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Seek GOD for the CITY



This prayer & devotional guide is being promoted and supported by the Evangelism and Discipleship Commission.

Some helpful features of Seek God For The City 2011

- **Strengthens what you are already doing.** No complicated program to organize or meetings to schedule.
- **Unites prayer throughout your church.** An attractive, easy-to-use tool that can help unite prayers between many churches throughout an entire community
- **Lifts prayer from private or trivial matters.** Helps your people learn to pray with clarity, authority and relevance as they learn to pray in keeping with scripture. Involves everyone in your church family, not just a “prayerful elite.”
- **Opens a great way to pray toward Easter.** For those of liturgical streams, it augments the Lenten season with a marvelous blend of repentance and intercessory hope. Those of other streams find that it lifts attention toward Christ’s visitation at Palm Sunday. The calendar concludes on Palm Sunday, leaving everyone prepared for Easter week without crowding the schedule with extra activity.

Two Special Versions:

- **A special Children’s Companion Version** is available online at no cost, opening another vital way of uniting prayer. This guide is in six weekly installments of PDF files to download and photocopy. A great way for families to pray together. See www.waymakers.org
- **A Spanish translation** of Seek God For The City 2011 is available at no cost as a PDF file to download from the Waymakers website, www.waymakers.org.

Two things to consider:

- **Cost.** The booklet is very modestly priced at \$3.00 each. With bulk discounts, it is even more affordable. (See the attached order form.) Larger E. C. churches who have bulk orders should order directly. Smaller churches who want to take advantage of this guide are encouraged to order through the Church Center to get a better deal. Orders must be placed before January 30th. Call 717-866-7581 or email blong@eccenter.com to place your order.
- **Timing.** The forty-day season of prayer begins Wednesday, March 9. That means that the best times for distribution in churches are going to be the two Sundays prior to starting Seek God for the City: Sunday, February 27 and March 6. We urge you to order as early as possible ! Call for quickest order processing: 800-264-5214.

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National Conference Chair Prayer & Praise



- With pastoral change requests due by mid-January, the Stationing season is upon us, and I ask you to **pray for those pastors and churches that will experience pastoral assignment changes** in 2011.
- Ten assesses will go through our Pastoral Assessment Center, January 19-22. **Pray that all who are involved in this process will be encouraged and helped to better understand God's leading and plan for their lives.**
- The Episcopal Nominating Committee will conduct candidate interviews next month. **Please pray for Jim Price and his committee as this process continues.**
- As preparations continue for our National Conference which will be held May 25-27, **please keep the upcoming conference in your prayers.**
- Last winter the steam boiler blew up at the Kimball Avenue Church in Chicago. **Please pray for our congregation there and their**



Pastor Bruce Ray, as they continue to await repairs to their church and long for the opportunity to return to their building. The congregation has continued to worship in another facility nearby.

PASTORAL FAMILY NOTES OF CONCERN

- **Dave Bailey's** ongoing health concerns are a matter of deep prayer for him and the Hooppole congregation that he pastors. Dave is home from hospital, but has a long period of recovery ahead of him. Pray that God will fully restore his health so that he may resume his pastoral duties.
- Please pray for **Lucy Cardoso**, daughter-in-law to Rev. Salvador Cardoso, pastor at our Highland Park, IL, Maranatha E.C. Church. Lucy is being detained in Mexico City awaiting immigration approval.
- **Anna Hoffer**, wife of Rev. Ken Hoffer, pastor at our Mt. Culmen Church, is now under Hospice



care. A resident at Manor Care outside Reading, PA, please pray for her and Ken during these difficult days.

- Please pray for **Cheryl Mong** and **Jeannette Inman** with recurring cancer concerns.

CHURCH PRAISE NOTES

- Gary Brown, Great Lakes Region Conference Minister, shared news regarding a new spirit of optimism and hopefulness that he sees at our **Clarks Mills Church**. Meanwhile, I continue to receive exciting reports about the growth taking place at our **Womelsdorf and Willow Street** churches. Praise God for the good things happening across the National Conference. If you have good news items from your church or ministry, contact us at Church Center so that we can spread the news.



News from Benefits Corporation/Compensation Committee

How quickly a new year is upon us. As stated in a previous notice the employee portion of the social security tax was decreased by 2% on January 1, 2011. This is a one year decrease. Be prepared for a 2% increase in January 2012 (returning back to the normal level). Also, effective January 1, 2011 reimbursement for business miles increased by \$.01 to \$.51/mile.



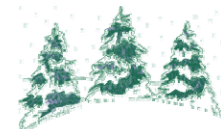
Important Due Dates:

Annual Reports due January 25, 2011
Workers Compensation Insurance information due 30 days after receipt
W-2 and 1099s due to recipients by January 31

Please see the 2011 Treasurer's Guide located on www.eccenter.com, for additional due dates, current amounts due, and ministry fund and camp funding percentages.

As always please contact David King, Benefits Administrator and Human Resources Coordinator, dking@eccenter.com or myself khenry@eccenter.com with any questions, 1-800-866-7581.

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Spring Leadership

Contact courses begin January 25 and continue through May 3. Open to anyone, these classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:15 p.m. and provide opportunity for spiritual enrichment and leadership development. Dr. Steven Lane, senior pastor of Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church, is teaching "Theology I: Discovering Who God Is" from January 25 through March 8. Steve Gilmore, a church coach and intentional discipling consultant with The Navigators, will instruct "Evangelism" from March 15 to May 3. Visit www.center4Li.org for easy on-line registration or call Evangelical's Center for Leadership Impact at 717-866-5775 for more information.



Spring Convocation is set for Dech Chapel on Tuesday, February 1, at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Tim Valentino, affiliate faculty member and senior pastor of Fleetwood Bible Church, will bring the address. All friends of Evangelical are welcome to attend.

Prepare/Enrich Certification will be offered at Evangelical on Friday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Prepare/Enrich is a proven program that helps clergy, counselors, and mentors make a significant impact in the lives of engaged and married couples. Trainers are Evangelical's own Dr. Joy Corby and Dr. Robb Palmer. Once again, check www.center4Li.org or call the seminary for details.

A Time to Pray... President Mike Sigman and Dr. Chris Fisher, Director of United Methodist Studies, will present Evangelical's appeal to the UMC University Senate in Augusta, GA on January 25. Ask God to grant them favor with Senate leaders in the formal presentation and subsequent question and answer session. Also, Day of Prayer is set for Dech Chapel on February 10, at 11:05 a.m. The entire seminary community is invited to participate.



A Cause for Praise... Fourteen new students will join the Evangelical family when spring semester classes begin on January 27. Also, the December 31 goal-to-date of \$205,600 for the Annual Fund was met and exceeded, with a total of \$212,030. Praise God with us!



"Understanding Youth Culture"

is a six week course meeting on six Mondays from 3-9 p.m., beginning January 31. Dr. Walt Mueller, founder and president of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding, is the instructor. The course may be taken for graduate credit or audited by anyone interested. Contact Tom Maiello at the seminary or admissions@evangelical.edu for information, or register online at www.evangelical.edu. Discounts are available for full-time pastors, seniors, and Evangelical alumni.

The Prayer Mobilization Team has decided to change the publication dates for the "HeartCry" newsletter. The recent January issue is actually the January-February issue. The next issue will be for March-April. It will now be published bi-monthly instead of monthly.





Ski Retreat

Love to ski? Twin Pines has an opportunity for you to get away for the weekend and go skiing! January 28-30, 2011, Twin Pines will sponsor a ski weekend. The weekend will include your lift ticket for Saturday and meals and lodging Friday through Sunday. If you aren't able to attend the whole weekend special rates are available. This retreat is for youth (with a chaperone), adults, families, or couples. Twin Pines will be providing additional programming in the evening as well as a Sunday morning service. Come to Twin Pines and enjoy a day at a local ski resort! For more information call Twin Pines at 570-629-2411 or email tpskiretreat@twinpines.org



ferred on March 12, 2011. The presenter will be Teresa Beachee, who is on staff at Camp Andrews, and has had many years of experience in various environments working with children and youth who are labeled as "trouble makers". She will provide background information as well as helpful tips for pointing people with difficulties to a closer relationship with Jesus.



The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude around 4 p.m. The fee for attendance is \$25.00 and includes your lunch. Overnight accommodations are available on a limited basis. Registration forms are available at www.twinpines.org or by contacting Shawn Fetterhoff at 470-629-2411 or by emailing shawn@twinpines.org.

Troubled Kids Seminar

Over the last several years Twin Pines has seen an increase in the number of kids who are struggling with some form of behavior. We know these issues are not only at camp but in other ministry areas as well, such as Sunday school classrooms, youth group, choirs, children's ministry, etc. In an effort to assist our summer camp ministry and other ministries to children and youth, a seminar entitled "Helping Troubled Kids" will be of-

Scrapbooking Retreat



Do you enjoy scrapbooking but can't find the time to work on your albums? Join us for the first ever Twin Pines Scrapbooking Retreat on April 15-16. Come join us for fellowship, devotions, seminars, and of course, scrapbooking! Registration is limited, so sign up today to secure your place! For more information or to get a registration form, please call

the office or email our Guest Services Coordinator, Jill Matarazzi, at jill@twinpines.org.

Summer Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer this summer? Are you 21 or older and willing to help in the kitchen or maintenance? If you answered yes to these questions you may be interested in signing up to volunteer for a week at Twin Pines this summer. If interested in volunteering please contact Shawn at shawn@twinpines.org.



Summer Staff

Twin Pines is currently in search of young people interested in Christian service. There are opportunities for summer staff available. If you or someone you know may be interested in serving on summer staff in 2011 please contact Shawn Fetterhoff at shawn@twinpines.org. If you are looking for a life changing service experience, don't hesitate and apply today!



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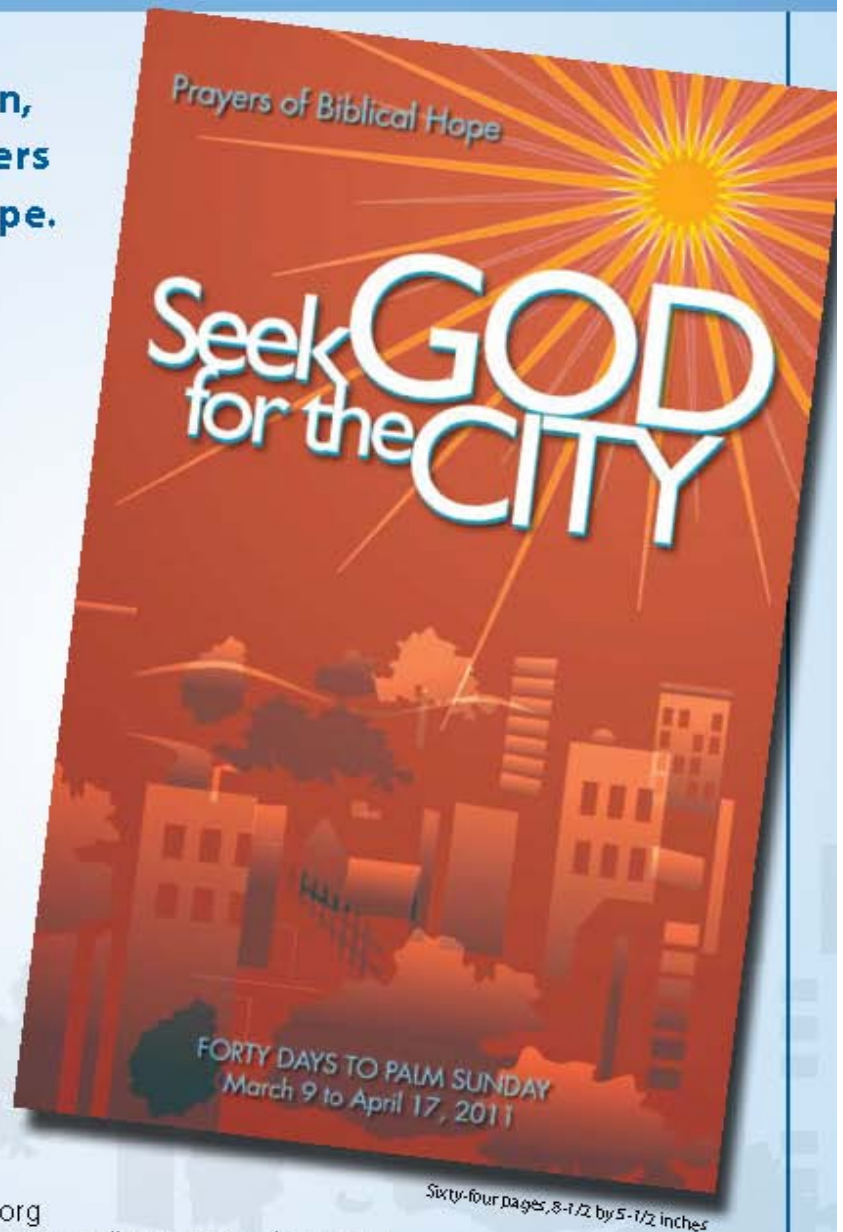
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to Palm Sunday
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