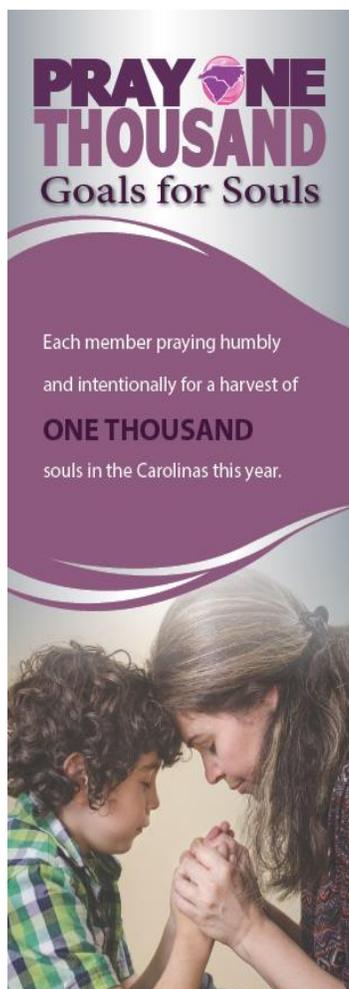


November 2016

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 SOULS FOR GOALS IN 2016



You've seen them so many times on 3ABN or The Hope Channel that you almost feel like they are your own personal friends, Doug Batchelor, Shawn Boonstra, Mark Finley, Alejandro Bullon, John Bradshaw, Carlton Byrd, and more. Question: of all the evangelists in The Seventh-day Adventist Church, which ones would you consider as the most important-the most vital, to the growth of our church?

I've just spent the past week at the North American Division for its Year-End Meetings. Chad Stuart, a pastor for the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Springs, Maryland shares these top four "evangelists" in our churches. They are...

1. Parking Lot
2. Groundskeeper
3. Janitor
4. Greeter

Surprised? These three individuals & the parking lot are far more important to the growth of your church (and thus the growth of Adventism) than any of the names mentioned above. Why does he say that? Because these three evangelists have a weekly impact on the growth of our church that the others do not have (unless of course one of them is your Pastor!). The last I checked none of the top named evangelists have moved to Carolina...yet!

Last month I invited you to pray for the fourth 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.*

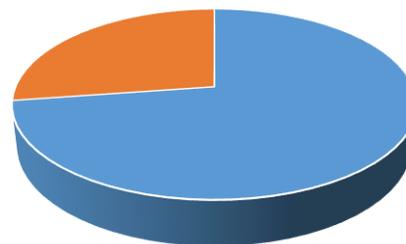
- c. *Becoming active in the service and various ministries of our churches rather than just coming to experience a feel good worship service on the Sabbath day.*
2. *Pray that the Lord of the harvest will help us to be SOUL WINNERS anytime and anywhere – at our place of work; in a restaurant or on a 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 a mechanical or “canned” presentations.*
4. *Pray that God will help you begin each day with a SENSE OF EXPECTATION. See your interactions with other people as Divine appointments. Each of us must embrace the mission of seeing ourselves as instruments of God’s grace to others. Ask the Lord to help in initiating and leading conversations into the spiritual area.*
5. *Pray that we FOCUS ON SOULS ... NOT NUMBERS. Now that might seem a bit strange in that we have set a faith goal of reaching 1000 souls. But genuine soul winners don’t go around worrying about the results. They are just faithful witnesses. A soul winner realizes they cannot save anyone; people come to Christ as a result of the working of the Holy Spirit on their hearts. A pastor recently called me with a tinge of disappointment that after all his efforts in holding a series of meetings, he had just one baptism. Believe me, I’ve been there a number of times!! However, I reminded him of the story Jesus told in Luke 15 where a shepherd invited the whole neighborhood for a party over finding just one lost lamb. Let’s pray and dedicate our energies for 1000 souls, but let’s also rejoice over every single lost lamb that has found his or her way home to Jesus and His church family.*

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

\$726,936
RECEIVED THROUGH
September 30, 2016

\$273,064
TO BE REACHED

**Our 2016 Carolina
 Commitment to Evangelism**



- ❖ Yes we certainly can ...only if we completely trust Him as cheerful and committed stewards of evangelism as reflected in the final three months of this year.
- ❖ Although October is behind us, what is received then, during this month and through December will impact how we can partner with our growing churches, companies, and groups to support them in reaching our Carolina communities with the everlasting gospel of Jesus.
- ❖ Hear and pray for God’s conviction on your heart. If you haven’t consecrated anything specifically to the work of evangelism this year, it’s not too late. **Why not consider these words of God’s messenger**

and pray about what you can sacrificially commit each year till Jesus welcomes us home ~ so we can go forward with His calling to herald the amazing good news of these end times:

“Time is short, and you have no time to delay the preparation of heart necessary to labor earnestly and faithfully for your own soul, and for the salvation of your friends and neighbors, and all who come under your influence...You can obtain strength from Him which will qualify you to walk even as He walked, but there must be no separation of affections from Him. He requires the entire man, the soul, body, and spirit. When you do all on your part which He requires, He will work for you, and bless and strengthen you by His rich grace.” Testimonies to the Church, Volume 2, Pages 155-156]

3. PRAY FOR OUR NATION & OUR CHURCH



As I write this (on Tuesday, November 1, 2016), I am fully aware that one week from today, the citizens of our nation including North and South Carolina will be making very important decisions with reference to the election of the next President of the United States and many other key electoral decisions for our federal, state and local governments. Those decisions will certainly impact our lives and the mission of God’s Church over the next few years. Even after the elections are over, we will face major challenges because of the

very divisive nature of this election year and the overwhelming evidence of a very secularized and polarized society that is in a tense conflict with the sacred principles of God’s government.

Sadly, I see this in our own church. The enemy of mankind is embroiled in a vicious attack against God’s precious remnant people. It is his devilish desire to destroy the church by engaging us to focus inward and attack each other on a host of issues that he can instigate us into an ongoing and conflicting debate – and thereby distracting us from the only thing that matters – focusing on the precious and holy mission that Jesus entrusted to us of loving God with all our hearts and loving each other. Our Savior clearly reminded us in the words of John 13:35: *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*



I invite all President’s Prayer Partners to join me this month, on each MONDAY - for at least one meal - to fast and pray for our nation AND each TUESDAY - for at least for one meal - to fast and pray for Christ-like unity in the church.

4. PRAY 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:

**Bryson City SDA Church
Franklin SDA Church**

Pastor Glenn Marshall

Camden SDA Church

**Pastor Steve McKoy
[Volunteer]**

**Morganton SDA Church
Table Rock SDA Church**

Pastor Ricky Mercer

**The Gate SDA Group
MPA Worship @ Sunrise – Multi Campus
Mount Pisgah Academy SDA Church**

**Pastor Jonathan Michael
Associate**

Monroe SDA Church

Pastor Tom Mills [Volunteer]

**Greenville South SDA Church
Simpsonville SDA Group**

Pastor Gerald Mobley

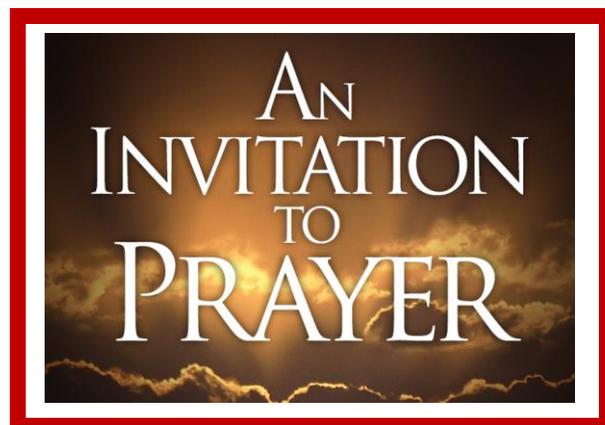
5. REMEMBERING AND KEEPING IN FOCUS OUR 2020 VISION



VISION III: ORGANIZE HOUSES OF PRAYER

Our third Visionary Goal is to pray and commit to creating a climate in which every church in the Carolina Conference becomes known in the community that they serve as a house of prayer. It's my heartfelt desire that we become more intentional in times of prayer. I was in the Moslem country of Turkey 4 years ago. Although I don't advocate their belief system, I believe we have a much better example from them in terms of established and regular times for prayer. We see that evidenced in the scriptures through the consecrated life and standard that Daniel set for us.

- A.** Our first focus must be how we can encourage members of our churches to be united both individually and collectively to be very intentional and passionate in our prayer life.
- B.** Our second focus must be to provide and promote a time and place where our Youth and Young Adults can engage in earnest and heartfelt Prayer Bands. When they discover the amazing power of prayer in their personal lives, their hearts will be connected to Christ and drawn to remain faithful to His church.
- C.** Our third focus is one which we envision our churches reaching out to the communities we serve with specific times for Individuals and groups with specific needs. Several years ago, when I was a student at Newbold College in England, we didn't have a church or chapel where I could go and spend some time alone with God. I was so grateful to the Anglican Church just across the street that had specific times in which the church was opened to individuals to come in, sit in silent reverence and talk to God in prayer. Those times were very precious in the relationship I formed with my Heavenly Father. Just last year, I was honored to be invited to the Spartanburg Church as they hosted an event for their community leaders on the National Day of Prayer. One state official said that that was the first time he had ever set foot in an Adventist Church and indicated that it would certainly not be the last.
- D.** The primary function of this strategy is to realize that our greatest source of power is by seeking the Lord in personal prayer and by listening to His voice as we reflect on His Word. In Jesus final words to His disciples before returning home to His Father as recorded in Acts 1:8 – prayer will be the power behind our being effective witnesses for Christ to the people whose lives we touch each day.





Houses of Prayer Everywhere

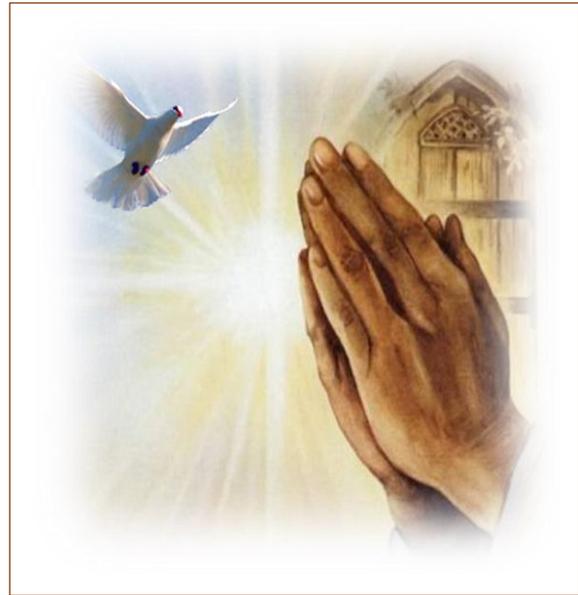
HOPE – is an acronym for Houses of Prayer Everywhere. Here in the Carolinas, it’s our desire to join in a partnership initiative with the North American Division to experience what we all long to see in our lifetime – the outpouring of the Latter Rain across the vast territory of North America.

Let’s cherish the appeal and the assurance of Psalm 100, verses 4 &5 – *“Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with Praise; Be thankful unto Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting. And His truth endureth to all generations.”*

“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 eleventh 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 our need to have thankful hearts of gratitude and praise...not just this month, but every day of every year!***

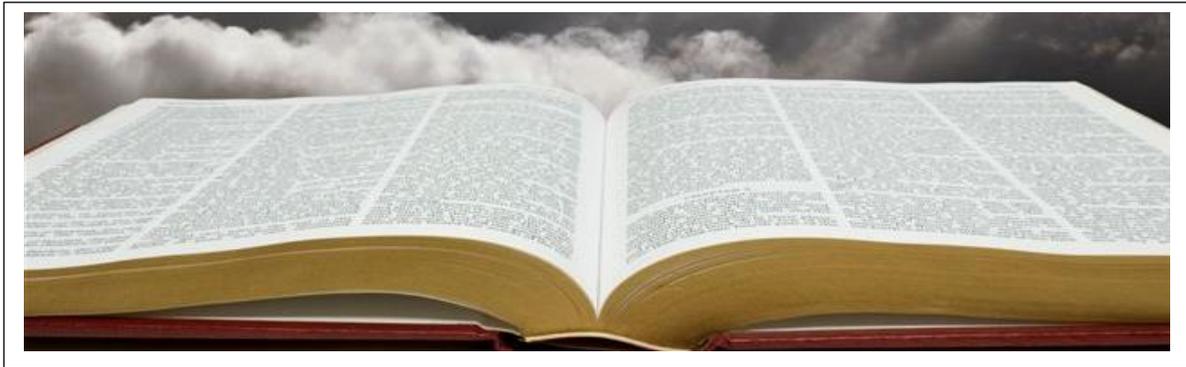


A. Psalm 95:1-6 (NASB) - *“O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”*

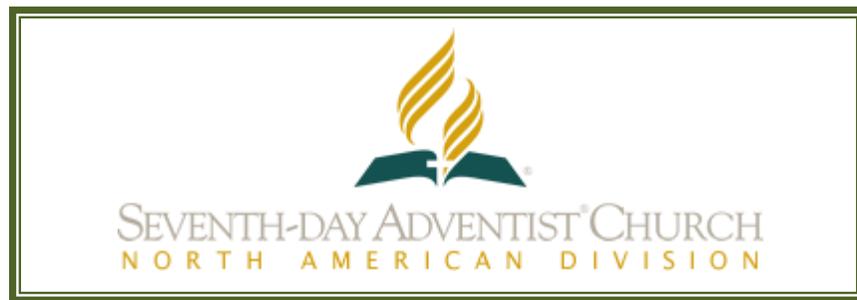
B. I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (NKJV) - “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

C. Colossians 2: 6-7 (NASB) - “Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.”

D. I Chronicles 16: 8-9 (NKJV) –“Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works.”



7. GOD’S LEADERS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:



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

Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists		Ron C. Smith, President
a. November 5-11	South Atlantic Conference	William L. Winston, President
b. November 12-18	South Central Conference	Benjamin Jones, President

c.	November 19 - 25	Southeastern Conference	Gregory Mack, President
Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists			Larry Moore, President
d.	November 26- December 2	Arkansas-Louisiana Conference	Stephen Orian, President

					
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