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September 16, 2021 marks 5 years of 1Church/1Day's continuous prayer coverage over southern Brazoria County. Let's take a moment and reflect on the origination and the purpose of 1Church/1Day.

A Powerful Proven Prayer Strategy

The Birthing of a Strategy: In his book, *A Watchman's Guide to PRAYING God's Promises*, Dick Eastman tells the reader that, "In the mid-1970's, God drew two visionary leaders together for a luncheon meeting in Colorado. Bill Bright, founder of *Campus Crusade for Christ*, and Loren Cunningham, founder of *Youth with a Mission*, were the two men...each felt the Lord was revealing an important strategy...to impact nations and cultures...(in order) to initiate true transformation of a society. Little did they know (when meeting that) they both had received the same insights... (and) a few weeks later theologian Francis Schaeffer was to receive the identical revelation."

What was this revelation? Eastman said they realized, "To impact *all* of a culture...with the totality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, every major sphere of influence had to be impacted."

What were the major spheres of influence? Family, Church, Government, Business, Education, Healthcare, Media, and Arts/Entertainment. In some instances these spheres of influence are referenced as pillars of society and in other instances as the mountains of society.

How was this strategy to be fulfilled? Dick Eastman stated in his book, "We pray from God's promises which is His answer (His word) and expect it to be fulfilled" according to 1 John 5:14-15.

Whatcom County: In 2005, Whatcom County churches (in Washington state) banded together 7 days a week each month to pray specifically for areas of culture by implementing a strategic prayer initiative that prayed in relevant and meaningful ways for their community and the nation 7 days a week. Scriptures were prayed for specific needs of each sphere of influence.

Whatcom County had a high crime rate. Over time the crime rate went down. They also experienced a terrific fire, and the Lord's protection was on the first responders who were ambushed by a shooter at the scene of the fire. No one was hurt, and the details describing how each responder was protected from all the flying bullets were amazing!

Our County: 1Church /1Day began on September 1, 2016, in southern Brazoria County. Prior to September 2016, Houston's KSBJ's prayer director had been invited to speak to our area; the topic he chose was 1Church/1Day. Eighty Christians attended the gathering at the Civic Center. Everyone realized the prayer strategy was not only a feasible plan but one needed in our area. Susan Moore and Rosamond Panzarella began contacting churches and organizing strategic teams according to the prayer model for 1Church/1Day which was in operation in Whatcom County and in Houston. As a result of this meeting, 1Church/1Day was launched. Now there are 40 churches praying 24/7 every month for southern Brazoria County.

International Prayer: *1Church/1Day.org* is a website that gives insights about the impact of an international strategy for 1Church/1Day. Tim Taylor, founder of Kingdom League International, has a blog in which he gives up-to-date information about this international prayer effort and he related how this prayer initiative protected Christians in Myanmar (Burma) and India from a terrible attack. He said, "It's my sincerest hope and desire that other ministers would choose to adopt the 1Church/1Day strategy which is a modern application of an ancient blueprint first modeled by King David on Mt. Zion."

Praise the Lord for the 40 pastors and their churches who are participating in our 1Church/1Day.



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FAMILY

Choices and their Consequences

Catherine Pulsifer, an author and collector of inspirational sayings and quotes, said,
“Life presents many choices, and the choices we make determine our future.”

F. W. Boreham, author and Christian essayist, noted that
“We make our choices, and then our decisions turn around and make us.”

Choices are defined as selecting or making a decision when faced with two or more possibilities.

OUR CHOICES

- By their choices people are usually choosing happiness and stress free lives or choosing lives filled with chaos and difficulties.

Deut. 30:15 says, “Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster (NLT).”

- People’s choices affect their lives, the lives of those around them as well as their own relationship with God. Who else is paying the price for the wrong choices they have made?
Prov.14:12 says, “There is a path before each person that seems right but ends in death (NLT).”
- When people choose to set healthy boundaries for themselves and others, it shows they truly value the relationship. Concerning choices, Joshua 24:25 says, “.....choose today whom you will serve.....but for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”
- Choosing to live in line with God’s principles, according to scripture, puts one on the right path. Scripture directs us in Psalm 24:4-5 to open our hearts and say, “Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me.”

Pray for families – the parents, teenagers and children in our area so -

- That children will make good choices in their beliefs about themselves and about God, and they will grow in wisdom and stature with God and man.
Luke 2: 52 – “And Jesus increased in wisdom (in broad and full understanding) and in stature and years, and in favor with God and man.”
- That teenagers will choose to make “Christ approved choices” by respecting authority and accepting all their responsibilities, and by reflecting their Christian beliefs in all their actions and words.
- That parents will accept their God-given responsibility to raise up their children in the way they should go, so that they will not depart from it (Deut. 4:9; 6:7).
- That parents will lead by example, in word and deed, as James 1:22 says - “But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” John 15:12 also says, “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”



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OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

***Pray the President and Vice President** will choose to walk in humility before God.

James 4:10 – *“Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].”*

***Pray the President and Vice President** will choose to look to God for solutions for the issues in our nation.

Prov. 9:10 – *“The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding.”*

***Pray the President and Vice President** will speak words of life out of their mouths. Let them speak words of life to the American people – words that truly unite instead of words of division.

Proverbs 18:21 – *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].”*

***Pray the President and Vice President, the American government, and the American people** walk in righteousness and justice in all things. Let us walk in the ways of God, speak the words of God, think the thoughts of God, and do the deeds of God – whether we originally intend to do so or not.

Prov. 1:7 – *“The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline.”*

***Pray no plan of the enemy thwarts God’s purposes and plans for our nation.**

Job 42:2 – *“I know that You can do all things, and that no thought or purpose of Yours can be restrained or thwarted.”*

***Intercessors for America, IFAPRAY.ORG**

Pray U. S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz plus U. S. Representative Randy Webber all walk in godly strength, wisdom, and perseverance.

Ps. 28:7 – *“The Lord is my Strength and my [impenetrable] Shield; my heart trusts in, relies on, and confidently leans on Him, and I am helped...”*

Pray the Lord raises up more Christian judges and lawyers in our cities, our counties, our state, and on the national level.

Prov. 9:10 – *“The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding.”*

Pray protection for the U.S. electrical grid. On June 10, 2021, Pat Robinson, host of the 700 Club, discussed the lack of protection of the U.S. power grid. He stated that if the U.S. had an EMP attack, our nation would essentially be in the dark. He cited examples that car motors wouldn’t start, electricity in homes would be out, and cell phones would be inoperable. These are just a few repercussions of such an attack. Several officials who were interviewed on this program said America is not prepared for an EMP attack, and our protective equipment is antiquated. One official stated that the possibility of attacks by Russia or North Korea is a serious threat to our infrastructure. Pray protection for all computer systems that control electrical and water systems, and pray for the protection of government computers and all businesses – large or small.

Ps. 59:16 – *“... I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.”*



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OUR STATE, COUNTY, and LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TEXAS

The Texas 87th Legislature went home at the end of May before certain important legislation was completed. If a bill was voted in by representatives of the Texas House and the state senators of the Senate, it was sent to Governor Abbott. The Texas Governor can either sign a bill into law, veto it (including certain lines in a bill), or let it sit on his desk, and then the bill automatically becomes law after a certain number of days.

PRAY: For Governor Abbott to have the fear of the Lord, walk in wisdom, and listen to good counsel -

- 1) Concerning the bills sent to him for his signature,
- 2) Concerning what to consider as important issues in a special session for issues that were not completed in the regular session - issues such as election law reform and the Texas energy grid, and
- 3) Concerning how to deal with the myriad problems at the Texas-Mexico border.

Is. 33:6 TPT - *“He will be your constant source of stability in changing times, and out of his abundant love, he gives you the riches of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. Yes, the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure!”*

PRAY: For the implementation of the new Texas laws which affect various agencies, schools, hospitals, taxing entities, etc. It’s not the concern of those who write the new laws as to how to implement them.

Sixty years ago the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that students could not pray in schools and bad laws followed thereafter, but the 87th Texas Legislature is inviting God back! Thank you Jesus! The Ten Commandments can go back up; there’s new liberty regarding praying in schools, and the National Motto, *In God We Trust*, must be displayed IF posters are donated.

PRAY: For Christians all across Texas to learn about these new laws, and pray many groups and individuals will purchase posters according to SB797 and donate them to their local ISDs, state universities, and colleges.

Prov. 3:5 TPT - *“Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make.”*

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Nearly half of our good Brazoria County Judges and the District Clerk have announced their retirement which invites a bevy of activity as the hopefuls compete for a chance to occupy one of these important positions.

PRAY: For our county to remain under strong Christian leadership.

Prov. 20:28 TPT - *“Good leadership is built on love and truth, for kindness and integrity are what keep leaders in their position of trust.”*

Prov. 28:28 TPT - *“When wicked leaders rise to power, good people go into hiding. But when they fall from power, the godly take their place.”*

OUR CITIES

Many new city council men and women, mayors, and school board members were elected in May, and your prayers pulled in quite a show of good, reputable, smart officials. **Now, they need your prayers to do a good job!**

“The man who is conscientiously doing his duty will ever be protected by that Righteous and All-Powerful Being, and when he has finished his work, he will receive an ample reward.”

Quote by Samuel Adams, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.



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HEALTHCARE - HOSPITALS, OUR CAREGIVERS

Father, we ask that You bless our efforts to recover from the pandemic in a way that protects the health and dignity of your people.

Jer. 30:17 – *“For I will restore health to you, and I will heal your wounds, says the Lord...”*

HEALTHCARE - FIRST RESPONDERS & CIVIL SERVANTS

Pray for God’s grace to permeate the minds and hearts of our police officers. Pray for salvation and a desire for the things of God for the officers who do not have a personal relationship with Christ.

Ps. 62:7 – *“My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.”*

Give thanks and pray for the safety and wisdom of all police chiefs and their law enforcement officers in our area who keep the peace, rescue, and comfort the community.

Pray Psalm 91 over these peace keepers.

Pray strength for first responders as they respond to crisis and various situations, risking their lives for others.

Ps. 91: 11 – *“For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].”*

BUSINESS

Father, words are so important to you. Psalm 141:3 says, *“Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.”* Lord, may we as **BUSINESS OWNERS** have a desire to please You with the things we say to our employees, clients, and family. The Bible says that life and death are in the power of the tongue. We pray that we will use our words for good and not for evil. The world is such a different place than we have ever known, and it is easy to get discouraged, but, Father, we pray that you will help us to use our voice to encourage and edify and build up and bring life to our business. Please show us when our words are not in agreement with what YOU say, Father.

Psalm 19:14 says, *“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.”* May our words be a salve to hurting hearts, like rain in parched land, and a megaphone, resounding praises for your goodness. Lord, help us to speak life.

MEDIA/ARTS

Ask God to raise up more anointed Christian spokespersons (men and women) in all aspects of media, various sports, and all forms of entertainment.

Prov. 2:6-8 – *“For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.”*

Pray also that God will open the eyes of those who are impacted by the entertainment industry (or sports) to recognize when they are being led astray by ungodly influences.

2 Cor. 3:16 – *“But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off and taken away.”*

Romans 12:2 – *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*



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EDUCATION

As the summer winds down, pray that parents and other caregivers of students will instruct them, set good examples in the knowledge of divine things, prevent their falling into bad company, pray with and for them, and bring them into the house of God. (Adapted from *Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible*)

Eph. 6:4- "*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*"

Deut. 6:6-7- "*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*"

Father, we thank You and praise You for a successful start for the new school year. We are thankful for the gifts and talents You have given to those who lead our schools. We lift up every person responsible for our schools. Also, guide and protect the maintenance crews and custodial staff on every campus as they make repairs, prepare classrooms and ready the school grounds. We ask for wisdom for every administrator, technology specialist, counselor, coach, bus driver, and cafeteria worker. We especially ask for Your divine favor upon our teachers during in-service and as they ready their classrooms. May Your presence be felt on every campus, and Your will be done in our school district. In the matchless Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

I Peter 4:10 – "*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*"

THE CHURCH

Pray for a spiritual revival in our area and for people to desire to hear and study God's Word. Lasting change in society does not come only from laws and legislation but from changing hearts produced by spiritual revival.

Ps. 119:11 – "*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*"

Pray for more laborers in the harvest field and for minds and hearts to be receptive to receive the gospel.

Acts 26:17-18 – "*I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from the darkness to the light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sin and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.*"

Pray for pastors and those in leadership to be vessels of honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2 Tim. 2:21 – "*If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.*"

CONCLUSION

Dutch Sheets on 6/11/21, in his *Give Him 15, an Appeal to Heaven* email, wrote about revival and the spiritual revelation of individuals, and he said that many do not realize it, but spiritual revelation also occurs over a region and even an entire geographic area which in turn allows wide scale revelation and revival to transpire.

This is where you play a significant role. The 40 churches who are participating and praying the 1Church/1Day Prayer Guide are contributing to creating *a spiritual atmosphere over our area*. As such, pastors can preach and the revelation of God's Word permeates the hearts of hearers and others in our area more readily. You are a vital and influential part of God's kingdom!