

WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

April, 2017

Pastor's Prayer Requests

Monday, April 10, 2017

- I. Pray for relationships starting/started at Easter weekend to blossom into full-blown commitments to Christ and to Calvary.
- II. Pray for the "I LOVE MY DADDY" Offering to meet our needs:
 - A. Budget Catch-up of \$350,000
 - B. Dry-in (no certificate of occupancy) North Campus Building- \$300,000
 - C. Complete Building at North Campus –an ADDITIONAL \$900,000
 - D. Boulevard at North- \$500,000
 - E. Bridge at Central- \$500,000
- III. Pray for our staff and deacons.
- IV. Pray for Evangelistic efforts upcoming this summer:
 - A. Vacation Bible School
 - B. High School Camp
 - C. Middle School Camp
 - D. Planet Camp
- V. Pray for Marriages.
- VI. Pray for parents raising children in Calvary AND Southeast Texas.
- VII. Pray for BISD to be fixed to the point where people are enthusiastic about moving into Beaumont again.
- VIII. Pray for our mission team in South Sudan.
- IX. Pray for our President and national, state, and local leaders.
- X. Pray for Revival in ME and YOU and US and CALVARY, and SOUTHEAST TEXAS!

Debby Martin

Minister to Preteens and Children

Preteen Ministry

"Answer me when I call to you, O God who declares me innocent. Free me from my troubles. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer."

Psalm 4:1

- Pray that Preteens will cry out to God in their troubles.
- Pray for changed lives as our Preteen VBX Teams go off campus to Salvation Army, Boys Haven, Girls Haven, and also host a VBX on Campus in V2.
- Pray that our families would cry out to God seeking Him for comfort, and not consume themselves with business and things of this world.
- Pray for our VBS/VBX leadership team and our VBS Volunteer Coordinator, Vicki Cothen, as they enlist over 250 volunteers. Pray that they would not grow weary, and that God would hear our prayer for faithful volunteers.
- Pray for Preteen Camp 2017, "CONSUMED," June 25-28. Pray that preteens would invite unchurched friends, and God would open their eyes to His truths.
- Praise be to Thee, O Lord, for all the lives Calvary's families touched through our Mission A.W.O.L. outreach last month. Blessings went both ways.
- Pray for our "Invasion Sunday" on April 30th. Pray that the body of Christ would be greatly encouraged through and by Calvary's Children and Preteens.
- Pray for AWANA leadership as they pray and seek God if they should serve in 2017-2018. Pray that God would grant wisdom in their decision-making process.
- Praise God for all the Preteen leadership who said "YES" to serve next school year! Pray that they would invite other adults who are looking for a place to serve to our "Annual Crawfish Boil" and perhaps positions would be filled!
- Praise God for godly marriages in our church. Praise Him for our own marriage and the marriages of our children. God is good, all the time.

Children's Ministry

"As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world." -John 17:18

- Pray that our families would take discipleship seriously, teaching their children by example to go and tell others the Gospel story.
- Pray for VBS/VBX Decorating Days, April 25-27, that a lot would get done. Pray for our Volunteer Training Night, May 1st, that leadership would be equipped and excited to serve in one of Calvary's largest outreaches this summer, June 12-16, 2017.
- Pray for our Summer Leadership on Wednesday nights as they prepare to take our children through the entire book of James in a study called "Boy! Have I Got Problems!"
- Pray for our CKM teachers, check-in team, media team, rally team, etc., that as they serve they would be lights of encouragement to all who enter our doors on Sunday.
- Pray that God would be a shield, powerfully protecting our children and their families from the way of evil.
- Pray for our AWANA kids, that they would not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Pray that they would have opportunities to share scriptural truths daily in their schools.
- Pray that Calvary (The Body of Christ) would be the Jesus example our children need to see.
- Pray for me, that every decision made will glorify God. Ask for wisdom as I prepare messages for VBS/VBX and make decisions for this summer's VBS/VBX, camp, Wednesday nights, outreach events, etc...
- Pray for "INVASION" Sunday, April 30th, as our children invade adult classes and share their testimonies, scriptures, and theological truths.
- Pray that Calvary's Kids (and us adults) would not despise the Lord's instruction nor loathe His discipline, because the Lord disciplines those He loves! Amen.

Beth Blanchard

Preschool Director, Calvary North

- Pray for Calvary's Parent/Child Dedication and the opportunity for me to meet new families and build them up.
- Continue to pray for VBS/VBX planning to reach children and families.
- Pray for each ministry at Calvary.
- Continue to pray for much-needed space at the Calvary North Campus.
- Continue to pray for each child who will attend Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or Wednesday night services. Pray that their ears will be opened to hear God's words, hide them in their hearts, and be a light to spread to their family and friends.

Steven Hays

Campus Pastor, Calvary North

- Thank the Lord for the arrival of the steel for the new multi-purpose building at CN. Please pray for God to miraculously provide the necessary funds to begin construction.
- Please pray for my Dad, Steve, and my mom, Helen, in their ministry at First Baptist Church in Doucette, TX. Please pray for health and daily grace to carry on the Gospel ministry.
- Please pray for my two foster daughters who we have been ministering to in emergency care. They have many needs and issues. Please pray for God's will in their lives related to their need of long term care, and especially for their need to be reunited with their brother, in due time.
- Please pray for those who struggle with alcohol and substance abuse addictions. Especially pray for continued victory in the lives of those receiving spiritual counseling here at Calvary North.
- Please pray for the Calvary North ministry team as we labor together to reach some God-given ministry goals in 2017.
- Please pray for my wife, Phyllis, for God to bless her greatly in her service to the Lord, our family, and our home.
- Please pray for my son-in-law, Cody, that God would grant him a pastoral post to fulfill his call to ministry.
- Please pray for me to be a faithful, holy, formidable, and fruitful minister of the Gospel, in service to the Lord and to the kingdom's cause at Calvary.
- Please pray for VBS/VBX 2017 preparation, recruitment, and enlistment.
- Please pray for souls to be saved, and for baptismal waters to be stirred at Calvary North.
- Please pray for God to reveal His perfect love to you, in all circumstances of your life. Pray for help to trust the Lord as He administers sovereign grace to you.

Clay Jones

Minister of Missions

- Pray for our Easter services at Calvary. Ask who He would have you to invite. Pray that many will come and hear of the hope of a new life in Christ that has been made available to us through the resurrection.
- Pray for Kay Gragg as she continues to recover from a pulmonary embolism. Praise the Lord for her recent improvements, and ask Him to heal her completely without any complications or residual effects.
- Pray for the upcoming trip to Mogos, South Sudan where we will train local leaders in church planting and evangelism.
- Praise God for doors He is opening for the spread of the Gospel in Saskatchewan. Pray for the men the Lord is raising up to be disciplined by Jason Johnson as he teaches them vocational skills. Pray against the hopelessness, bullying, and teen suicide that is rampant among First Nations children.
- Pray for six college students to spend this summer in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan doing ministry. Pray for a family to move there to continue the work.
- Praise the Lord for the success of the Suite H Coffee House on Monday nights, and for the interactions we have had with people through that. Pray that He will give us innovative ways to use that facility.
- Pray over the 2017 missions calendar. Pray for an awakening in our church to the lostness around the world. Pray that we will acknowledge that the One with ALL authority has commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations. Ask God where he would have YOU to serve!
- Pray for JJTM. Praise the Lord for access opportunities He is providing to reach Syrian refugees. Pray for wisdom as Calvary begins to engage with them.
- Pray that God will give us the hospital in South Sudan that is currently underutilized.
- Pray that the average attendance in V2 will exceed 350. Pray that all regular attenders will work and pray toward this goal.
- Pray that the Lord will make you aware of people in your life who don't know the Lord, and that he will give you boldness to share the Gospel with them.
- Pray for Eric Peevy as he takes over as the head coach of the Westbrook football team. Ask the Lord to grant him wisdom as he assumes this very influential role in the lives of young men. Pray for us as we continue to serve as chaplains for the football teams and lead a Bible study for the coaches.

Kevin Goodwin

Minister to Students, Calvary Central

- Pray for Calvary camps this summer and camp registration. Please pray that students will sign up and invite their friends to hear the gospel!
- Pray for broken families and the hurt that goes on below the surface. Pray that we would effectively minister to those who are in desperate need of fellowship.
- Pray for our students as they continue the spring semester of school. Pray for their on-campus Christian organizations (Bulldog Believers, Westbrook FCA, Rebels For Christ, etc.), and pray that they become a strong voice in their schools for the name of Christ.
- Praise for the opportunity to become a Key Communicator mentor for BISD and for the continued sessions that I have had at Marshall Middle School. Please pray for the opportunity for the Mentoring Program to continue and for doors to be opened for us!
- Pray for the student worship team and for Chosen (the student choir) as they prepare and lead in worship in the Epicenter and in other worship services. Pray against fatigue and for servant-hearts. Pray that they would build each other up and edify each other in Christ so that His name may be lifted up.
- Please pray for our CSM Outreach efforts on Monday nights as well as special events. Pray that God would use those moments and allow them to be effective in reaching out to those who need Him. Pray that our students would be formed by those interactions into mature followers of Christ that see the eternal results of sacrificing their time and effort on behalf of others.
- Please pray for Tapwewin Christian Assembly in Prince Albert, SK, Canada. Pray for Louis and Margaret Bear as they prepare to lead Bible Studies, and for Gerry Wortman and Binyam Asress as they lead in outreach efforts in the community. Pray that God would raise up students and families from our ministry to attend a mission trip to Canada this summer to work with First Nations people groups.
- Pray for the Suite H Coffee House and for the connections we are making through it. Pray that people would come and get connected to what God is doing at Calvary.
- Pray for the several students at Calvary that have experienced a call to full-time ministry. Pray for me as I continue to go through discipleship material with them, and pray for them to continue to respond to God's call in their lives.
- Praise for the Old and New Testament survey classes on Sunday nights and for the Biblical literacy that they are producing. Pray for more and more people to sign up for these classes and to experience all that God is doing in the lives of the people at Calvary. Please pray for healing for Christa Bennefield, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 2 cancer and is currently undergoing treatment.
- Please continue to pray for the Richey family as they continue to deal with the loss of their baby.
- Pray for healing for Randy Echols as he was recently diagnosed with colon cancer that has spread to his liver.

Daniel Ward

Minister of Education and Students, Calvary North

Student Ministry

Please pray that in 2017 God would:

- Increase the average attendance to 80 students on Sunday mornings and 100 students on Wednesday nights.
- Build the 11 AM hour on Sunday mornings with 20 new students.
- Allow me to build deeper relationships with students and adult leaders through personal connection (hand-written cards, attending events, etc).
- Help us get students to increase in their commitment to Jesus and His church through more relationship-building activities.

Adult Education

Please pray that in 2017 God would:

- Allow us to start two new home groups, one new Sunday AM group, and one new Men's Connection Group on Wednesday Nights.
- Allow us to get 75% of adults at Calvary North in Bible Study.
- Allow us to start a college-aged Connection Group at Calvary North.

Gary Rothenberger, Jr.

Executive Pastor

Continue to pray for...

- The funding for a new multi-purpose BUILDING at the CN campus. Pray that God will provide the \$300,000 needed to complete Phase I of the project, and the additional \$900,000 to complete the building entirely.
- Pray for wisdom as we use and manage Tuscan Park for His glory. Pray for a new tenant to fill 6,000 (+/-) sq. ft. of space that is available.
- Pray for continued growth in giving to the ministries of the church through regular budget giving. Thank God for the 2.5% year-over-year increase in giving to the budget we've seen thus far this year. Ask God to make us all "cheerful givers" to the work of the Kingdom.
- Pray for revival in God's people and a spiritual awakening in America. Pray for those in authority over us.
- Pray for a family to move to Central Saskatchewan for the purpose of serving alongside NAMB missionaries, Jason & Karla Johnson. Pray for his ministry to the people of "One Arrow" and for our work with the local church there in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- Pray for my dad, Gary Sr., to recover completely from his recent accident/fall.
- Pray for my son, Reagan, as he completes the few remaining classes in his master's program. Pray that God will direct his paths as he takes the next big steps in his life.
- Pray for my wife, Jan, as she ministers to students through her job at Legacy Christian Academy.
- Pray for me as I encourage, facilitate, and support the ministries of the Church, the Bride of Christ.

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." Luke 24:39.

Bill Morgan

Pastoral Care and Minister to Median and Mature Adults

Median and Mature Adult Ministry and Pastoral Care

Praise God For:

- Praise for those who have experienced comfort through our Grief Share ministry.
- Praise God for those who have experienced help and healing through our Divorce Care ministry.

Median and Mature Adult Ministry:

- Pray for our Median and Mature Adult Classes to take up the challenge to mobilize to invite new families that they know or come in contact with to send their kids to VBS/VBX.
- Pray that all of our Adult classes will have an attitude of "whatever it takes" and embrace the Sunday School principle of adding unchurched and lost people to their ministry List. .
- Pray that our Median Adult classes will be effective in building meaningful relationships with lost and unchurched people in their neighborhoods and places of work.
- Pray that the leadership of the Newcomers Class/Next Step Baptism Class will continue to be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit as they minister to new people every four weeks.

Pastoral Care Ministry:

- Pray for families at Calvary to stand strong and not be conformed to today's anti-Christian cultural mentality.
- Pray for families to resist Satan's trap of business and electronic social networking that becomes an unfortunate substitute for family prayer and worship.
- Pray for God to give husbands and wives satisfaction in Christ so that they might have fulfilled marriages both for God's glory and their joy.

Personal:

- Pray that Pat and I would "by the mercies of God, present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is reasonable service and for us not to be conformed to this world, but that we would be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Refer to Romans 12:1-2 when you pray this.)

John Griffin

Worship Minister, Calvary Central

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. -Jesus

- Pray for God to use you and me today to share His Gospel with someone today!
- Pray for God's people to faithfully give of their tithes and offerings as well as their service to Him for the Gospel's sake.
- Please pray for the salvation of Ronnie, David, Randy, Dennis, and Thomas.
- Pray for our student choir, Chosen, as they share God's love at Boy's Haven, Saturday, April 22!
- Please pray for our Choir and Orchestra as they share the Gospel of Jesus at an outdoor worship concert at South Park Baptist Church, Saturday, April 29. Pray for souls to come to Christ!
- Pray for God's healing of Kay Gragg.
- Pray for our Kids Praise Ministry and Chosen Student Choir as they prepare to share the Gospel of Jesus in May.
- Pray for our Ukraine Mission team as we prepare to go on mission with Him, June 9-20.
- Please pray for the health and continued care of my mother-in-law, Betty.
- Pray for an unspoken prayer request.
- Please pray for God's healing, care, and provision for my sister, Ruth Anne.
- Pray for my daughter, Hollyn, and her husband, Conor, as they finish their deployment to Italy and return the U.S. this month.
- Please pray for God's blessings and protection upon Justin, Peniel, Piper, and Graham!
- Pray for my brother, James, and his wife, Kendra, as they wait upon the Lord for His next ministry assignment. Pray for God's financial provision.

Cliff Ozmun

Minister of Education

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27 ESV)

- Ask God to show you how He wants you to provide care for the least of these among us—the widows and orphans in our midst.
- VBS sign-up is underway, and summer camps will be here soon! Please pray for the kids and families who will be eternally impacted by these events, and as you're praying for these events, please ask God where He wants you to serve.
- Please pray for the plans and directions for our summer quarter and pray that they bear fruit, that people in Southeast Texas and beyond will be reached and ministered to in Christ's name. Pray for everything we do to bring glory to God and grow His kingdom.
- Please pray for all those who lead our Connection Groups in every way and in every department.
- Please pray for our Connection Groups to:
 - Reach out weekly to their ministry lists to ensure that all are ministered to and no one falls through the cracks, and bring back those who have stopped attending.
 - Reach out to three new people in our sphere of influence and invite them to class with us.
 - **Intentionally** strive for the goal of 100% attendance in worship and Bible study at Calvary this year.
- Thank YOU for praying for my family. Please continue to pray Jacob and Marishka, for Beighlie, for Tristan as he finishes his senior year of high school and future plans, for Chelsie as she raises the funds to spend a month on mission in Peru next summer, and Jonathan as he grows into a godly young man (and for Michelle as she home-schools them).

Michael Roxas

Minister to Internationals

"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit." -Psalm 32:1-2

Praise and Thanksgiving:

1. Praise the Lord for the three people who prayed to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior in our Wednesday Bible study, truly a remarkable testimony of God's grace and mercy.
2. I thank God for a wonderful, safe trip to the Ark Encounter. It was a great lesson on God's holiness and how grace triumphs over evil.
3. I thank the Lord for His healing touch.
4. I thank the Lord for our faithful leaders and members who bring joy and encouragement in serving.
5. I thank the Lord for how He continues to sustain our ESL classes. I am just amazed at how new people just show up on a Sunday afternoon because someone told them about the ESL program.
6. I thank the Lord for healing Bro. Gary Rothenberger Sr., my dear faithful prayer partner.
7. I thank the Lord for allowing my son, Paul, to finish his college education.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that three people who prayed to receive Christ will follow the Lord in baptism.
2. Pray for a new couples class to start soon.
3. Pray for my son, Paul, to find a job.
4. Pray for Neevil, that she will come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.
5. Pray that God will open the door for us to reach out to the Muslim community here in Beaumont.
6. Pray for our Chinese leaders as they start translating Bro. Nathan's sermons to the Mandarin language.
7. Pray for our Easter Picnic, that the people we invited will attend, and that the Lord will open their hearts to the Gospel message.
8. Pray for our new members, that they will continue to grow in faith and will have the courage to share the Gospel with their lost friends.

Alex Alzamora

Minister of Casa Calvario

- I. **Praise the Lord** for **Jasiel Moreno**, who was released from Texas Children's Hospital yesterday. She is doing well after her bone marrow transplant and is producing healthy cells. Please continue to pray for the family at this time as she has to be isolated for 100 days, and her brother, Jeremiah, will be receiving similar treatments.
- II. Please pray for **Filemón Romero** who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- III. Please pray for **Ramiro Marquez** and his teenage **daughter, Alondra**. She needs a kidney transplant soon and now is in the hospital with Pancreatitis. Pray for Alondra to come to know the Lord through these difficult circumstances.
- IV. Please pray for our upcoming **Women's Gala** on April 28th.
- V. Please keep our **Connection Groups** in your prayers, and for our leaders to have wisdom and be filled with the Holy Spirit as they mentor disciples.
- VI. Continue praying for our **spiritual mentoring ministry**, that as mature believers go through the "Beginning Steps" studies with newer believers, we would have a harvest of mature leaders ready to make disciples.
- VII. Please pray for our **children and youth**.
- VIII. Please pray for our **worship ministry** to grow in number and training.
- IX. Please pray for our **Usher and Prayer Counselor** ministries.
- X. Please pray for those who will be **baptized and have been baptized**, that they would be strengthened in their faith and continue to grow in the Lord.
- XI. Please pray for spiritual protection for **my family** and me.

William Gragg

Worship Ministry Associate

Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord for the following:

- A wonderful time of fellowship we had at the V2 Valentine's Event.
- Two baptisms in V2 in the month of April.

Please pray for the following:

- More people in the seats at V2.
 - More people hearing the gospel, growing in discipleship, and attending Connection Groups.
- More leaders in V2 and more connection with Connection Groups.

- Connection Group participants to have success in bringing in people on the fringes who are only attending worship.
- More baptisms in V2.
 - More people are being saved.
- More songs to write.
 - People have been ministered to through original songs. I'm currently collaborating with some songwriters in the church. Pray that God would give us songs that stir up Calvary to love and good works.
- "More Than Conquerors" - A grassroots workout class led by some college students from our church.
 - People are attending worship through this friendly space outside the walls. Pray for the leaders to be sustained, and pray for more people to be reached through their efforts.
- More disciple-makers.
 - I'm currently leading 4 guys in a discipleship huddle. Pray that they each would take on the work of personally investing in others for the kingdom.

Justin Edgerly

Minister to College and Young Adults

Pray for our College department (Calvary College Ministry - *Renewal*)

- Pray for a culture of hospitality, evangelism, and discipleship.
- Pray for a 2 new student leaders: an intern and a social media coordinator.
- Pray for our huddles to begin multiplying this spring / summer.

Pray for our Young Adults department

- Pray for multiplying small groups and small group leaders.
- Pray for an increased commitment to church and small group Bible study attendance.

Pray for our Church

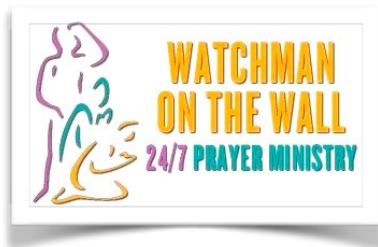
- Pray for those enrolled in the New Testament and Old Testament courses to show themselves approved workman not ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Pray for *perseverance* in the hard work of learning to accurately handle the Bible.
- Pray for B3.
- Pray that we would love what we ought to love.
- Pray for recurring repentance and living faith.
- Pray for wisdom for the pastoral staff.

Pray for my Family

- Pray for wisdom for Melissa and I, as we parent our 3 children (Jonathan, Joshua, and Maren).
- Pray for me to manage the responsibilities of family, ministry, and seminary education well.

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