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CHESTNUT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Prayer Guide

Volume 2

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Goal: \$2,500,000

1 *Sunday*

“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” –Jeremiah 33:3

Jeremiah was “shut up in the courts of the guard” and the Word of the Lord still came to him. Why? Because he had asked before and he was asking again. We do not stop praying because God begins to answer. We keep asking and keep calling! God is longing to do some amazing things in our church and He has already begun. What if the amount of God’s work is based on our dedication to prayer? Let us be faithful to call to God... now and always.

Ask God to continue to bless our church through the dedicated prayer of our members.

2 *Monday*

“Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” –2 Kings 6:7

Elisha’s servant was terrified because of what he COULD see. There are some things in our lives that scare us to death. What we can see is often the mountains that need climbing or the rivers that require us to cross. And the truth is, we may not “see” a path forward. May we pray with Elisha that our eyes be opened to see how God is constantly working. In this season of construction, God will be at work in the life of our church and He is always moving us forward...even when we may not be able to visualize each step of the way.

Ask God to reveal to us His constant provisions and blessings throughout our entire project.

3 Tuesday

"O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." –2 Chronicles 20:12

How many times have we cried out to God, "I don't know what to do?" That petition from the heart of a believer goes straight to the throne. He knows that we cannot make it in life on our own. There have been times in this process that many of us have said this same prayer. Time and time again, God has answered and given direction. Whether we are praying for ourselves personally or for our church in general, our eyes must remain on the Master, because as Peter told Jesus, "where else would we go, Lord?" (John 6:68)

Pray for our church leadership and all involved to keep their focus on Jesus and his will for all that we do.

4 Wednesday

"She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest." –2 Kings 4:7

In the story of the widow's oil, we often overlook the last sentence. Not only did God provide a miracle by providing money for her to pay the debts and keep her children from slavery, but He also provided "far more abundantly" by giving her family enough to live on afterwards. Our church family has been claiming Ephesians 3:20 for almost a year now and we won't stop any time soon. God doesn't just want to give us what we are asking, but he longs to do much more than we can ever think or ask! Let's pray big, bold prayers and never give up!

Continue to claim Eph. 3:20, that God will do "far more" than we can ever imagine!

5 Thursday

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." –Galatians 6:9

It is so easy in this world to "grow weary." We are constantly bombarded from the enemy with everything in his arsenal to cause us to give in and give up. Paul told the church of Galatia to never get tired of doing good - and this rings true to us as well. We must persevere as we "run this race." (Heb. 12:1) God never promised us an easy or comfortable life when we follow Him, but He does promise to NEVER leave or forsake us. Do not give up! Keep pressing forward and trust that the harvest will come in due season.

Ask God to keep our aim on the mission of leading others to Christ as we "press forward" together.

6 Friday

"...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. –Ephesians 1:19-20

These two verses are a section of Paul's prayer at the beginning of his letter. In this section, it reminds us that we who believe have the "immeasurable greatness of his power" living within us through the working of the Holy Spirit. The question becomes, do we tap into that power by being submissive? The same power that raised Jesus from the grave lives in each of us. When he calls us to do His work, He will equip us with the power to complete it. This should give us the confidence we need to never waiver and press on.

Pray that all of our church will be submissive to the working of the Holy Spirit that lives within us.

7 Saturday

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." –John 3:16

This is one of the most memorized verses in all of the Bible. However, we need to remember that with this Far More campaign, our number one priority is using all of our resources to bring people to Jesus. Jesus told Nicodemus "whosoever believes in Him will have everlasting life." Our mission at Chestnut Ridge is to be about the Father's business of leading others to the cross. May we never stray from that path!

Pray that God will continue to stir every member of Chestnut Ridge to work on their "ONE" for this calendar year as we seek to multiply his kingdom on this earth.