





SETTING THE COURSE PRAYER GUIDE 2012

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 **Jan. 29th:** Pray that... we would always be in awe of the Gospel though we have heard it a thousand times!


“For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.” -Romans 5:10-11

- Lord, help us remember our conversion and from what you have saved us from!
- Lord, help us remember the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ because of our sin, and His great gift of eternal life for those who believe on Him.
- Lord, help us remember that others have not yet heard this news, and that many who have heard this news have not accepted it as of yet. Give us a passion to lovingly speak these truths to other people!

 **Jan. 30th:** Pray that... our city would awaken from spiritual apathy to a genuine concern for eternity.

“LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered— how fleeting my life is.” -Psalm 39:4

- Lord, give me a heart that cares for the things of God.
- Lord, give the residents of Fayetteville a spiritual hunger that would drive them to seek after you!
- Lord, help me to understand that the time I have is fleeting and that eternity lies ahead of me. Help me to invest my life into things that will last forever, notably love!

 **Jan. 31st:** Pray against... religious activity taking the place of loving Jesus.

“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!” - Revelation 2:4

- Jesus, before I serve You, deepen my love for You, that my service will be an expression of worship to you.
- Jesus, give me a deeper love for others, that I may serve them with Your love for them inside of me.

- Help me to understand that you have saved me apart from works, but because you love me! (Ephesians 2:8-10)



Feb. 1st: Pray that... our city would realize that looking for satisfaction in the pleasures of this life is pointless. But instead to look for God.

“Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so human desire is never satisfied.” -Proverbs 27:20

- Lord, break our chains of materialism!
- Lord, help us model contentment before the people of Fayetteville. (At our jobs, in our neighborhoods, and in our lives.)
- Lord, remove the blindness of our culture, that Fayetteville may see you as the source of life!



Feb. 2nd: Pray that... we be filled with His Spirit so that we would think, speak, and act like Jesus.

“So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” -2 Corinthians 3:18

- Lord, fill us with your Spirit. If we have never asked this of you, may we do that now, understanding that it is Your will that we would walk in the Spirit and be empowered by You. (Galatians 5:16-26)
- Lord, help us to understand that **we** are the only “Bible” many people will ever read! May we be good ambassadors of Christ to the city of Fayetteville!
- Lord, help us to read Your word (The Bible) so that we would learn from you and be changed by you.




Feb. 3rd: Pray that... we would understand and experience more of God’s love for us.

“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.” - Ephesians 3:19


- May we experience Your power that our lives would stick out in this city, that those we interact with would ask us what is different about us, and that we would be able to share Jesus with them.
- Pray that Fayetteville would experience God’s love for them!

- As we experience more of Your love, may we pour love out to others that they would be changed and that wounds would be healed. May The Grove leave a loving impression on Fayetteville through me.

 **Feb. 4th:** Pray that.. our city would find Jesus to be different from all others. Set apart and holy.


“So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” -John 1:14

- Pray for the people in Fayetteville trapped in false religions, that they would see Jesus as the only way to heaven and that they would see the truth that they are trapped and deceived. Break through culture barriers and deception so that Jesus would be seen by them and accepted as Savior and Lord!
- Pray that we would be seen as different (in a positive and loving way) and that we would reflect Jesus to others.
- Jesus, give Fayetteville an outpouring of Your grace and of Your Spirit, that churches would overflow with new converts throughout Fayetteville. Start a revival in this place and begin with us!

 **Feb. 5th:** Pray that... we would be careful with our time not wasting opportunities for God and others.

“Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.” -Ephesians 5:16

- Help me recognize opportunities to witness to others.
- Help me to seek after you this very day.
- Turn off Facebook, read your Bible, and go talk to you neighbor :)

 **Feb. 6th:** Pray that... we would be fearless in representing Jesus to our city.

“But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.” - Acts 4:19-20

- Give us boldness in our speech and in our service towards others!
- Give us favor with others so that they would respond favorably and seek You.
- Help our speech to overflow with the wonderful things You have done in our life!



Feb. 7th: Pray that... we would lead lives of love showing our city what God is really like.

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.” -Ephesians 5:1-2

- If someone is cruel in their words to someone else today, help us to comfort the one who was hurt and to speak life into their day. Give us the opportunity to share Jesus with them, even if it is quickly and simply. Above all, may it be in love.
- May we love our families better. May this be apparent in our conversations in front of others and with others. May my respect for others be obvious to all who meet me.
- May we share only the truth about Jesus when we do speak. Give others a heart to hear and accept the truth.



Feb. 8th: Pray that... in all our diversity there would be unity and acceptance between the churches of our city.

“I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10

- Pray against division caused by our words. May we speak only that which edifies when speaking of other churches and pray that they would do the same.
- Pray that churches in Fayetteville would teach truth and love and that all Christians would reflect Jesus to the people of Fayetteville.
- Pray against racism or division! Speak to an international student today if you have a chance: seize opportunities to learn from others with different backgrounds than your own and allow God’s Word to be your standard! God loves diversity, so should we!



Feb. 9th: Pray that... when we go through suffering we would be full of hope showing everyone that Jesus is bigger than suffering.

“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.” - Romans 8:18

- Pray for those who are suffering that Jesus would give them strength!
- If you are not presently suffering, pray for strength on that day when suffering does come to your door, that you would lean on Jesus and represent Him to others as bigger than Jesus. **In times of peace, prepare for war.**
- Pray that our priorities are set by Jesus. Break the chains of selfishness, open our eyes to be a world Christian. There are Christians around the world being persecuted. **Pray for the persecuted church!**



Feb. 10th: Pray that... we would engage in humanitarian work here and abroad.

“Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.” -Titus 3:14

- Open our eyes to the needs of others! Pray for our missionaries abroad and for El Salvador and the orphanage that we partner with down there.
- Let us not speak the Words of life without being willing to act upon them.
- Give us opportunities to help others today! Help us to give generously to our church that more work may be accomplished!



Feb. 11th: Pray for... our times of worship on Sunday mornings to be passionate expressions of love for Jesus.

“When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!” -Luke 7:37-39

- Help us to worship you in our singing! Help me to shout to the Lord in praise!
- Help us to worship God in our giving! Help us to give sacrificially! (1 Chronicles 21:23)
- Help us to bring Your worship outside of the church building and into our city. Glorify Your name in Fayetteville!



Feb. 12th: Reflect on what God has done in your hearts over these last two weeks! Share with others on Twitter (#stcgrove). Now go and stay upon the course which God has set!