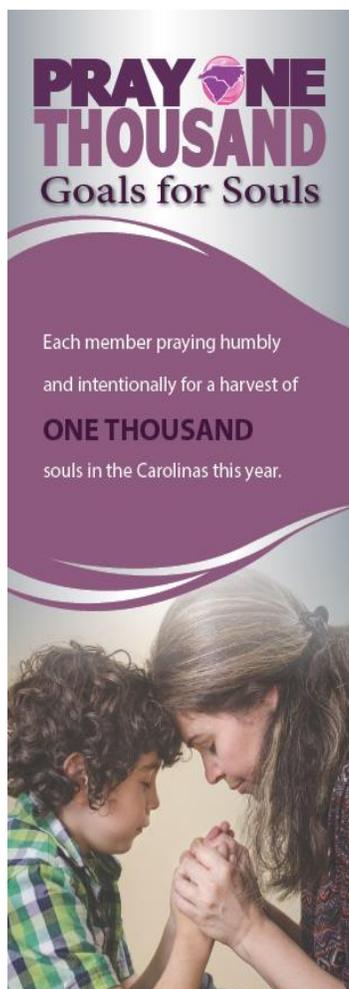


September 2016

Carolina's 10,000 President's Prayer Partner Petitions & Praises

The 10,000 President's Prayer Partners is a fast-growing group of Carolina Conference constituents who take matters such as these to their knees. We invite you to join us, and make this monthly list a matter of prayer. Together we seek the Lord for His answers and provisions to every need we bring before Him.

1. PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S BLESSING ON OUR GOALS FOR SOULS IN 2016



Earlier this month as I was studying my Sabbath School lesson, I read something that both concerned and also challenged me. In Volume 6 -- Testimonies to the Church, p. 371 God's messenger cautioned His church with this counsel: *"The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted and those who were once converted have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts? Would they make no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?"*

Her challenge to the church is found in this powerful statement: *"The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian."* Ministry of Healing, p.479.

As of the end of July (2016) we had 484 additions to our Carolina Church family through baptisms and professions of faith. Although this shows a growth by 31 from this same time in 2015, we must prayerfully keep our focus on how we can live out the mission of Jesus *"To seek and to save that which was lost."*

Last month I invited you to pray for the first of Seven Habits of Successful Soul Winning for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We will add a new habit that we can pray about each month. The new habit that we will be praying for each month will be highlighted in purple.

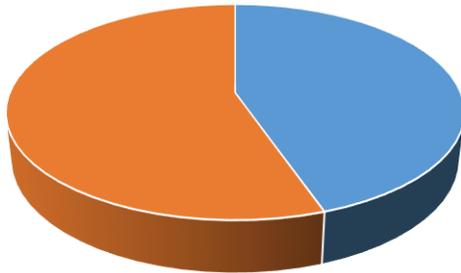
1. *Pray that we will be a people who strive to be spiritually prepared for the soon return of Jesus by:*
 - a. *Maintaining a consistent and daily devotional life and an abiding walk with Christ.*
 - b. *Making prayer meeting services, Sabbath School and Church attendance a regular priority.*
 - c. *Becoming active in the service and various ministries of our churches rather than just coming to experience a feel good worship service on the Sabbath day.*



2. *Pray that the Lord of the harvest will help us to be soul winners anytime and anywhere – at our place of work; in a restaurant or on a plane; when we are on the phone or responding to an e-mail. Ask the Lord each morning to open an opportunity for us that day in which we can introduce someone’s life to Jesus!*
3. *Pray that we will know how to become personal and conversational in how we present the gospel. Let’s use our own language and illustrations to make our witness unique rather than becoming too dependent on mechanical or “canned” presentations.*

2. PRAYING FOR GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR EVANGELISM RESOURCES

Our 2016 Carolina Commitment to Evangelism



**\$447,020
RECEIVED**

**\$552,980
TO BE REACHED**

LET’S EXPAND THE BLUE!! Behind... but not Left Behind!

- As of the end of July, 2016 we are unfortunately behind by \$243,292 compared to where we were in our evangelism funding last year at this same time. However, that also reflects a windfall offering of \$175,000 from one donor that we received last year.
- I believe that if all of us work together in the Carolinas, we can make a powerful demonstration of the resolve of God’s people that we will not be left behind! That we choose to show the world that we in Carolina live and long for the day we will see the face of our Savior.
- We currently have 22,607 members of the Carolina Conference. Are there not 1,000 (no...999) other members of Christ’s church who will join Carole and me in rising to the call of committing at least \$1,000 every year* to reach a heart for Heaven till we are safely home?
* [Note: Although Carole is retired and my income is not much more than that of a pastors’ in reality we choose do much more for evangelism because we are truly homesick for Heaven.]
- If not \$1,000, plead with the Lord as to what He convicts your heart to invest in the only reason for which we exist as a church – to evangelistically invite our neighbors and loved ones to get on board the ark of His end time church.

3. TOUCH A LIFE AT MPA



My children are grown up now, but by God’s grace, if I still have the privilege of serving Christ in Carolina, I know that when the time comes, Carole and I intend to invest in all three of our granddaughters being touched for Christ at Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA). Till then I have been extended a sacred invitation – to

dedicate a “meal” like the little lad who shared his lunch with Jesus so I can also make a miraculous difference in the life of a young person as an investment for Heaven. Yes, the students at MPA are my children and they are yours too! For the Bible tells us that they are a heritage of the Lord!

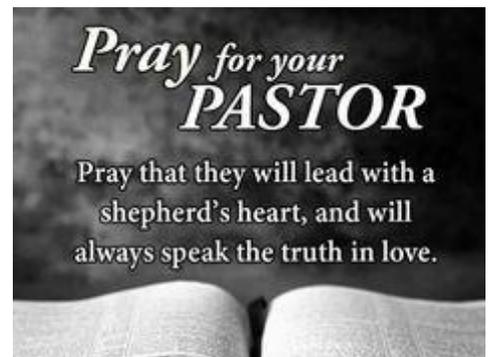
That’s what Touch a Life at MPA is all about. It’s about all of us together following the example of that little lad who made a vast difference by a simple act of dedication. What if? What if all of us faithfully dedicated something – say even \$10 – every single month to Touch a Life at MPA till Jesus returns? No parent would ever have to walk away from Mount Pisgah Academy with a broken heart of hunger for lack of financial resources to ensure that their son or daughter’s life could be touched by the presence and indwelling power of Jesus on these sacred grounds.

I invite you to pray for God’s blessings in being a faithful monthly partner for Touch a Life at MPA. And when the Savior looks into your eyes and asks the most important question of His heart as penned by the prophet Jeremiah, “Where is the flock that was given to you, your beautiful sheep?” -- you can respond with radiant joy that your dedicated commitment is being rewarded as we see “our” children return home from the land of the enemy [Jeremiah 31:16-17].

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in being a faithful partner by touching a life at MPA.

4. PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH DISTRICTS & PASTORS

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, these words of encouragement were penned for our churches: *“Ask of me, and I will answer your requests. The promise is made on condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another.”* [9MR, 303]



This was the experience of Christ’s faithful disciples as they met in earnest prayer in that upper room scene described in Acts 1:14. Let’s pray for a genuine revival in these churches uplifting them and their respective pastors and for each pastor by name:

Fayetteville SDA Church

Pastor John Huskins

Columbia Korean SDA Church

Pastor Sung Jang

Spartanburg SDA Church (Associate Pastor)

Pastor Henry Johnson II

Beaufort SDA Church

Pastor Cornelius Kamei

5. REMEMBER AND KEEP OUR 2020 VISION IN FOCUS



VISION I: ESTABLISH NEW CHURCH PLANTS & GROW EXISTING ONES

PRAY AND COMMIT to our FAITH GOAL of raising at least 20 New Church Plants in South Carolina and 40 in North Carolina.

In addition PRAY and COMMIT to a FAITH GOAL of 90 TOTAL progressions or steps in congregational status: [GROUPS > COMPANIES > CHURCHES].

It's my heartfelt desire that we will keep in focus the vision that we embraced as a conference family last month at our Carolina Conference Constituency Session. In each issue between now and the end of 2020, it's my hope to share with you on a rotating cycle at least one vision that we can lift up in our heartfelt prayers as we put our shoulders to the wheel in accomplishing a work to glorify the Lord we love and worship.

"Success in any line demands a definite aim. He who would achieve true success in life must keep steadily in view the aim worthy of his endeavor... The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to everyone whose heart Christ has touched."

6. SATURATED WITH THE WORD

With this issue of the *Presidential Prayer Partners*, we again invite you to truly be a people of the Word. Here's our ninth set of 4 memory passages for this year. Let's prayerfully place His Word in our hearts each day of this month. I carry a set of these passages with me in my car and repeat them aloud as I drive from place to place. Repeat them over and over till they become a part of your very being. Of course, you can always choose to do more. Prayerfully consider how you can saturate your soul and make His Word a part of your heart every day. *These passages focus on the wonderful promises of Christ's return – the hope that should burn within the longing heart of every Adventist.*

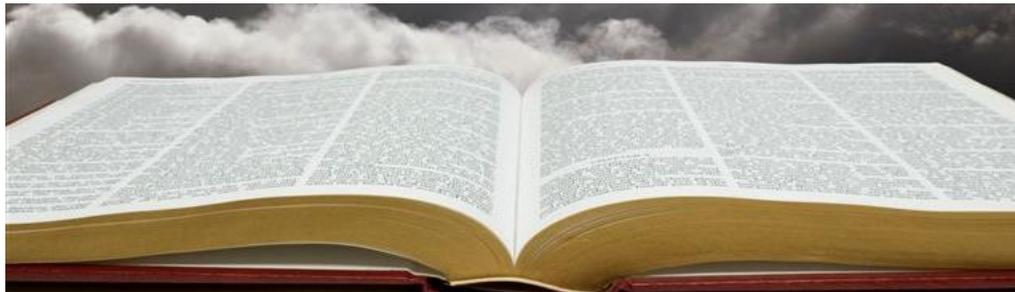


A. II Peter 3: 8-15 (NKJV) - "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

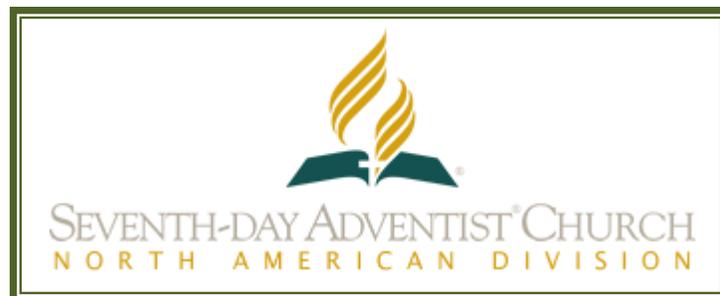
B. Hebrews 10:35-37(NKJV) - *“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ‘For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry.’ ”*

C. I Thessalonians 4: 16-18 (NKJV) - *“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”*

D. John 14: 1-3 (NKJV) - *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself that where I am, there you may be also.”*



7. GOD’S LEADERS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:



Be part of God’s praying church across North America for the leaders who guide God’s work in the following territories:

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada		Mark A, Johnson, President
a. September 4 – 10	Manitoba Saskatchewan Conference	Ron Nelson, President
b. September 11 – 17	Ontario Conference	Mansfield Edwards, President
c. September 18 – 24	Quebec Conference	Émile Maxi, President
d. Sept. 25 – Oct. 1	Maritime Conference	John Fournier, President
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