of our city and nation to faith in Christ.

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. — Prov. 21:1

MONDAY: National church planting partners: Shawn and Tanya Acrey (Ohio) and John and Abby Fisher (North Dakota)

Shawn and Tanya Acrey

- Please pray for our financial stability. The church has grown to the point that a full time pastor is needed. We're trying to figure out how to make that transition from bi-vocational to full-time. It's more difficult now that we own a facility and operating costs have gone up, yet giving increases have not matched the attendance increases just yet. Pray for God to provide and show us how to wisely make this transition.
- Pray for our next steps in our systems and vision strategy. We're hoping to relaunch our discipleship strategy in a way that gets more families involved now that we're seeing people attend our church from all over the Miami Valley area instead of just one suburb. It's very exciting times. We want to make sure we're being wise in how we approach our next steps of sustaining and continuing growth.

John and Abby Fisher

- We had a death in the family of one of our church attendees and were able to deeply minister to the family. Please pray for this family.
- We are having issues with outbuilding and they just keep compounding. Please pray for all of us to prioritize the needs, have the means to handle them, and take care of what God has entrusted us.
- We are diving right into the, "Mission of God" in teaching, activities, and in our verbiage. Please pray for God to continue to bring lost people to us.

TUESDAY: Pregnancy Center and Counseling Center

Pray for the young woman who has just discovered an unexpected pregnancy. Pray that she will call on Your name and to understand Your love for both her and her unborn child. We pray the woman will find her way to The Pregnancy Center so that she can see the life that is growing inside of her. Rescue her from distress and set her free from sinful behaviors that might harm her or her unborn child. **Psalm 118:5** <https://partner.centersforhope.org/>

WEDNESDAY: Continued Revival in Living Hope

Father, You have commanded in Your Word that we must not grieve the Holy Spirit. Yet, I confess that we have grieved Your Holy Spirit. He is grieved because of our sin and unwillingness to deal with that sin. I plead that You would grant revival so that we would deal with our sin as never before in our relationship to You. Do this so that Your Holy Spirit will no longer be grieved. Do this so that Your Holy Spirit will be pleased to release His power into our midst (**Ephesians 4:30**).

THURSDAY: A need in our city, nation, or world

Pray for God to mightily bring conviction, repentance, and renewal in the U.S.

- Pray for those who are lost in sin and darkness to be saved and made righteous children of light.
- Pray for churches to stand on the authority of God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit and to share the hope they have in Jesus with those they know.
- Pray for Christians with differing opinions on issues to be kind and gracious toward one another and focus on what we share in common – the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the U.S. to become one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

FRIDAY: Pray Living Hope (LH) will impact our homes, our neighbors, and every generation with the hope of Jesus.

Continue to pray for Pastor Bill and Dianne as Bill struggles with cancer and chemotherapy treatment.

- Pray for Pastor Bill to receive excellent medical care.
- Pray for Pastor Bill and Dianne as Bill recovers from chemotherapy.
- Pray for Pastor Bill to maintain his hope in Christ and feel God's love.
- Pray for the staff and leaders as we feel the weight and sadness of his absence from us.

SATURDAY: Pray for our worship gatherings as we continue our sermon series: **The Promises of the Kingdom of God**

Title: Blessed Are the Peacemakers | Text: Matthew 5:9

Main Thrust: God is a peacemaker and He has given His children the ministry of reconciliation. When we are functioning as ambassadors of God in the family business of the Kingdom of God, we are recognized for who we are – sons of God.

- Challenge people to be Gospel-powered peacemakers.
- Encourage people to pursue the ministry of reconciliation that the Gospel enables.

- Teach people what peace is and how it is provided through Christ and then produced through His children.
- Help people delight in being recognized as “sons of God.”

Next Week's Text: 5:10-12