

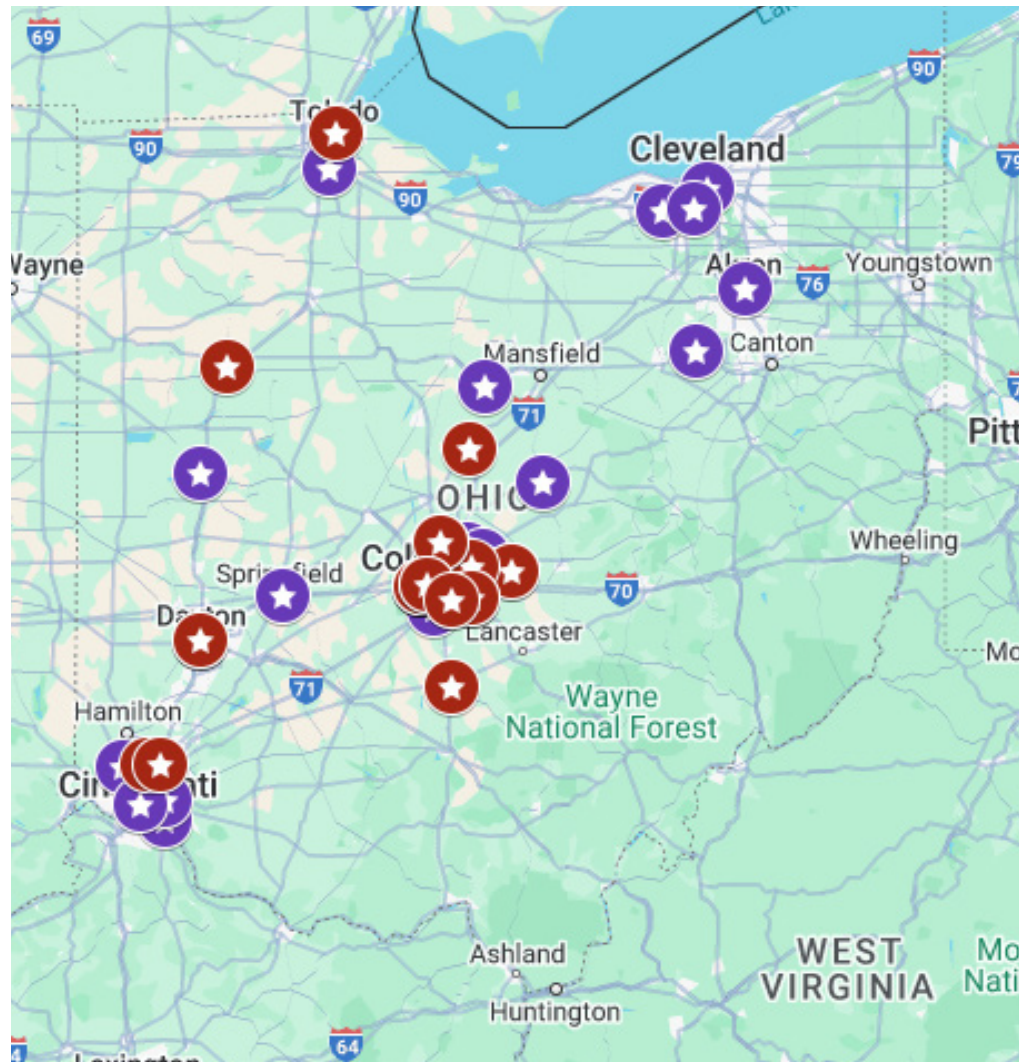


for OHIO



welcome to the

Ohio Prayer Leaders Retreat



Locations of Prayer Leaders (purple) and Houses of Prayer (red) for this retreat

Dear Praying Friends,

Ohio has a rich history of faithful prayer and worship across our state. With this first annual Ohio Prayer Leaders Retreat, we hope to continue to fan the flames of this prayer legacy into the next generation and beyond.

Our desire is to see fully-equipped, praying communities on mission for Jesus across all 88 counties of our state. We long to see a flourishing Ohio where the gospel saturates every neighborhood, family, school, government office, and business. As we all work toward the shalom of Ohio and beyond, may we see God's Kingdom come and His will done here in Ohio as it is in heaven!

Our goal for this retreat is to provide space to deepen relationships across prayer networks in Ohio as well as provide a time of refreshing, renewal, and equipping for prayer and worship leaders across our state. As we endeavor to know one another better and learn from one another, read on for biographies and learnings from our attendees.

A big thank you to our sponsors for this gathering: **Highland Real Estate Group** and our host **Harvest Hills Farm**. We are so grateful to you for helping make this dream a reality!

Many blessings to you as you abide in Him,

Ursula Kemp and the Pray for Ohio team



- **Prayer Fuels Mission and Mission Fuels Prayer:** Prayer is not the end goal—it's the fuel that drives us into the harvest. Likewise, engagement with the lost drives us back into deeper prayer and dependence on God.
- **Live with Matthew 9 and Matthew 10 Together:** We don't get to choose between being prayer people or mission people; Jesus called us to pray for laborers and become the laborers. Prayer and disciple-making are inseparably linked.
- **Sheep Are Fed in the Pasture and Nurtured in the Pen:** True nourishment happens both by engaging the lost (pasture) and withdrawing into the secret place (pen). A healthy disciple lives fully in both spaces.
- **Foster a Lifestyle of Prayer and Obedience:** Mobilizing prayer means cultivating communities that listen to God's voice and respond in simple, immediate obedience.
- **Multiply Disciple-Makers, Not Just Prayer Gatherings:** Teach believers that prayer naturally leads to disciple-making, and disciple-making keeps prayer fervent, personal, and urgent.
- **Anchor Everything in Christ and His Kingdom:** Keep Jesus at the center, aligning prayer and mission around His heart, His Word, and His command to go and make disciples of all nations.
- **Equip Ordinary Believers to Carry Both Prayer and Mission:** Every believer is called to both the secret place and the harvest field. Empower them to live in both realms, not just leadership teams or special groups.

learnings

- **Focus on Spirit-Led Simplicity:** Gatherings should remain simple and Spirit-directed, making room for people to hear God clearly and be sent out.
- **Cultivate a Culture of Both Harvest and Consecration:** Teach that harvesting (reaching the lost) and consecration (deepening holiness and prayer) must grow side-by-side, not separately.
- **See Prayer Rooms as Sending Rooms:** Prayer spaces are not retreats from mission but launching pads where laborers are envisioned, equipped, and commissioned.
- **Practice Obedience-Based Discipleship:** Prayer and Bible engagement should always move toward practical steps of obedience, multiplying both faith and transformation.
- **Pursue Citywide Unity with a Missional Heart:** True unity comes when the Church prays and acts together, seeking not just revival inside the church but transformation across the city.
- **Prepare Through Repentance and Fasting:** Deep, Spirit-led movements of prayer and mission are birthed through humility, repentance, and dependence on God.
- **Expect and Celebrate Fruitfulness:** Testimonies of healing, salvation, answered prayers, and new disciples build faith that God truly moves when prayer and mission are joined.
- **Stay Rooted in Hope:** Even when results are slow or hidden, trust that prayer-saturated mission work is sowing seeds that God is faithful to bring to harvest in His time.

—**Jordon & Talon Baker**, 10 Days of Prayer/Global Catalytic Ministries



learnings

- Have a clear written vision of the Prayer ministry.
- Train in the vision for growth
- Worshiping and Praying together promote unity
- Know the different spiritual gifts of the intercessors to know where they are best gifted to serve in prayer.
- Honoring each other unlocks God's glory. Find ways to honor and serve in humility.

-April Farris, Kingdom Consultants and Eagle Prayer Warrior Network

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- It simply takes saying yes to God yes to His leading Yes to His provision Yes to rest in His promises.
 - Stay humble
 - Lean in to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment for everything. Pay attention to those nudges He gives. Ask Him questions. Lord what are you saying, showing , want me to know or see.
 - Learn good communication skills such as how to stay on track with the Holy Spirit how to stop someone from over talking how to draw in those who under talk and how to wait on the Lord.

-Michelle Long, Enter His Gates ministries

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- Seeking the Father's heart and His presence in prayer
 - Beholding Him and incorporating listening prayer
 - Praying scripture
 - Limit social talk and unneeded details that take up prayer time ->

- Create a flexible timeframe to guide times of prayer
- Limit medical/health needs during corporate prayer (using other avenues of communicating these needs)
- Discerning prayer for the deeper spiritual warfare active in the Church and community
- Encouraging each other in unity of prayer from various local church gatherings

-Teresa Bailey, Enter His Gates ministries

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- Be Kingdom Minded
 - Build Strong Relationships
 - Serve one another
 - Keep the majors the focus
 - See others strengths and encourage
 - We all have a part
 - Let the Holy Spirit Lead
 - Pray and Be IN Relationship with Jesus

-Julia DeLavergne, Love the Nations

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- We are just getting started... we had a prayer and worship night and now we are prepping for prayer walks.
 - Move people towards praying together.
 - Emphasize prayer in a city reaching movement as a nonnegotiable. Not an add on but the foundation and engine.

-Nathan Gordon, For Delaware



- Developing a team to delegate and handle the needs of each church we work with.
- Making decisions as a group and welcoming feedback, suggestions, etc.
- Fostering a culture of collaboration and sharing ideas, resources, prayer guides, etc.
- Asking God what He wants to do and viewing it as His mission, not mine. I'm His servant building His Kingdom, not my own prayer platform. For this reason, I strongly opposed using any organization's name in the title of our prayer canopy, which led to our decision to call it the Clark County Prayer Canopy. We are uniting the Body of Christ in our county under the banner of Jesus and His Kingdom, not any one church or ministry.

-Kelton Moore, Nehemiah Foundation

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- Pray for God to give you great favor with Him and with those He places in your path.
 - Build strong relationships through fellowship before ever asking for the big help.
 - Build your team around the God given gifts, talents, and abilities then you're sure to have a well running team.
 - Steward well what has already been given to you by the Lord and He will bless the increase.
 - It's only on the merit of what each person has done and completed well that you can ask for the resources that you need to advance what you are doing. ->

learnings

- Serve wholeheartedly with gratefulness and kindness in every opportunity given. Whatever that looks like.
- Give generously to the people, cities and communities that the Lord has given to you to proper and advance for His namesake.

-Denise Emerine, Greater Toledo House of Prayer

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- Provide a prayer guide to keep the prayer on target.
 - Have a start and end time to maintain order and integrity.
 - Select the people to pray to keep the prayer time on time and on target.
 - Ensure that 3/4 of the time together is praying.
 - Send out multiple notices of the prayer time with the date, time, location and link if zoom.
 - As the leader, model enthusiasm for prayer.
 - From time to time call out the names of the prayer warriors with appreciation.
 - Be relational and authentic with participants. Prayer is ministry and relational, not transactional.
 - Unity is not sameness. Unity is each unique part joining in concert to create a beautiful symphonic sound of all parts. Celebrate and encourage each part to develop to its fullest for a most excellent sound when all together.

-Ruth Edmonds, Center for Christian Virtue

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- Be in the Word, Hear His voice, Obey.
 - Trust Him, Step out of the boat, Keep your eyes on Jesus.
 - Ask! Others want to be asked/included.
 - It takes leadership, come to the table with a plan/vision and a decision maker.

-Tabitha Hare, HarvestNet Ministries



Learned through ministry in the Columbus region and beyond

- **Stay at His feet** – Everything begins with intimacy. Don't start in the Spirit and then get too busy to continue. The power to lead, mobilize, and sustain prayer flows from consistent time with Jesus. Remaining at His feet keeps the fire burning and ensures we move from overflow, not exhaustion.
- **Collaboration is powerful** – Unity among churches, ministries, and leaders breaks territorial barriers, expands kingdom impact, and prevents burnout. We're stronger together.
- **Prayer must be Spirit-led and Word-rooted** – Aligning prayer with Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit brings precision, power, and fruit.
- **Involve every generation** – Invite young people, elders, and everyone in between to pray. There is power in multi-generational intercession. Bring the next generation with us.
- **Celebrate wins and testimonies** – Sharing answered prayers and breakthrough stories stirs faith and reminds people that prayer works.
- **Consistency builds momentum** – Regular rhythms like weekly noonday prayer create spiritual discipline and sustain engagement over time. ->

learnings

- **Keep learning from those who've gone before** – Never stop learning. Seek wisdom from spiritual fathers and mothers who have lived a life of prayer. Their experiences and best practices are treasures for the journey ahead.
- **Train and equip others** – Reproducing leaders and empowering others to lead and teach prayer builds sustainability and multiplies impact.
- **Cover with love and humility** – A culture of love and humility protects unity and creates a safe space for growth and honest prayer.
- **Discern spiritual climate shifts** – Stay sensitive to what God is doing in your region and respond accordingly in prayer focus and mobilization.
- **It's not about your brand or logo** – Give all glory to God. Remember, the goal is to magnify Him, not to build personal fame or recognition. Our efforts in prayer are always about lifting His name, not our own.

–Shawna Shepherd, For Columbus

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- Effective prayer flows from a deep intimate relationship with God
 - Practice humility in all relationships.
 - Keep unity by focusing on the cross of Christ as common ground
 - Pray bold, faith-filled prayers with measurable results and expect answers.

–Sharon Kiesel, Highland/Pray for Ohio



To effectively mobilize prayer in our ministry and throughout the city, we have embraced several key principles and best practices.

- First, we promote openness and inclusivity to the various Christian denominations in our city to ensure that all voices are heard and welcomed in our prayer initiatives. We also encourage personal prayer lives, empowering individuals to deepen their connection with God alongside our corporate efforts. Celebrating answers to prayer has become a vital part of our community, as sharing testimonies inspires and motivates others to engage in prayer.
- We utilize diverse prayer formats to cater to different preferences and encourage participation, ensuring that everyone can find a way to connect through prayer. Regularly scheduled and consistent prayer meetings help to build accountability and foster community, creating a rhythm of prayer that participants can rely on. We focus on the intentionality of those gathering vs size or count of those gathering.
- To gain broader support, we actively engage senior ministry leaders, rallying their endorsement and involvement to lend credibility and strength to our efforts. Additionally, we have a prayer task force comprised of dedicated volunteers who take on leadership roles within the initiative, helping to coordinate events and outreach efforts. ->

learnings

- These combined strategies have galvanized our city to pray and continue to grow in our collective prayer journey. We saw great decline after COVID, but stayed relevant through online prayer and we have observed growing participation in the Summit County National Day of Prayer effort, which Love Akron has been overseeing for the past three years.

-Lori Porter, Love Akron

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- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.
 - Ask the Lord for guidance and direction in inviting people to join.
 - Share personal testimony and vision – the specific reason for prayer.
 - Start prayer by praising and worshiping the Lord.
 - Ask God to search our hearts and reveal anything that might stand in the way of glorifying Him.
 - Pray for the time together to be filled with more of God and less of us.
 - Take time to listen to the Lord.

-Amy Hudson, Mt Vernon and Knox County

“The governance of kingdom work is presided over in prayer. It is the covering under which we work out our respective and collective missions.”

-Chris Kelly, Highland – Common Ground



- Listening over asking. This goes for prayer as well as for all other relational communication. (**Pray to hear**)
- Worship looks different, but the fruits of the Spirit are the same. (**Pray to see**)
- Extrovert or introvert—we all need community. (**Pray for others**)
- Small practices/disciplines go a long way in building a framework for future spiritual formation. (**Pray consistently**)
- History tells us much. We ought to listen. (**Pray in liturgy**)
- Ministry on an island (by yourself) is dangerous. (**Pray in community**)

–Tyler Williamson, IMPACT Campus Ministries

I feel like a beginner in prayer and I know the Prayer Canopy was raised by Jesus, it happened so fast! We have 60 ministries and over 1000 intercessors. Each ministry does their best to mobilize 24 hours of prayer on their “day to pray”.

However, we are learning that it takes constant attention to refresh and keep leaders and intercessors engaged. We pray the Lord’s prayer, we pray over the mountains of culture, and periodically we challenge our intercessors to self-examination and recentering on an intimate conversation with Jesus as the heart of prayer. We also use the Draw, Bind, Break, Open prayer strategy developed by New Generations leader Harry Brown. (Scan QR code for more info)



–Denis Beausejour, Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy

learnings

Rule of Life

- Holding consistent and accessible prayer space for those in need.

Teaching

- Teaching to remove the emotional barriers that often prevent or stifle prayer.
- Naming the realities of the seasons of prayer, empowering and affirming those experiences.
- Creating space for all emotions to show up in prayer and reinforcing the truth that God welcomes all of us in our prayers.
- Linking meditation of Scripture to prayer to stimulate our minds and hearts.

Praying Pastorally

- Specifically honoring lament as prayer and worship while not rushing the process of grief.
- Sitting in grief prayerfully and silently when necessary.
- Offering life giving prayers which hold space for the autonomy and freedom of those being prayed for.
- Honoring people’s prayer history and understanding their perspectives and pain.
- Creating physical space for people to engage in prayer as they need or want to, with or without me.

–Mitchell Lavender, IMPACT Campus Ministries



- Love God and others
- Value and respect one another
- Unity in Jesus
- Forgive and accept differences
- Serve and be willing to sacrifice
- Lead with humility and prepare with prayers
- Recognize and connect with intercessors and leaders, invite, communicate and be persistent

-SueLee Jin, Anderson Hills Church and
Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy

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1. Build Kingdom.
 2. Practice love.
 3. Build bridges.
 4. Die to self (do not be easily offended)

-Tossie Wiley, Jr., Prayer at the Heart

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- A committed, loyal dedication to God, His Word, and His Kingdom is essential to staying on course in prayer ministry.
 - Acquiring an understanding of prayer's necessity and power is necessary for mobilizing prayer in your ministry. Hebrews 11:6
 - The application of the truths found in Ephesians 4:16. The Body of Messiah is fitly joined together. We are most effective at working in unity together.

-Janice Stewart, Toward Jerusalem Council II

learnings

1. Don't be exclusive but always inclusive of all who want to gather.
2. Don't make talking and preaching the main thing make worshipping Jesus the main thing. Everything else comes after that.

-Joseph and Cindy Mathew, Throne Room Ministries International

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1. Clean Hands and a Pure Heart
 2. Listen to Hear, Look to see and Sense or Feel what the Lord is saying and pray accordingly.
 3. Pray BIG Specific and Precise prayers that only the LORD could answer.
 4. Be persistent in prayer until there is a sense of breakthrough then Praise Him and give thanks as though the answer is in our hands.

-Grant Galloway, Strategic Prayer Apostolic Network

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- A surrendered, teachable, and obedient spirit is essential for intimacy with God. The biblical writers describe Moses as "more humble than any other man" (Num. 12:3) and a friend of God (Ex. 33:11). Humility fosters intimacy, and both are essential in city-reaching work.
 - Prayer warriors are not passive; rather, they pray with bold expectations based on the biblical reality of God's character, nature, and intentions. As warriors, in times of crisis, they can put aside emotions and stay grounded in biblical reality—holding onto truth and praying expectant prayers.
 - Cultivate the unity of the Spirit, focusing on the commonality of the cross of Christ.

-Scott Mallory, Highland / Pray for Ohio



Through my journey of mobilizing prayer, worship, and evangelism in my region, I've found a few key approaches to be especially fruitful:

- Pray for God to open effective doors – Trusting Him to lead rather than forcing opportunities.
- Follow where the Spirit is moving – Resisting the urge to create something and ask for God's blessing after the fact, but instead seeking His movement first and joining in through prayer.
- Prioritize relational over transactional connections – Humbly partnering with and supporting the mission God has given others, focusing on serving rather than gaining (or having them fulfill your mission).

-Natalia Chase, Unified

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- Annual concerts of prayer
 - Monthly prayer emails
 - Weekly Zoom prayer rhythm for inner core
 - Roughly quarterly citywide prayer gatherings

-Caleb Ingram, Declare

"United corporate prayer changes the world!"

-Randy Loebig, Highland/Pray for Ohio

learnings

- **Under promise and over deliver**, do everything with a spirit of excellence.
 - **We become like what we behold** – I've found it best to always encourage prayer gatherings to start with adoration and praise where God is magnified rather than spending all the time focused on "magnifying" the prayer requests.
 - Networks are based on trusting relationships and one way to accelerate and multiply that is through **unified corporate prayer**.
 - We've seen great fruit and **tangible evidence** of God's answers through strategic, **specific, measurable prayers** across the city of Columbus.
 - Do your best to **discern where the Spirit is moving** and how the Father is working instead of planning something on your own and asking God to join it and bless it.
 - **Concerts of Prayer gatherings** have really accelerated the unity and participation of churches across Columbus.
 - If you're looking to draw in more leaders and churches, ask them to **do something tangible** such as pray at a gathering, host a worship night or prayer breakfast, write a devotional, speak as a featured ministry on a zoom call, post a prayer request etc.
 - Leaders need a **personal prayer team**. Meet regularly with a group of committed intercessors who pray for one another. In person or over the phone each week is a great way to do it.
 - **Spirit-led, scripture-fed** prayer is powerful and effective!
- Ursula Kemp**, Pray for Ohio and For Columbus



Chris Kelly, representing Highland Real Estate and Common Ground is from Columbus, Ohio. Chris has 20+ years of marketplace and ministry leadership. He is the Executive Director of Common Ground, the nonprofit arm of Highland Real Estate Group. He asks that we would *pray for more and more communities throughout Ohio to flourish*. He says: “we’re in the midst of an increasing season of disruption and acceleration – mixed with great missional opportunity as well as challenges.”



Highland/Common Ground
Columbus, Ohio

Kelton's Prayer Requests:

- *Greater unity among our churches (especially for pastors who still feel a sense of competition and scarcity/fear)*
- *That God would give the Ekklesia heavenly blueprints and Kingdom strategies to tackle the big problems our county is facing (lack of funding, homelessness, immigration concerns/fear of mass deportations, racism, housing, etc.)*
- *Greater favor from the community to allow the Body of Christ to help bless our county in tangible ways*

biographies

Kelton Moore grew up in Sidney, OH before attending Cedarville University where he pursued a double major in Christian Education and Youth Ministry. He went on to receive a Master of Divinity from Cedarville University, then moved to Springfield to serve as a jail chaplain in the Clark County Jail. In May 2023, he transferred to the Nehemiah Foundation where he now serves as their Community Chaplain.

He oversees the Clark County Prayer Canopy, which he helped launch in the fall of 2024. He also serves as the compliance officer at SVdP, where he does data entry, documentation, and interprets for Spanish- and Haitian Creole-speaking clients. Having received deliverance from depression and suicidal ideation through Jesus in 2018, Kelton was certified to be a QPR suicide prevention instructor in August 2023 and wants to see others find holistic freedom from mental health struggles. Kelton has a passion for seeing the Body of Christ united across denominational, ethnic, and social boundaries. He speaks Spanish and is learning Haitian Creole, which he uses on a regular basis to serve Hispanic and Haitian clients in his community. He enjoys biking, birdwatching, Star Trek, Mexican food, and talking about Heaven.



Nehemiah Foundation
Springfield, Ohio



Kingdom Consultants
Eagle Prayer Warrior Network
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. April Farris has been a prophetic business consultant since 2008. She is the founder of Eagle Prayer Warriors Network. She serves other national prayer ministries including Reformation Prayer Network (Cindy Jacobs) as the General for Ohio, and Strategic Prayer Apostolic Network (Becca Greenwood) as an Apostolic Coordinator.

April's trains intercessors to be Strategic Prophetic Consultants for hire by business owners. She has written a book called Prayer Powered Success Unlock Your Business Potential With Strategic Level Intercession. Her consultants have been trained by her personally, insuring an

outstanding company-wide level of professionalism and excellence. She and her husband Mike are commissioned apostolic co-leaders of LivingStones Communities a housechurch and equipping network. They have a heart to see societal transformation come to every mountain in society and believe the next move of God will be in the marketplace. They train and equip others to fulfill their kingdom mandate for the harvest.

Prayer Requests: Prayer for hiring more intercessors and training seminars toward that end. Pray to grow our spiritual mapping teams for Ohio to deal with trauma in the land.

biographies

My name is **Michelle Long**. I was born and live in Ohio right along the Indiana border. I started hearing from the Lord when I was the wee age of 4. I treasure the times He spoke to me or revealed himself to me as Jehovah Shammah the Lord who is there. Since the age of 4 He has continued tuning my ears to hear and my heart to receive. There were times I seemed to have listened my way especially the young adult years but by His mercy and grace I'm here today and live my life to glorify Him. Prayer has been the most precious of my spiritual journey, due to its the connection between the Lord and I. I believe He has called me to intercessory prayer, most often for my family, the local families in my area, the body of Christ as the Bride making ourself ready and doing as the Lord leads us to do, the State of Ohio for revival, revival for our Nation, and for the beloved nation of Israel. My heart yearns for an outpouring on the men in our nation to rise up and that Fathers would turn to their children and children to their fathers. For the Lords healing with all the brokenness in our society. For the children in foster care. And to be a joyful intercessor whose merry heart does my body good and does the bodies around me good like medicine! I am a full time nurse and just commented to a doctor today that it would be awesome if the medical profession would adopt that scripture saying , a merry heart does the body good like medicine! I absolutely love being together in the family of Christ. I'm so happy to be a part of this.

Prayer Requests: Area churches with our prayer group meeting in different churches once a month to seek the Lord for this particular body of Christ what the church's needs, strengths, weaknesses are how we can support them in prayer. Families, marriages, healing restoration of the Father in the home and the relationship between father and family. Children, youth , teens. Healing the brokenness.



Enter His Gates Ministries
Darke County, Ohio



biographies



Enter His Gates Ministries
Darke County, Ohio

Teresa Bailey was raised in Arcanum, Ohio, a small rural community in Darke County, in a Christian home. She was saved at the age of 5 and made Jesus her Lord during her young adult years. She has enjoyed 30 years of marriage to Patrick, and they have two grown children. She stepped away from her Dental Hygiene career of 26 years as God called her to full-time ministry. Teresa has a heart for sharing the love of Jesus Christ through prayer and building relationships. She has been equipped and trained to gather prayer warriors, be intentional in community care, and share the

gospel. Building relationships within the community involves serving in youth ministry, helping lead worship, getting to know unreached people, connecting with local churches, gathering prayer warriors, hosting and organizing prayer gatherings, and continuing to empower international leaders as evangelism and discipleship are integrated through the process. She is looking forward to what God will do in her community, county, state, nation, and overseas as she continues to seek the Father's heart and walk out His will for her life.

Prayer Requests: **Perseverance & Holy Spirit's leading *Relationships built with Christ versus religious duty *Humility, unity, and love for one another and others *No comparison, complacency, or contamination - replaced with celebration, compassion, and living out holiness (pure hands/pure heart) *Busyness/distractions to cease - (simplify) *Saints to make room for time with God *Hunger and thirst for the True Living God - through prayer and study of God's Word *Removal of idols *Building of strong marriages/family units.*

Julia DeLavergne – Born in western New York State I moved to Ohio in 1982 working in the agricultural marketplace before being called to 'mission' (in 1999) at the University with college students. I served in my church for 16 years in the areas of Christian Education, Mission Outreach and Worship oversight as a committee member and as an Elder. I also served on our Executive team during our 30 year pastoral transition during which my engagement with Campus Prayer was initiated. As our Mission Chair, I actively helped to reignite it's direction through personal relationships of our congregants callings, with focus on the gospels transformation both inwardly and outwardly. In 1999 I began seeking how to express my call from the marketplace. Initially, joining in the effort to bring a Veritas Forum to Ohio State in 2002. Following a 2005 Forum I fully engaged at the University spending time with a campus ministry called the CCO, then transitioning to advising and soon director of LoveOSU, a 24/7 Prayer model, the student prayer house ministry at The Ohio State University was catalyzed and established by students in 2002. (2 Chronicles 7:14 our focus of prayer). I Co-Lead a part of the nationwide 24/7 Campus America movement in 2010. I am passionate for revival and awakening particularly among students. Additionally, a number of the students that led our SHOPrayer now actually lead movements and churches in the Columbus area. I continue to encourage and remain active in the movement of prayer in Central Ohio, the City and State in the mission of a Gospel transformation. Married to Larry Schirm, we have three grown children, 10 grandchildren and 1 Great-grandchild. We have been fortunate to be involved globally in our fields, lending to many relationships in the marketplace and beyond.

Prayer Requests: *Continued growth in the Gospel movement in Central Ohio*

- *Expanse of the Holy Spirit to produce a John 17 agreement*
- *More Discipleship and Leaders to be called*
- *That HS would bring more creativity and strategic purpose in His people*
- *That OHIO would live in its calling as one body - With God All Things Are Possible*



Love the Nations
Laurelville, Ohio



Jordon & Talon Baker In 2014, Jordon encountered Jesus in a life-changing way at the One Thing conference in Kansas City. At the time, I was caught up in addiction and the New Age movement. No one directly shared the Gospel with me—instead, during a moment in the prayer room, I heard the Gospel sung prophetically and had a powerful encounter with Jesus, much like Paul on the road to Damascus. In that moment, I gave my life to Him and was completely delivered. Since then, I've carried a burning passion to share Christ with others and to see them encounter Him in the same life-transforming way. On that same trip, Talon rededicated her life to Christ and has also seen the Lord move powerfully in the lives of those around her through her testimony of healing and freedom. Today, we live in our hometown of Mansfield with our three children, continuing to pursue Jesus and share His love wherever He leads.

In 2021, Jordon and Talon Baker received training in Disciple Making Movement (DMM) principles from leaders of the underground church—principles that have contributed to over 100 million new baptisms, primarily in the Global South. This training emphasized obedience-based discipleship, a vision for multiplication, gathering as the church in simple ways, and reliance on the Holy Spirit. A key part of their approach is Discovery Bible Studies (DBS), which empower individuals to engage with Scripture in group settings, apply the passage, and share it with others. They have seen dozens of DBS groups form locally, bringing the lost together to explore Scripture, encounter the love of Christ, and count the cost of following Him.

Building on this foundation, Jordon and Talon serve as disciple-makers with Global Catalytic Ministries (GCM), a DMM family active in 71 countries. GCM focuses on equipping indigenous leaders to make disciples, plant churches, and transform their communities—often in regions of significant persecution.

Locally, Jordon and Talon lead an emerging network of simple churches—organic, relational communities that love God, love others, and make disciples with Jesus as King. These simple churches meet in homes and everyday spaces, where believers grow in their faith, support one another, and actively reach the lost. Their vision is to see the Church emerge where people live, work, and play—building vibrant, multiplying communities that reflect the love and mission of Christ. They are committed to equipping ordinary people to live out the Gospel in everyday life and empowering them to become disciple-makers within their own circles of influence.

Since 2017, they have also been committed to fostering citywide unity in the Church by hosting various prayer initiatives with the support of 60+ local congregations. Their heart is to see the Body of Christ come together across denominational lines to seek God's presence and advance His Kingdom in their region.

biographies

Talon is also a visual artist with a passion for seeing the arts community encounter the life and hope found in Christ. Through her work, she seeks to create meaningful expressions of truth and beauty that point others to the Gospel. Her artwork is currently featured at a local gallery, where she uses creativity as a bridge to build relationships and spark conversations about faith.

Jordon serves on the global leadership team of 10 Days of Prayer (10Days.net), a movement dedicated to uniting believers worldwide for ten days of worship, prayer, fasting, and repentance. In 2024, over 500 gatherings were confirmed globally, reflecting the growing impact of the movement.

The vision is to see thousands of cities engage simultaneously in this period of consecration, forming a “global upper room.” Jordon's role includes connecting city-wide prayer leaders with Disciple Making Movement (DMM) training, fostering a synergy between prayer and disciple-making by equipping prayer leaders with strategies to multiply disciples and establish simple churches.

Jordon and Talon are committed to advancing the Gospel by integrating prayer and disciple-making strategies, equipping believers to fulfill the Great Commission, and fostering unity within the Body of Christ.

Prayer Requests: *Outpouring of the Holy Spirit — for a fresh move of God that awakens both the Church and the lost to the reality of Jesus' love, lordship, and call to follow Him.*

**Laborers for the Harvest — that God would raise up and send many ordinary people into the harvest fields of Mansfield and surrounding cities (Matthew 9:37–38). * Deepening Unity Among Churches — continued strengthening of partnerships between the 60+ local congregations that have labored together since 2017, cultivating true John 17 unity.*

** Multiplication of Discovery Bible Studies (DBS) — for the lost to gather around Scripture, encounter Christ personally, and begin to obey and share His Word. * Strengthening of Simple Churches — for house churches to be marked by vibrant love, Scripture-rooted discipleship, Holy Spirit empowerment, and multiplication.*



10 Days of Prayer/Global Catalytic Ministries, Mansfield, Ohio



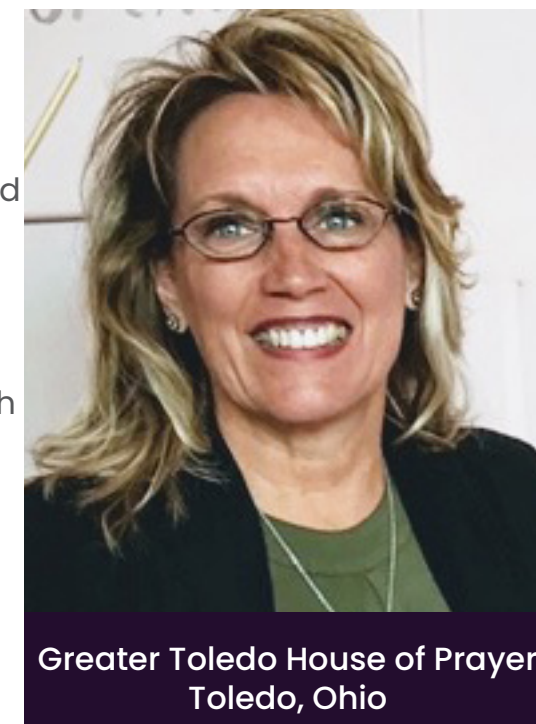
Nathan Gordon My name is Nathan Gordon, I'm 27 and I live in Delaware, Ohio. My wife Kearsten and I currently have two boys, a one year old and a two year old. I direct the Delaware Dream Center and co-lead For Delaware. The Dream Center is focused on meeting the physical and spiritual needs of families and seniors we serve. For Delaware is focused on fostering unity in the church of Delaware and creating greater collaboration between churches and nonprofits/market place leaders.

Prayer Requests:

- *That an uncommon unity would surface in the church of Delaware*
- *For peace, clarity, and wisdom in the current state of economic and community development Delaware is in.*
- *For people's eyes to be opened to the reality of an impoverished community in Delaware.*
- *That people would experience hope, meaning, and purpose and see themselves as more than their "American dream" or well paying jobs.*
- *That the Holy Spirit would blow through Delaware in a fresh and healing way.*

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Denise Emerine is a fearless daughter of the King! She is purpose driven and a pioneer in advancing His Kingdom in cities and businesses through prayer and worship. She has pioneered and set up prayer rooms in companies throughout the USA. She is a lover of Israel and has traveled there multiple times building relational prayer in homes and businesses. She was given the name Hadassah when last there which is the Hebrew name for Esther which really describes her completely! She's married and has two married children with ten amazing grandchildren. She has directed the Greater Toledo House of Prayer in Toledo Ohio for 25 years. Currently, Denise is working on writing a guide book called "Alabaster Cities" preparing cities through prayer and activation to take back our land cities for the King of kings! Her favorite scripture is from Philippians 1:6: *"I pray with great faith for you because I'm fully convinced that the One who began this glorious expression of grace in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you through your union with Him and will complete it at unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!"*



Prayer Requests: • *Pray that the churches, believers, worshippers in the greater city region would grasp the heart that when a prayer room is in your region God has ordained His seal of approval and to those that rally around the unity of His plan then revival will come forthcoming!* • *Pray for LGBTQ+ will received the salvation of Jesus Christ.* • *Pray that God will expose and move in justice for the human traffickers in Toledo.* • *Pray for the healing of the innocent and families and those affected by this horrific crime of trafficking children and young adults.* • *Pray that the Planned Parenthood in Toledo would close down permanently and the last abortion clinic.* • *Pray for the deep rooted liberal government and city council people would be removed and that God would set up a government for the His will to be created and done!*



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For Columbus
Columbus, Ohio

Shawna Shepherd was born to teenage parents but raised in a rich spiritual legacy that spans generations. Her grandfather and great-grandfather were both pastors with a deep love for people and an unwavering commitment to prayer and outreach. Her great-grandfather faithfully pastored The Lord's House of Prayer for All People, planted churches throughout the Midwest, and led a ministry rooted in compassion, outreach, and intercession. Prayer is their family legacy—woven through a long line of ministers and intercessors.

From a young age, Shawna fell in love with the presence of God. Her fondest childhood memories include attending Bible study and

sitting beside her grandma while her grandpa taught bible study, captivated by the Spirit of God. Though her journey included seasons of imperfection, one thing never changed—her hunger for God's presence, His Word, and the power of prayer. Through it all, she discovered that the hand of the Lord was on her life—guiding, keeping, and calling her deeper.

Her family not only prayed but saw answers to the prayers they prayed. Her great-grandfather, known as the "breadman," traveled throughout the city, entering neighborhoods to feed the poor and pray over entire communities. One day, he helped a young boy in need by offering food—never realizing that boy would grow up to become his grandson-in-law, Shawna's father. This story, marked by divine connection and legacy, reflects the generational power of love, service, and prayer. In 2016, God reminded Shawna of a dream she first had at just 7 years old. That dream was used to provide divine strategy to mobilize Wednesday Midday Prayer—and what began as a 7-year-old girl's dream has since grown into a movement. Shawna's heart beats to see every quadrant of her city and nation saturated in prayer, and she has dedicated her life to seeing it happen.

In 2025, after a few years of volunteering with For Columbus, Shawna stepped into her current role as Director of Pray for Columbus, a citywide movement committed to mobilizing prayer and uniting believers in strategic, Spirit-led prayer.

She is deeply humbled and extremely grateful to daily approach the King of Kings, the Alpha and the Omega—not as a stranger, but as His beloved daughter. In His presence, she finds purpose, strength, and direction. She knows that with God, all things are possible, and apart from Him, she can do nothing. Her life is a living testimony that intimacy with the Father is essential. Shawna longs for others to experience the same—because when you truly know who He is, you begin to understand who you are, and nothing can stop a surrendered life filled with faith, power, and purpose.

Prayer Requests for the City of Columbus

- *The hearts of leaders in the city – That the leaders of the city would seek God's wisdom, align their hearts with His, and lead with compassion, justice, and righteousness, reflecting His heart for the people.*
- *That every quadrant of Columbus would be saturated with the presence of God through consistent, unified prayer.*
- *For revival in families—restored marriages, godly parenting, and homes filled with peace and purpose.*
- *That churches and nonprofits across Columbus would walk in unity, humility, and bold faith, shining as beacons of hope.*
- *For a mighty harvest of souls—that those who are lost, broken, and far from God would encounter His love. For salvations to increase faster than our growing population.*
- *For protection and peace over schools, neighborhoods, and youth across the city.*
- *For Literacy rates to improve in our schools.*
- *For city leaders and decision-makers to be led by wisdom, righteousness, and a heart for justice.*
- *That prayer would not just be an event—but a lifestyle for the people of Columbus.*
- *For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to sweep through every community, bringing healing, deliverance, and transformation.*



Center for Christian Virtue
Columbus, Ohio

Ruth Edmonds is the Christian Engagement Ambassador at Center for Christian Virtue (CCV), Ohio's Christian public policy organization which advocates for public policy that reflects the truth of the gospel. Ruth brings her value as a Christian conservative leader, public policy activist and sought-after voice by clergy, lay ministers, the faith community and national media (Newsmax, America First with Sebastian Gorka, and Tucker Carlson) to CCV to educate, equip, exhort, and engage the Christian community in being the salt and light that influences change in culture.

Ruth is a fierce mama bear advocate for parental rights and protection of children. She speaks to churches, women's groups, and community organizations educating and equipping them to stand up and speak out as dual citizens of America

and the Kingdom of God against woke policies destructive to marriages, families, children and communities in Ohio.

Ruth is the state director for Ohio to the national "Don't Mess With Our Kids" movement which mobilizes Christian women in prayer hubs to pray, fast, and stand for the protection of our children, families and to see America turned back to God. In fall of 2024 they were A Million Women on the Mall in Washington D.C. for a day of corporate worship, prayers and declaring America that would be reclaimed as one nation under God

Ruth is a proud American patriot and defender of the U.S. Constitution. Her principles, character, ethics, and integrity are grounded in a biblical worldview. Ruth is an ordained minister of the gospel and serves on the ministry leadership team at her church, Columbus Christian Center. She's married and a mother of two adult daughters. (for more info about CCV and Converge statewide prayer points scan the QR code)



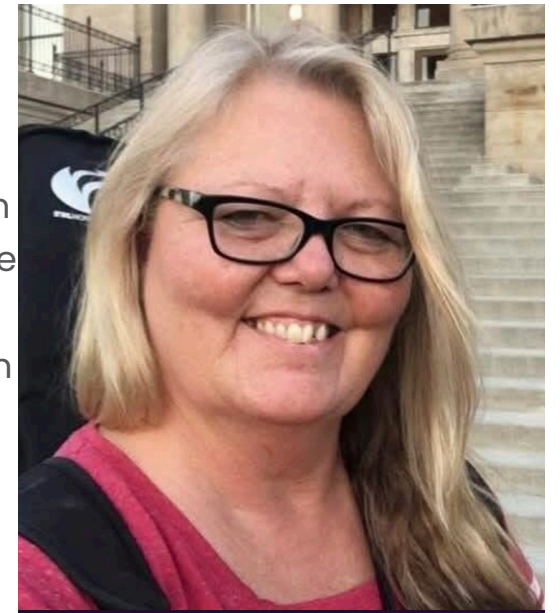
Prayer Requests: * Discipline from being distracted * Increased Holy Spirit revelation
* More intercessors would come to know about and link arms with Converge

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Connie Tucker

I currently direct Fatherheart Ministries in Grove City, Ohio and organize prayer events under Capitol House of Prayer and Grove City Burn. I'm also on the leadership team of Columbus House of Prayer and the Greater Columbus Apostolic Network. Praying for our nation has always been a priority of mine and I have taken regular trips to Washington DC to pray for our nation.

From Dawn Holley: *"Connie Tucker is a remarkable woman ministering with humor, compassion and humility. In January of 2014 I was one of four who held praise and worship on each of the four corners of the Ohio Statehouse as the sun was coming up- to welcome Heaven to earth in Columbus and the region. It was cold, very cold that morning but the Lord came to this powerful sunrise ceremony. It seemed the church bells of the adjacent church chimed in response as we completed our worship on the 4th corner. Later that month I would meet Connie Tucker at a leadership coaching event. I see each believer carries their own piece of the puzzle Jesus wants unified, as the Body of Christ. I believe Jesus called us to come together to bring all of God's glory to earth: Joy, peace, health and strength, renewal and forgiveness. In April of 2014 Connie had the Statehouse welcome her to have a monthly prayer and worship meeting on site. The very Statehouse we praised God on all 4 corners where we welcomed heaven to Columbus in January 2014. God is so good!! I share a passion for the Lord and the people of our community with Connie and this ministry. If you share this passion, I invite you to worship, praise and pray at any Father Heart ministries event. This isn't a flashy high-tech thing, but I assure you the Holy Spirit shows up powerfully every time Connie ministers. To this we say 'More Lord' and 'Alleluia!'"*



FatherHeart Ministries
Grove City, Ohio



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Love Akron
Akron, Ohio

Lori Porter, a native of Akron, Ohio, currently serves as the Progressions Coordinator at Love Akron, where she leads community-strengthening programs that address the needs of family and children, mental health and wellness, prayer initiatives and events. With more than 30 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, she is the founder of TCM Consult & More, specializing in fundraising and program development for small churches and nonprofits. As an Advanced Grief Recovery Specialist, Lori is dedicated to guiding individuals through their grief journeys. With over 20 years of experience in ministry, she has evangelized in inner cities across the USA, England, and Nigeria.

Lori serves in a bi-vocational capacity and is the lead pastor of “The Church,” a church plant established in 2018 in Akron. She values family, strong relationships, and is deeply committed to service.

Amy Hudson My personal relationship with Jesus began after 30 years of growing up and being active in the church. “Seek Me and you shall find Me when you seek Me with all your heart” (from Jeremiah 29:13) became my goal in life. I sought, studied His Word and prayed for over a year before God revealed Himself to me in a powerful way. Ten years later, we were contemplating a move from Washington State to somewhere back east. The opportunity arose for us to move back “home” to the town my husband and I grew up in. While praying about this, I heard the Lord tell me that “this was an opportunity to make a difference in my community”. Over and over in the past 20 years of living back in Mount Vernon, the Lord has brought those words back to memory as I’ve contemplated new ventures in His name. I served as Director of a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Washington and on the Advisory Board for our local one. In Mount Vernon, I was the Director of the Winter Sanctuary Emergency Homeless Shelter, Coordinated ReviveOH:Knox County outreaches, Community Worship nights, and community prayer vigils. TouchPointe Marriage & Family Resources and Knox Network of Christian Ministries are two ministries in which I held Board positions for several years. I am a Chaplain with the International Alliance of Community Chaplains and serve locally as a Chaplain for the Republican Women of Knox County and the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary, Post 95. For the past five years, I have lead a weekly community prayer meeting and three years ago co-started a monthly prayer meeting with the elected officials in Knox County. My husband and I host a home church of just over 40 people on our property. I co-coordinate our fellowship with our Pastor.



Various Ministries
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Prayer Requests: * *Pray for followers of Jesus to be bold and courageous in speaking out and voting* * *Pray that those involved in satanic worship would be captivated by the living God, Creator of the Universe, and turn from their wicked ways* * *Pray that Pastors who have strayed from shepherding their flocks according to God and His word would repent and return to Him* * *Pray that more Pastors would join a growing multitude of other Pastors in the community for the glory of God. (Unity in the community)* * *Pray that students who follow Jesus in the colleges, university and k-12 schools would conduct themselves in ways that draws the attention of their peers for God’s glory*



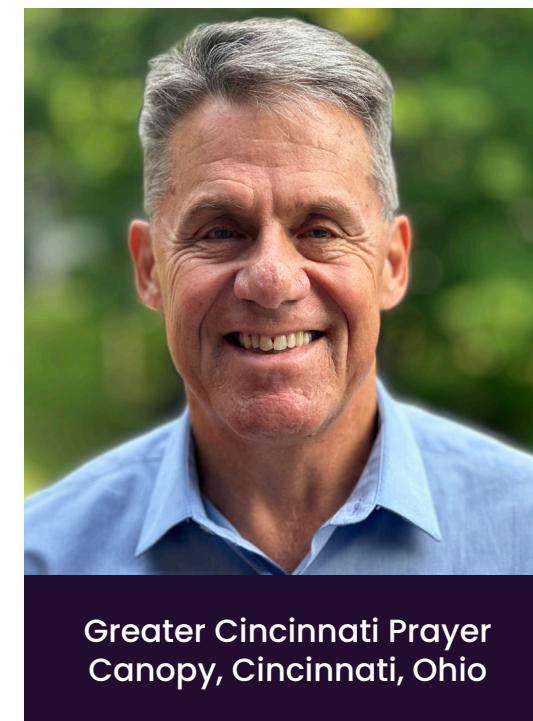
Tyler Williamson grew up in the greater Cincinnati area and was in or around church for most of his life. In college he found his passion for teaching and instruction which led to working in various church ministry capacities for a decade. During that time Tyler earned a Master's Degree in Ministry and Theology from Veritas Baptist College. For the past six years he has been working with and instructing college students, first as a Bible college teacher and now as a campus minister with the Cincinnati arm of IMPACT Campus Ministries. Tyler's biggest passions are his family (wife and son), coffee and people, and trying to increase biblical literacy across the broader church context.

Prayer Requests:

- *For students, donors, ministry partners, and alumni to more clearly understand our vision of "sacred vocation"*
- *For the families of our staff to flourish*
- *For God to bring new staff for several of teams (including Cincinnati)*
- *And ultimately for more students to capture their identity in Christ and leverage their calling as a result*

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Denis Beausejour is a native of Canada. He has been married to Marianne 44 years and they have 4 grown children and are expecting their 13th grandchild. Denis loves prayer and he is a passionate disciple maker with two decades in international business with P&G and two decades of pastoral leadership in Cincinnati at Mariemont Church. He founded the Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy (gcprayercanopy.net) and loves to help unite prayer movements that can foster a posture for revival. Denis serves on the Board of New Generations (newgenerations.org) He has helped catalyze a disciple making movement among the Dukawa people in northern Nigeria, with more than 800 churches four generations deep and over 50,000 disciples. Denis published his first book last year *The Biggest Idea Ever* which is written to non believers in the marketplace and encourages readers to start Discovery Bible Studies among their friends. You can get free resources at www.denisbeausejour.com



Prayer Requests:

- 1. We want to see revival and awakening in our region. Pray for God's manifest presence.*
- 2. We are going to adapt some new strategies learned at Spark Revival. Pray for Derek Wooten and the canopy team to discern the key next steps.*
- 3. We are pursuing catalytic disciple making as a key strategy. One of our canopy churches, Vineyard Florence, will be hosting the Secret Sauce Viral Disciple Making Conference October 9-11. We want to help ordinary believers catalyze movements of disciple making in their natural networks. We are also partnering with At Work on Purpose to this end!*
- 4. We are pursuing a Kingdom Impact Initiative for Greater Cincinnati and our first need is to get seed funding to support our first full time staff Alex Campbell.*
- 5. We need to accelerate collaboration to maximize our Kingdom impact between churches, and across church, business, non-profit, arts and media, government, and education sector teams. Pray for a spirit of humility and mutual service and transformation..*



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IMPACT Campus Ministries
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mitchell Lavender serves as the Lead Campus Minister for Impact Cincy, a deepening campus ministry based at the University of Cincinnati. With a heart for building Christ-centered community and a passion for walking alongside college students as they learn to follow Jesus, Mitchell has helped shape a culture of spiritual depth, emotional health, and mission. Their work focuses on forming healthy ministry teams, raising up student leaders, and cultivating what they call “support triangles”—synergistic relationships between students, local churches, and the university, all sustained through generous donor partnerships. Whether through preaching, pastoral care, leadership

development, or creative communication, Mitch desires to help people experience peace (shalom), healing, and lasting transformation in Christ.

Prayer Requests:

- *For the fear in our hearts to be mastered and consistently engaged with and overcome*
- *For our ministry to do no damage, cause no harm, and feed no dysfunction, especially to that which would defame our Lord.*
- *For us to be holistically healthy ministers who love our families and neighbors.*
- *For us to be holistically healthy ministers who pour ourselves out from the overflow of love and peace as we behold God in our day to day lives*
 - For deep trust to be built in all we do with whom we serve and for God’s name to have honor and dignity amongst those we serve and share him with.*
 - For us to channel our drive for competition and performance elsewhere through strong hobbies and passion projects which cultivate beauty for our world.*

SueLee Jin I was born and raised in S. Korea; became a Christian after I came to Ohio. My husband and I have two grown up children and three grandchildren. Later in my life, God led me to United Theological Seminary, and received the seminary education with M.Div and D.Min. One of my favorite words is from John 15; abiding in Jesus; knowing, hearing and seeing the work of Jesus and doing the will of God. With that, I am passionate about prayer and equipping and uniting the body of Jesus for the kingdom of God for his glory on earth as it is in heaven– for revival and spiritual awakening for our city, families, nations; may it begin with me! Presently I serve as a part time pastor of Prayer and Evangelism at Anderson Hills Church and the Greater Cincinnati Prayer Canopy leadership team.



Greater Cincinnati Prayer
Canopy, Cincinnati, Ohio

Prayer Requests:

- *Cincinnati to be a city of salvation*
- *Multiplication in disciple making*
- *Kingdom impact and connect with public servants in our regions*
- *Unity in the body of Christ*



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ReviveOhio
Wayne County, Ohio

Grant Galloway

I have been walking with the Lord for 48 yrs. I have been as Associate Pastor in 3 Churches and done a variety of ministries. Currently I am a Corporate Chaplain/Consultant for a small business and I am an Intercessor helping Businesses navigate the Marketplace to expand the Kingdom. KingdomConsultantsllc.com

I have 4 adult sons and 11 grandchildren that keep their parents very busy. I attend Livingstones Communities Church in Cleveland Oh.

Prayer Requests:

- *Establish the core group of prayer*
- *Secure places to pray*
- *Present the central topics of the focused prayer and cultivate beauty for our world.*

Tossie Wiley Jr. Graduated from Oberlin College in 1969, and received Juris Doctorate Degree in 1975 from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. Practiced law in Cleveland from 1975 to 2007; and was appointed Magistrate Judge in the Cleveland Municipal Court in 2007 and served until retirement in 2019. Ordained into the Ministry of the Gospel in 1986, and pastored a local church in Cleveland from 1990 to 2006. Presently functions as a leader in the prayer movement in Northeast Ohio and beyond.



Prayer at the Heart
Cleveland, Ohio

Prayer Requests:

- *Greater Unity*
- *Greater Love*
- *Greater connection of local prayer movements*



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HarvestNet
Cleveland, Ohio

Tabitha Hare grew up in a non-denominational Christian home in Cleveland Heights, OH to parents who had moved to Cleveland to plant a church -- Church of the King. From an early age Tabitha loved talking to God and praying for other people she knew, starting with her classmates. By third grade Tabitha entered into her first fast ever, a 40-day regional fast led by her parents and others. This exposure set a precedent of understanding and desire within Tabitha in the way that she related to and sought after the Lord. Graduating from Hathaway Brown in 2007, Tabitha went on to college at Biola University with intent to apply to their film school. After two years of studying Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations Tabitha stepped away from Uni and spent the next decade being brought through the fire: lost, broken, depressed, addicted, humbled and then humbled

some more. Her journey through the service industry, criminal organizations and failed relationships culminated in an epic transformation: Tabitha found herself facing two paths; Life or death. Choosing life took Tabitha through the valley of the shadow of death and brought her into a living breathing life-altering relationship with the God Almighty, Creator of the Universe, lover of her soul and best friend. Life has never been the same since. As God has been restoring and transforming Tabitha, she has come into full-time ministry with HarvestNet Ministries, serving as the Operations Director. She also went back to school at Liberty University and finished her degree in Business Administration with a focus in Entrepreneurship in 2022. She loves to be creative -- in all things -- and has taken up the hobby of producing maple syrup in a city landscape. Her heart remains rooted in prayer and a love to worship -- which has led to serving at the Cleveland House of Prayer, Resting Place Incense & Offering nights, and leading the most recent 42-day corporate fast which culminated in a Solemn Assembly. Much like the wind, it's hard to know where she is going and what will be next. Tabitha's heart is simply this: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

Prayer Requests:

- Provision - Finances and Staffing (team building)
- Direction & Protection
- Citywide Kingdom Transformation - relationships to be connected & strengthened

Janice Stewart was born in Danville, Virginia. She was raised in a Christian home and met Yeshua at 12. She graduated from Franklin University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Upon answering the call to the ministry in 2002, she attended "The School of the Local Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2010, 'Toward Jerusalem Council II International's vision was introduced to Janice. She immediately felt a call to the Jewish people and the vision of TJCII, for unity between the Messianic Jewish and Gentile disciples, (followers of Yeshua,) Jesus. (Acts 15: John 17). She is currently serving as the prayer coordinator for TJCII Columbus, Ohio. Her passion is to see the reality of unity spoken of by Yeshua, Jesus, in John 17 and the vision of TJCII actualized in our lifetime.



Toward Jerusalem Council II
Columbus, Ohio

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for open doors to share the vision of TJCII in Columbus, Ohio.
- Please pray for a financial increase in ministry, so that we can reach more people.



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OHL/Reclaim
Cleveland, Ohio

Anna Hurst

The Holy Spirit called me host Reclaim in 2024 and is calling for it to continue. Reclaims mission is to unite the Church and call God's children to Him through worship and worship alone. Reclaim exists to make space for God to move. One voice. One Church. One name: Jesus.

Open Handed Living is my ministry that seeks to empower others to live a life of full surrender. In that surrender, we are able to live the fullness God wrote for us the day He created us.

Prayer Requests:

- *God to open the doors for the OSU event. For continued clarity, connections and provisions. For steadfast faith and protection from warfare.*
- *For hearts to ignite in the church to desire and humbly seek unity in the cleveland area.*
- *For the freedom in Christ to be evident and attractive in my life example, as well as being living proof of the alive and active God that engages with His creation today.*

Joseph and Cindy

Mathew are the co-directors of Throne Room Ministries International. They have been married for 16 years and work together as a team and have followed the Lord by faith on many missions across the nations primarily leading worship by exalting Jesus in dark places of the world, and also by training and equipping worship leaders and musicians in the body, preaching the gospel and caring for widows and orphans in India. Cindy founded TRMI in 2005 and serves as the President and Joseph as the Chairman of TRMI.



Throne Room Ministries Intl.
Galion, Ohio

Prayer Requests:

- *Open doors in underground churches of India and the Middle East*
- *Gathering of priests of Ohio from all counties to worship*
- *Unity in the body of Christ*
- *A throne of worship built for continuous worship to Jesus in every county in Ohio*



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Friends In Favor Ministry
Tipp City, Ohio

Wendy Brunke

Wendy is from Casstown Ohio and has grown up in a farming community all of her life. The Lord has been faithful to me all my life and has in the last 5-10 years revealed to me the gifts of intercession and the prophetic to me. I am just along for the ride with Jesus and know he has more. He has taken me to many interesting places, none which I would have gone to without the Holy Spirit. Knowing now that I have come from a long line of intercessors and beautiful saints who have prayed.

My career was defined by a J.O.B as a medical laboratory technologist. Primarily Hematology and Oncology and Long Term Acute Care. Then when the world shut down, the Lord had other things for me. I now am doing personal training and teaching core and boxing classes to women in Tipp City Ohio.

Prayer Requests:

- *I am just showing up to learn and I love to pray!*
- *For the the Lord to give me Divine Order, Unity and strategy*

Joe Koenig

Joe is on his third career in his faith journey. He served in the Air Force and then after a full career went on to teach ten years in public schools and two years as a missionary associate overseas. In retirement he is an active supporter of several organizations, including Soul Winners for Jesus Christ, Miami Valley City Gates Ministry and Declare. He is the coordinator of Declare's Miami Valley Prayer Network (NVPN) and led the Miami Valley Prayer Gathering on Montgomery County Courthouse Square for the annual National Day of Prayer for ten years.

Prayer Requests:

- *For a thriving retirement*
- *For protection, favor, and fruit that lasts in all the ministries Joe supports*



Soul Winners for Jesus Christ,
Declare & Miami Valley City Gates
Dayton, Ohio



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Highland/Pray for Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Randy Loebig As president of Highland Real Estate for over two decades, Randy has pursued a vision of Kingdom-driven transformation through the built environment. Highland creates walkable, intergenerational communities that respect the natural landscape and also develops commercial spaces that drive economic growth. Beyond real estate development, Highland is committed to fostering spiritual renewal by empowering local leaders and facilitating partnerships that lead to lasting holistic community transformation.

From the very beginning, Randy has played a pivotal support role in the city

renewal movement in Columbus. He served on the Board of Directors of Pray for Columbus, Catalyst for Columbus, and For Columbus, supporting prayer and worship gatherings while bringing together church pastors, nonprofit leaders, and marketplace executives around a shared vision for citywide transformation. His faithful stewardship has strengthened collaboration across the community, laying the groundwork for the Gospel movement now reshaping Columbus.

Randy has played a valuable role in expanding the revival efforts beyond Columbus, reaching across Ohio through Pray for Ohio and Common Ground Development. These initiatives are dedicated to resourcing and equipping local community change agents while expanding united corporate prayer to foster statewide spiritual renewal. With a heart for unity and restoration, Randy has actively worked toward racial reconciliation. He has also dedicated time to mentoring men who have reentered society after incarceration.

Prior to his tenure at Highland, Randy worked in investment banking.

Sharon Kisiel As Chief of Staff at Highland, Sharon helps lead a Gospel-centered enterprise committed to advancing God's Kingdom by integrating spiritual and temporal transformation. Highland masterplans custom environments of housing and commercial space to serve communities in need while fostering Kingdom collaboration among local spiritual leaders.

Driven by a God-given passion for revival, Sharon has been active in city-wide prayer movements since the early years of Pray for Columbus (now For Columbus). She continues to serve as an advisor to both Pray for Columbus and Pray for Ohio to advance prayer and spiritual renewal across the state.

As an ordained Vineyard pastor, Sharon served people across all stages of life—from children to those affected by Alzheimer's and dementia. She led the church's prayer team and the School of Kingdom ministry, equipping believers for service. Committed to evangelism, Sharon established a Healing on the Streets outreach to engage and serve the Somalian Muslim community.

With a deep commitment to serving others, Sharon has invested extensive time in community outreach, including leadership roles such as Chairman of the Board of Lutheran Social Services, serving the homeless, elderly, and victims of natural disasters.

Drawing from her background in business leadership, including being an entrepreneur, Sharon is committed to bridging faith and work. She seeks to inspire others to see their work as holy and sacred, honoring God.



Highland/Pray for Ohio
Columbus, Ohio



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UNIFIED
Columbus, Ohio

Natalia Chase

Natalia is the Executive Director of Unified where our goal is to unite generations & cultures through prayer, worship, & the arts, with a strong focus on equipping students to lead unified prayer, worship, & outreach initiatives in their schools.

Prayer Requests:

- *For followers of Jesus in every school and college campus to unify (coming out of silos) and begin having prayer, worship, service, and outreach initiatives together.*
- *Kingdom resources to connect with kingdom causes.*
- *Calebs and Joshuas to step forward in boldness and wisdom and to pass the baton well and lead the next generation to do so also.*

Caleb Ingram Caleb's passion is for every person of Greater Dayton and across Ohio to know and experience the power of God through His united Church. He is in love with his beautiful wife Morgan and is savoring every moment with his three sweet (and sometimes sassy) girls—Hallie, Haven and Avonlea.

From high school, God placed a desire in Caleb's heart to see the body of Christ united in worship and declaration of Jesus. What began by cold-calling pastors out of a phone book in rural New Hampshire has continued to grow to see the Church fulfill Jesus' prayer in John 17 of a united Church as a testimony of the reconciling power of Jesus. From 2012–2016, Caleb served as a worship director within the local church. Since 2016, Caleb has been serving full-time with Declare, a nonprofit that exists to unite God's Church to transform lives and communities to declare His glory throughout Greater Dayton and beyond. What began as a series of worship nights is maturing into a holistic vision of city transformation—developing a relational network and functional framework to pursue Kingdom and Great Commission initiatives to Pray, Rally, Partner, Equip and Go. He has been intentional to pursue the diverse beauty of the body of Christ—men and women of every ethnicity, gifting and profession to co-labor for the flourishing of the city and testimony of Jesus. As Caleb learns and celebrates with servant leaders across Ohio, the nation and world, he is resolute in expectation of God's powerful working through His people. He desires to continually grow and learn, both in knowledge and wisdom and even more deeply in faith and dependence upon the Lord. This is a work God has begun and only He can complete!

Prayer Requests: *Greater connection and unity of prayer*

- *More networks of service and compassion*
- *Increased evangelism and souls won for Christ!*
- *Disciples growing and maturing in Christ*



Declare
Dayton, Ohio



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Pray for Ohio
Pataskala, Ohio

Ursula Kemp grew up in a Christian home on a farm in Pataskala. She became a committed follower of Jesus at an early age. After college, she spent years training and competing in the equestrian version of the triathlon. She then studied Biomedical Engineering at OSU for her Master's Degree. During graduate school, she launched a wholesale business she still operates today. In 2014 she began to help steward the citywide Pray for Columbus network. In 2017 she helped launch Pray for Ohio to mobilize unified prayer across the state. She is especially passionate about the power and enjoyment

of prayer and considers growing in a deeper prayer life a lifelong endeavor. She lives with her husband, Morgan, in Pataskala and enjoys homeschooling her five-year-old daughter, Brielle.

Prayer Requests:

- *Pray for an intense hunger and appetite for God, His Kingdom and His Word.*
- *Pray for a holy, reverential fear of the Lord and a keen awareness of His holiness.*
- *Pray for unity across Ohio between prayer ministries and intercessors.*

Scott Mallory A quarter-century ago, Scott established Highland Real Estate with a vision to advance God's Kingdom through the built environment. Focused on creating both intergenerational, walkable communities that honor the natural environment and thriving job-producing commercial spaces, Highland seeks to bring holistic transformation to the areas it serves. In addition to development efforts, Highland is deeply invested in the spiritual renewal of the communities by identifying community catalysts and fostering partnerships that spark transformative collaboration.

As a Kingdom entrepreneur, Scott has poured his time, talent, and resources into advancing renewal in Columbus and across Ohio. In 2013, sensing God's call to start with prayer, he launched weekly prayer calls that led to the first Concert of Prayer in Columbus in 2014. This pivotal event planted seeds of unity, breaking down church silos and fostering a kingdom-minded approach to community transformation. It also laid the groundwork for racial reconciliation and meaningful partnerships between the black and white churches. The fruit of this effort became evident during the Covid crisis when over 100 faith-based learning centers emerged overnight to serve children in need.

Through Pray for Columbus and Catalyst for Columbus, Scott continued fostering worship and prayer gatherings and uniting church pastors, non-profit leaders, and marketplace executives in a shared vision for city-wide renewal. These gatherings fostered deeper collaboration across the community and laid the foundation for the Gospel movement now transforming Columbus. That mission continues today through the work of For Columbus.

To further the ministry of prayer, unity, and revival throughout Ohio, the Mallory family founded Pray for Ohio. This initiative seeks not only to pray for holistic thriving in Ohio but also to expand unified prayer efforts, build stronger prayer networks, and support prayer leaders pursuing citywide spiritual renewal.

Recognizing the need for spiritual growth among men, Scott launched a men's ministry to disciple and equip others, with weekly sessions grounded in biblical truth and focused on spiritual growth.



Highland/Pray for Ohio
Columbus, Ohio



Spirit of Agreement v3.0

As followers of Christ, we unite in corporate prayer to seek the face of God, worship and magnify His holy name, and bring our petitions for Ohio to the only One who can change human hearts and bring lasting transformation. Rooted in God's truth and the biblical understanding that God hears and answers prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), we agree to:

... seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33);

... come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16);

... be people who are called by God's name, humbling ourselves and praying and seeking God's face and turning from our wicked ways, as God hears from heaven, forgives our sin and heals our land (2 Chronicles 7:14);

... pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, remaining alert and always praying for all the Lord's people (Ephesians 6:18);

... ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into God's harvest field (Luke 10:2);

... make intercession for the salvation of all people and all leaders as we commit to lives of peace and dignity (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

With the redeeming and living Jesus Christ as our center and the promised Kingdom of God as our priority, we commit to pray with:

Humility

Bowed gracefully with a posture of peace.

Intentionality

Engaged actively where the Spirit of God guides.

Authority

Surrendered completely to the sovereign will of the Father.

Expectancy

Motivated faithfully by a vision of what is to come.

Unity

Devoted joyfully to serve on one accord.

Urgency

Burdened persistently for peoples' lives and the future.

Inspired from the Moravian movement, this draft of our Spirit of Agreement aims to provide a framework for our united prayer efforts. As a working document, please submit ideas for revisions to Ursula at ursula@prayforohio.org



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