

Prayer Strategies and Practices of 10 SBCV Churches

- **Mission/ Vision Prayer Cards:** Something as simple as an index card causes the church family to stay focused on seven prayer items that are vital to the mission at Virginia Beach Beacon:
 - Pray for the church to be in the center of God's Plan (*Jeremiah 29:11-13/Proverbs 3:5-6*)
 - Pray for a passion for the lost (*I Peter 3:15/Acts 1:8*)
 - Pray for a hunger and thirst for God's Word (*II Timothy 2:15/II Timothy 3:16-17*)
 - Pray for believers to use their God given gifts (*I Corinthians 12:18/Ephesians 4:11-12*)
 - Pray for a love for each other (*John13:34-35/John 15:12-13*)
 - Pray for faithful stewardship through tithes and offerings (*Malachi 3:8-10/II Corinthians 9:7-8*)
 - Pray for Godly lives, marriages and families (*Matthew 5:16/Titus 2:1-8*)

Submitted by Senior Pastor Gordon Ellsworth, **Virginia Beach Beacon Baptist Church**, Virginia Beach pastor@vbbbc.org

- **Weekly Pastoral Staff Prayer Time:** This is not your typical staff meeting, it is a prayer meeting that has facilitated unity, encouraged dependence on God, reminded everyone of the mission, and created an expectation for God to work.

Submitted by Associate Pastor Dan Cook, **Spotswood Baptist Church**, Fredericksburg dcook@spotswood.org

- **Prayer for the Lost by Name:** Wednesday evening Prayer Services have become intentional when it comes to praying for the lost. Pastor Brent Vickery says, "Slowly, we are becoming focused on souls rather than Aunt Susie's toe and gall bladder." On an average, we have 30 specific names mentioned each week and many of those they have prayed for have come to faith.

Submitted by Senior Pastor Brent Vickery, **Ramoth Baptist Church**, Stafford kiskiackdbv@gmail.com

- **Prayer Prelude to Evangelism:** We emphasize and pray much before we attempt any evangelistic outreach. As a result, we have seen some Muslims saved even when we thought nothing would happen. The Lord usually brings someone whom His heart is already prepared to receive The Word and be saved. Prayer is the only driving force for a fruitful evangelistic result.

Submitted by Pastor Tony Ghareeb, **Arab New Life Baptist Church**, Fairfax cfcwministry@gmail.com

- **Four Week Prayer Campaign:** Is an opportunity for us to ask for help from the Lord to reach all peoples in our community with the gospel of Jesus.
 - **Week ONE:** Pray, "Lord, burden my heart for this God-given diverse community. Light my passion to reach the lost in all people groups in Centreville and the surrounding areas."
 - **Week TWO:** Pray, "Lord, convict the hearts of all peoples in our community using CBC resources and people to draw them to Jesus."
 - **Week THREE:** Pray, "Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on our Korean and Latinos Community Groups strengthening these groups and raise up six additional "heart language" community groups by Jan 2015."
 - **Week FOUR:** Pray, "Lord, let God's wisdom inundate our strategy for reaching out to all peoples in our community. The Goal is to leverage Community Groups; Wednesday Life prayer time; weekly email broadcast; the web; and social media to focus the body on four weeks of prayer."

Submitted by Pastor of Congregational Care Milton Harding, **Centreville Baptist Church**, Centreville milton.harding@cbcva.org

- **Text Prayer Ministry and Prayer Bulletin:** Utilizing texting for prayer and a prayer bulletin have encouraged more people to focus on prayer within our church. Salvation, followed by commitment, freedom from addiction and purposeless living, healing, restoration of relationships, saved marriages, all have been the result of God's hand at work through these prayer strategies.

Submitted by Prayer Leader Teresa Lawson, Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox tletlaw61@yahoo.com

- **Month of Prayer and Fasting and Annual Prayer Conference:** We commit to embrace I Chronicles 4:10 through prayer and fasting. Since 2005, Zion Baptist, has had a new breath from heaven blown over this fellowship as a prelude to “Jubilee” revival meetings. We have tripled in size and have experienced 286 professions of faith and baptisms.

Submitted by Pastor Daryl Harbin, Zion Baptist Church, Orange dcharbin@verizon.net

- **Four Weekly Prayer Points for Students:** Each Sunday four weekly prayer points are provided for students. The points include: **1. An Unreached People Group** (joshuaproject.com), **2. A NAMB Send City**, **3. An SBCV Church Planter**, and **4. A Parkway Missions Partner**. The students pray corporately and are challenged to pray individually throughout the week. Mike Camire comments, “My prayer is that through our students praying over these points each week that God would call some of them out to reach some of the unreached people groups, serve in a SEND city, be a church planter in our state, or go spend an extended time serving with one of our church's missions partners.”

Submitted by Student Pastor Mike Camire, Parkway Baptist Church, Moseley mcamire@parkwayfamily.org

- **Church-wide Theme: “2014 Year of Prayer”:** Ask the church to pray for; **1. Living grace and truth**, **2. Surrendering to God**, **3. Reaching the lost**, **4. Using God's resources**, and **5. Being honest with God and each other**. These five requests will appear regularly on our screens, in our bulletin and weekly prayer list, and in our 31 day Global Impact prayer guide. We offer Sunday Morning and Wednesday night Prayer Groups. **Other Prayer Efforts: Prayer drives** and **Prayer walks** occur regularly in a Richmond area known for prostitution. A **31 day Global Impact prayer guide** is produce identifying relationships we have with local, state, national, and international missionaries, church plants, and ministries. Pastor Becton comments, “These shared efforts have people praying together and celebrating answers to prayer. Furthermore, the more men pray with me, the more I hear what’s on my heart in their prayers.”

Submitted by Pastor Mark Becton, Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond Mark.Becton@groveave.net

- **The Watchman Initiative:** Recruit volunteers to stand watch in prayer and fasting for each day of the week for the Kingdom of God and the advancement of the local church. Recruit watchmen, prayer warriors, and intercessors to stand watch in prayer each week, to pray during the preaching services by meeting in a quiet room and interceding for the Pastor and the people during the service. Their goal is to bind Satan’s hands during the service with prayer so that he will not be allowed to steal, kill, and destroy what God is building through His Word.

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