

Prayer Journal



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Letter from the Pastor:

Reclaiming Surrendered Ground

Isaiah 56:7b – *“For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”*

We are living in a nation that is becoming increasingly more liberal on a daily basis. Christians are losing ground, losing influence, and sadly we are losing the lost to man-made theologies and false religions. It would be safe to size up the situation as being one of perilous times in which Christians must rise to the challenge of standing their ground against the onslaught of the advances of the enemy.

We have sent men and women into this spiritual battle without any armor and the result has had a crippling and devastating effect on the health and life of the local church. Today, Christians are losing ground and they are losing confidence because they have lost the desire for embracing the Word of God and devoting their days to prayer.

We are in need of a great revival of God’s people, a revival in which each men and women would set their hearts and desires upon reclaiming the surrendered ground that has been given to the enemy in our country, communities, and churches. This will not be an easy task and we will be attacked but the souls of many are at stake.

God not only desires for us to be a house of prayer but He needs us to be a house of prayer. God is calling His people to venture into enemy territory and to reclaim those that have been wounded, those that are sick and in prison, those that have been left as widows or orphans, and those that are seeking hope in the midst of despair.

Join us as we take our stand, dig in our heels, and reclaim the house of God as a house of prayer!

Pastor Tim Lueking

Day 1

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."
Proverbs 29:18 (KJ)

Pray for how you can partner in accomplishing the 2008 vision of Cicero Christian Church.

Thoughts to ponder:

How can I reach out to the lost, the hurting and the needy? _____

In what ways can I teach others how to live a moral, righteous and Godly lifestyle? _____

How can I serve others? _____

Prayer~

Lord, show me the lost, the hurting and the needy. Guide me in reaching out to them. Help me to be the Christ-like example you have called me to be. May your light shine brightly through me. Make me a servant. One who humbly shares your love through serving others.

Amen

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Day 2

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

Pray for the lost.

Thoughts to ponder:

List 5 people who do not know Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray for their eyes to be opened to the Way, the Truth and the Life.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____

List any decisions or praises concerning these five people: _____

Prayer ~

Father, I lift _____ to your throne. Open their eyes to you. Soften their hearts to the message of a life in You. Give me Your words to speak and the opportunity to share You with _____.

Amen

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Day 3

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble and He saved them from their distress. He sent forth His word and healed them...." Psalm 107:19-20a (NIV)

Pray for the sick and hurting.

Using the church prayer list and those you know have needs and illnesses, pray for each person by name and by need. List below others you know are in need of prayer. _____

Prayer ~

Father, I lift up _____ to you. You are the great Physician. You can heal all illnesses, wounds and hurts. Place your healing hand upon _____. Meet their needs, restore them to health, heal their wounds and be the salve to their hurts. Restore to them all that the enemy has sought to steal from them. May they realize that their healing is from You and bring you the praise and the glory that you deserve.

Amen

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Day 4

“These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.....for my house will be called a house of prayer.” *Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)*

Pray for reclaiming Cicero Christian Church as a House of Prayer.

Thoughts to ponder:

What am I doing to saturate the church with prayer?

Do I have a vibrant and healthy prayer life? _____

Commit to pray for the church, her leaders and her people on a daily basis.

Prayer~

God, raise up an army of prayer warriors who will wage war on their knees. Impress upon the hearts of your people to pray at all times and in all things. Saturate, soak and marinate your church in prayer.

Amen

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Day 5

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15 (NIV)

Pray for Cicero Christian Church's pastors, elders and their families.

Pray that you are an encourager to the leadership.

Pray that no weapons of evil may prosper against them.

Pray that each pastor and elder will daily seek the Lord's heart and mind through prayer and study.

Prayer~

Lord, You have placed each pastor and elder here for a purpose. May they ever seek Your heart and do Your will. I pray that those things that seek to distract them, to tear them down, to defeat them, to cause them grief, and to discourage them be bound and cast away. Fill them with Your strength, Your love and Your peace. May I follow those that you have place in authority over me submissively.

Amen

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Day 6

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Pray for the ministries of Cicero Christian Church.

Thoughts to ponder:

Pray that God will lead you to a ministry that you are gifted to serve in.

Pray that God will make you His hands and feet in your service to Him.

Pray that each ministry reaches into the lives of people and they will see Christ.

Prayer~

Lord, my desire is to serve You. Reveal to me where You can use my gifts to further Your kingdom. I pray that my heart will be open to Your leading and Your equipping for service. Father, make me Your hands and feet.

Amen

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Day 7

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)

Pray for church wide unity.

What are some unity breakers? _____

What are some unity makers? _____

Am I a unity maker or breaker? _____

What needs to change in my life to be completely unified with the body of Christ? _____

Prayer~

Lord, may I never be a unity breaker. Let my words be ones that build up and not tear down. Let my actions be a reflection of You. Give me the boldness to stop gossip and those things that cause the unity of the church to be broken. Cause me to think of others before my self, to lift them up and to be an agent of peace.

Amen

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Day 8

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves." Romans 13:1-2 (NIV)

Pray for government leaders-national, state and local.

Thoughts to ponder:

Pray that the government leaders be God fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision.

Pray that they seek the mind of God in every decision and act.

Pray that their lives reflect a sincere devotion and dedication to God.

Prayer~

Father, I lift those you have placed in authority up to You. I pray that they seek your heart and your mind in all that they do. I pray that they do not abuse the authority given to them. May they realize the difference that they can make through Godly decisions and acts. Lead them in all they do.

Amen

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Day 9

"If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Pray for authentic and complete revival for your personal life, churches, cities and nation.

What areas of your life needs to experience a revival?

What areas of the church needs to experience revival?

What areas of cities and nations needs to experience revival? _____

Prayer~

Lord, my hearts yearn for revival. I hunger and thirst for the things of You. Fan into flame those areas where I have become complacent. May I burn with a desire to serve You and to make You know to others. Father, revive my heart and turn the hearts of the nations back to you.

Amen

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Day 10

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Ephesians 4:14-16

Pray for strong, growing Christ-centered families in the church and community.

Thoughts to ponder:

How can my family be stronger, growing and more Christ-centered? _____

Does the church and community see Christ in me and my family? _____

Where do I need strength and growth in my life? _____

Prayer ~

Lord, show me where I am weak. Give me strength in that area. Show me where I need to grow. Help me to grow in that area. May all I say and do bring You glory.

Amen

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Additional resources:

Cicero Christian Church e-mail Prayer Requests. To receive the prayer requests via e-mail, contact Beth Roberts at bjroberts@ccrtc.com.

NAV Press:

PRAY! Magazine—www.praymag.com

Bookmark Prayer Cards-available in the House of Prayer

Books:

Praying God's Word, Beth Moore

Praying God's Word Prayer Cards-Beth Moore

The Power of Personal Prayer, Jonathan Graf

Fight on Your Knees-Mell Winger

Prayer-Does It Make A Difference?-Phillip Yancey

Too Busy Not To Pray-Bill Hybels

Intercessory Prayer-Dutch Sheets

The Power of a Praying Wife-Stormie Omartian

The Power of a Praying Husband-Stormie Omartian

The Power of a Praying Parent-Stormie Omartian

There are a multitude of other resources out there that are useful in developing or growing your prayer life.

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