

Citywide Prayer Movement Kansas City

Connecting in Friendship
Uniting in Prayer
Partnering in Mission

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Intimate Friendship With God

Several weeks ago I went on a prayer retreat with a close personal friend and leader in our city. Once we had unplugged from our busy lives, he asked me, "What is the one thing that is the heart of your calling to the church in our city?" What a great question! We had alone time with God for extended time and then came back together. I shared with him that I thought the very center (or bullseye) of my God assignment was **to help every member of Christ's body (especially leaders) to grow in ever deepening, intimate friendship with God and to help every congregation and ministry cultivate a "prayer culture" that leads to unity and impact in mission.** I also have a great passion from God to help build unity among the churches in our city, but with all my heart I believe true unity is intended to flow quite naturally from our intimate friendship with God.

God the Father longs to draw each of us into intimate fellowship with Him! He desires that our congregations and our city would become a dwelling place of His presence. You are God's beloved son or beloved daughter and your prayers move His heart in a deep way.

I have been so honored to get to share the Missional Prayer Culture material with numerous churches and ministries in our city and other cities in the nation. PLEASE PRAY WITH ME FOR AN OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER ON OUR CITY AND NATION TO BRING A GREAT REVIVAL!

God's Heart for Unprecedented Unity in our City

I have been serving as pastor now for over 30 years in KC, and for the past 10 years I have been full time serving in the city prayer and unity movement. I want to tell you something wonderful is happening. We really are seeing a fresh new movement of unity and partnership in mission and service. I celebrate what God is doing through The Sending Project, What if the Church, Caring for Kids, Elevate KC, Midwest Minister's Fellowship, Concerned Clergy Coalition, The Co-op, IHOPKC, and etc.! These groups have involved literally hundreds of churches and ministries to partner in unity in answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17:23: "That they may be brought to complete unity..." PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR GOD TO CONTINUE TO POUR OUT THE HUMILITY OF JESUS ON LEADERS IN OUR CITY FOR GREATER UNITY!!!



Above: Paseo Baptist Prayer Room – Beloved
Below: Indian Creek Culture of Prayer Gathering



Above: Caring for Kids Network KCK Partnership Kickoff
Right: Shawnee Village Fire Catalyst Teams Gather



RACIAL HEALING HAPPENING!

As all of you know, our nation is experiencing serious racial tensions. This is a key time for the body of Christ to rise up and engage in a healing process. This past July CPM helped serve an extraordinary gathering of prayer, repentance and unity called **"Together We Stand."** Approximately 400+ gathered at the East KCMO Police Station gymnasium. This was a powerful time! There have been follow-up conversations, roundtable discussions, and more prayer in both KCK and KCMO. We have had several meetings with KCMO Chief Forté and KCK Chief Ziegler. This is an ongoing work. Please PRAY with us for historic RACIAL HEALING in KC!

Prayer for
KCMO Chief
Darryl Forté;
KCMO
3rd District
Race
Conversation;
60+ Pastors
Stand in Unity;
Globe News:
Together
We Stand



VILLAGE FIRES

We now have 12 Village Fire pastor/leader gatherings in the metro where pastors and community leaders gather to deepen friendship, pray fervently for the community, and establish partnerships in mission.... Two more Village Fires will begin in the next few months.... PRAY for these pastors!!!!



Above: KCK Wyandotte Village Fire
Left: Citywide Village Fire Leaders Gather



Catholic Diocese Priests and Leaders

DIVINE CONNECTION WITH CATHOLIC DIOCESE

God is doing a fresh new work building a bridge with our wonderful Catholic brothers and sisters. I was asked to share with about 30+ Catholic priests and key leaders recently about building unity and starting a Village Fire with Catholic and Protestant priests and pastors. The response was wonderfully positive. PRAY!!

ELEVATE KC COALITION – WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Along with several of our team, I continue to serve on the servant executive team of Elevate KC. We now have catalyst teams serving to address four Giants of Injustice: Fatherlessness, Human Trafficking, Education Challenges, and Racial Healing. These giants can only be defeated as we serve our city together and mobilize powerful focused prayer. Join with us as we cry out to God to see our city impacted for the gospel.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



If you would like to be a Personal Prayer Partner and receive frequent updates and reports for prayer, please contact me. We rely on God to work through you to provide for our financial needs as our team serves the gospel transformation movement in our city. It seems that our nation is going through a great shaking, and I am convinced that mobilizing prayer, building unity in our city, and serving under-resourced kids are the most desperate needs of this hour. We are so grateful for those of you who are able to give to this ministry with your gifts. As the Lord leads, please consider becoming a financial partner or send a special gift.

May the Lord richly bless you! *Pastor Gary and Barbara Schmitz, Executive Director*

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