

- Magnify the Lord by surrendering yourself afresh to His lordship with a renewed commitment to obey His Word and walk in His ways, refusing any other option!
- Magnify the Lord by bringing your family before Him with greater fervency in prayer than ever before because of their exposure to the changes in the present culture that have a negative impact upon personal beliefs.
- Magnify the Lord by making definite plans for family time together to explore what your children believe regarding the birth of Jesus and why He came.
- Magnify the Lord by setting quality times of sharing truth with your family to make certain that they do not become pawns in a godless society.
- Magnify the Lord by making it a priority to pray that God will put a rich burden of prayer upon you and your family members for specific persons with whom you are to share the Gospel this season.
- Magnify the Lord by making plans as a family to reach out to your neighbors in the spirit of Christ to make Him known in special ways to meet their spiritual needs.
- Magnify the Lord by sharing tickets to the presentation of the 2009 *Singing Christmas Tree* with those whom God has specifically drawn to your attention and by making plans to carry the occasion further by inviting them to talk about what they experienced over holiday refreshments.

- Magnify the Lord by spending time simply worshipping Him as the One who submitted Himself to the Father's plan for your redemption, and who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God!
- Magnify the Lord by considering Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart, but press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!
- Magnify the Lord by reading and discussing together the wonder of Christ's birth through the Biblical accounts in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
- Magnify the Lord by giving yourself to others before you present your gifts to honor and glorify your Father in Heaven.
- Magnify the Lord by setting aside an evening with your family to list the blessings of the year and express deep gratitude for His love, compassion, faithfulness, and multiplied blessings regardless of circumstances that may have been hard to bear.
- Magnify the Lord by praying a prayer of dedication over your family, that each may be used by the Lord in the New Year to impact others for Jesus Christ, magnify His name above all others, and bring conspicuous glory to your Father above.
- Purpose in your heart to make it a point to magnify the Lord every day of the coming year in every way possible—without exception!

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# PRAYER WATCH

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2009

BELLEVUE'S  
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MINISTRY

## Seeking God's Agenda

How easy it is to get stuck in the "doing it the way we have always done it" syndrome! In 1 Chronicles 14:9-10, 13-14, an interesting thing happened in the life of David when the Philistines descended upon the valley of Rephaim for the purpose of raiding it. "David inquired of God, 'Shall I go up against the Philistines? And will You give them into my hand?'" The Lord responded affirmatively, and David defeated them. Later, the Philistines made another raid on the same valley, and David asked the Lord if he should attack in the same manner as before. The Lord replied, "You shall not go up after them; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the balsam trees." David followed the Lord's orders and the result was that God went out before them and struck the Philistine army! Even though it was the same enemy and the attack was in the same valley, God had a different plan for each attempted victory.

All too often, we devise a plan or follow a plan that worked years ago and then ask God's blessings on it. But that is altogether different from seeking God's agenda and His will for *this* encounter or *this* problem. No telling how many blessings we have missed due to our failure to ask God's direction before proceeding with a plan.

Beginning with this issue, *PrayerWatch* will become a quarterly prayer guide for all our intercessors. A few months ago, the Lord's wisdom and guidance was sought regarding the great amount of printed material being sent. Our God, who is all-wise, responded with rich insight that will streamline our efforts, reduce the outflow, and benefit our recipients. God's message never changes; but at times, He delights to change our methods! We are confident that it will be less overwhelming and provide more joy in praying for the many needs that are so evident around us.

In the same manner, whatever you are facing at this present time, whether financial difficulties, job or family issues, seemingly unsolvable problems, ask God what to do, and then wait to hear what He says. Just as the Lord answered David, He will show you the way. When you obey, rest assured you are following the plan that *works!*

J. Robert Ashcroft (1878-1958) wisely said, "All heaven is waiting to help those who will discover the will of God and do it." May we be living examples of that today and every day!



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ISAIAH 62:6-7 NIV®

## Praise, Adoration, and Thanksgiving

*"I will give You thanks with all my heart; I will sing praises to You before the gods. I will bow down...and give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word according to all Your name. On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul." Psalm 138:1-3*

- He is our Abba, our Father who loves us unconditionally. He gives us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him that we may know how rich He is toward us, how precious we are to Him, and the dynamic of His power resident in us to accomplish His purposes!
- He is the Abiding God, making Himself at home in the one who obeys His Word. He is the God who is Able to abound abundantly in all things, bringing Himself great glory through the power resident in us because He is our Adequacy, the All-Sufficient God!
- He is our Adonai, our Master to whom we owe total loyalty and allegiance because, as Advocate, He stands in our behalf before the Throne of Grace, the All-In-All, All-knowing, All-powerful God with whom there is absolutely nothing considered too hard or impossible!
- He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, the Amen of God in whom all the promises of God are "Yes! Yes!"
- As the Ancient of Days, from everlasting to everlasting. He is the Anointed of God and the Answer to every need, every problem, and every circumstance!
- As the Ascended One, He has become the Architect and Builder of every life in Him, the Arm of the Lord to show Himself strong on behalf of all who trust in Him.
- He is our Atonement, bringing us together in Himself to God; therefore, He is the Author and Finisher of Faith for everyone who believes, exerts all power as our Authority, and is the Avenger against those who do His children wrong!
- Glory, honor, and majesty to His name! With grateful hearts we lift His names in praise of the wonder of His glorious Person!

## Intercession for Others On Behalf of the Kingdom of God

*"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*  
1 Timothy 2:1-4

**October:** As you contemplate the needs of the city and county, seek the Lord for His wisdom through the Spirit to know how to pray for the following:

- Pray fervently that godly wisdom will be sought by voters as Memphis elects the mayor to fill the remaining term of the former mayor, that we may be privileged to share the Gospel in an atmosphere of peace and harmony in our communities.
- Pray for the governmental leadership in the city and county to be men and women of integrity and truth as decisions are made that affect the welfare of every citizen.

- Give thanks as you intercede for those in the police and fire departments, as well as medical and utility emergency crews who stand in the gap for the citizens in the city and county when danger and destruction occur. Pray for their physical, emotional, and spiritual protection and for their families.

- Pray for believers on the city and county school boards, school administrators, and teachers to live in wisdom, integrity, grace, and truth as they daily impact students from every walk of life, making a difference in the lives of students whether saved or lost.

- Pray fervently that this generation of students, from elementary through high school, will experience a deep longing to know truth, hunger for reality through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and encounter divine appointments with students and young adults on fire with the love of Jesus who will faithfully share their faith with them.

- Pray against every attempt of the evil one to pervert the truth, to blind the eyes of those who are lost, and to induce doubt through deceit in order to bring young people to destruction.

- Pray fervently that Christian students who love Jesus with a passion will be the catalyst for revival in their age groups and that the awakening will spread like fire to every age group over the city and county.

- **Missions:** Pray for the **Pioneer Evangelism Team**, comprised of Lillian and Philip Morrison and Elesa and Paul Redmond, to Calcutta, India, October 12-22. Lift up the **Pastors and Wives Conference** in Tanzania, Africa, led by Steve and Donna Gaines, Steve and Ellie Marcum, and Iva May, October 26-November 5.

**November:** *"Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?"*  
Psalm 85:6

- Seek to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and walk in fresh desperation to turn from our self-centered ways and return to the Lord with a whole heart, desiring to see His glory in our city and nation.

- Seek to obey the Lord's commands, finding them full of life and blessing and not burdensome. Pray to wait on the Lord without anxiety and impatience, trusting fully in Him who knows the times and seasons and is able to accomplish that which concerns us today.

- Love one another, submit to one another, and forgive one another so restoration and healthy relationships might abound.

- As a church, walk under authority, in authority over the assaults of the enemy, while demonstrating God's power and grace to the lost in our city. Pray that believers will walk together in love and unity as we pursue God together.

- Pray that in relation of our church to the city that we will pursue unity and cooperation with all believers, tearing down walls of division, seeking wisdom in understanding one another; and where brokenness has occurred, pursue reconciliation in truth and love through genuine relationships.

- With reference to the world at large, pray we will demonstrate the love of Christ and the grace, mercy, and goodness of God. Pray that in telling that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the message will be manifested in such a way as to draw unbelievers to faith, bringing liberty to all who hear and believe.

- Pray that every true believer will continue the pursuit of a life of humility and repentance, a life of prayer and intercession, listening to His voice, exalting His name in every arena of life, and pouring out of a grateful heart thanksgiving for the wonder of all His works.

**December:** *"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the LORD; the humble will hear it and rejoice. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together."* Psalm 34:1-3

- Magnify the Lord by purposing to thank Him **in** everything and **for** everything as commanded in Ephesians 5:20 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18—no exceptions!