

Teaching suggestions in preparation for Prayer Walk Baldwin

1. This PowerPoint adapts *Taking Prayer to the Streets* (TPS) for use in Prayer Walk Baldwin.
2. You can use as few of these one-hour sessions as you need to participate in Prayer Walk Baldwin.
3. The focus will be on session 6 of the *Taking Prayer to the Streets* guide.
4. The 90-minute sixth session combines chapters 6-7 in the book to explain how to prayer walk. This may be the only session you need.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- The first step is to decide to participate. There is registration for individuals and churches at www.baldwinbaptist.org/prayer-walk-baldwin/.
- Second, decide who will lead for your congregation. A member of the prayer committee, evangelism committee, Sunday School or Student ministry are possible leaders and participants.
- Third, decide who will lead your teams and plan prayer walking time. Teams of two or three will begin to pray amongst the streets surrounding the churches area. Some members/teams will prayer walk their neighborhoods around the church many times.
- Please register at baldwinbaptist.org/prayer-walk-baldwin to let us know your church will participate, the contact person and to locate your churches' designated page numbers of which area you are asked to prayer walk.

WHAT TRAINING AND RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- Keith Map pages of street and road atlas
- Church Listing of Keith Maps page number
- Section Six of “Taking Prayer to the Streets”
- Letter from our Prayer Walk coordinator
- The Associational office will provide other resources online at www.baldwinbaptist.org/prayer-walk-baldwin
- Feel free to contact office@baldwinbaptist.com or call (251) 945-5112 for questions or more information.

HOW DO WE REPORT BACK AND NEXT STEPS?

- Please correspond with the Baldwin Baptist Association office to let us know of your completion of prayer walking in your area.
- Include the resource pray4everyhome.com to continuously pray for and share Jesus with every person in Baldwin County.



Prayer Walk Mobile

**TAKING PRAYER
TO THE STREETS**

Prayer Journeys Presentation

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Session One

I. Becoming More Faithful in Prayer

A. Turning from our way to God's way gives birth to prayer.

- **God created humankind to have fellowship with Him.**
- **“No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6, NKJV).**
- **“He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name” (Psalm 147:4, NKJV).**
- **In John 15:4-9, Jesus compares this relationship to the life a branch receives from the vine.**

B. Balancing relationship and service revitalizes prayer.

- **A right relationship with God is essential to prayer.**
- **“To obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Sam. 15:22, NKJV).**
- **Not just activity but relationship is vital.**

C. Bible study increases a passion for prayer.

- **Bible study increases faithfulness in prayer.**
- **“Did not our heart burn within us...while He [Jesus] opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32).**
- **“The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal. 5:22-23, NIV).**
- **“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)**

D. Thanksgiving and praise create a desire to pray.

- “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise” (Ps. 100:4, NIV).
- Thanksgiving and praise help adjust our attitude toward praying.
- Fellowship with God convicts of sin and confession follows.

II. Response Time

Andrew Murray said:

“The man who mobilizes the church to pray will make the biggest contribution to world evangelism in history.”

Session Two

I. Becoming More Faithful in Prayer (part 2)

A. Fervent, righteous prayer brings answered prayer.

- People don't pray because of lack of belief.
- God answers prayer: yes, no, or wait.
- “You do not have, because you do not ask God” (James 4:2-3, NIV).
- “The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16, NASB).
- Seek God's face instead of His hands.
- Keep a prayer journal.

B. Biblical prayer becomes contagious.

- **When people are exposed to biblical prayer they want to take part in it.**
- **Ritual prayer is lifeless.**
- **“Teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1, NIV).**
- **God created ways to find humans. (See John 3:16-17.)**
- **“God’s invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made . . . so that they are without excuse” (Rom. 1:20-25, NKJV).**
- **God’s peace reunites what is separated. (See John 14:27.)**

C. Hearing from God empowers prayer.

- **There are a lot of false teachings on prayer and spiritual warfare.**
- **“Test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (1 John 4:1, NIV).**
- **Jesus commanded His followers to pray in the model prayer found in Matthew 6:5-14.**
- **We sometimes want to impose our agendas on God instead of listening for His agenda.**

II. Response Time



Session Three

I. Becoming Like Jesus in Prayer

- Every Christian struggles with cultural pressure to turn away from being like Christ.
- Shepherds lead, cowboys drive.

A. Praying and Fasting

- Fasting should be part of spiritual discipline for believers.
- Faithfulness in fasting and prayer (See Luke 2:37.)
- Jesus fasted for 40 days (See Luke 4:2.)

B. Praying evangelistically

- **Believers have let Satan convince us that evangelism is only for the chosen few. All believers are to be caring, compassionate evangelists.**
- **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor” (Luke 4:18, NASB).**

C. Praying passionately

- **Sometimes prayer is even more important than sleep. “Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer” (Luke 6:12, NKJV).**
- **If believers are going to be like Jesus, we should do what He did.**

D. Praying intentionally

- **Pray for what God wants in order to get a yes answer.**
- **“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Luke 10:2, NIV).**

E. Praying intimately

- **Intimate prayer replaces ritual prayer.**
- **Learn to pray like Jesus prayed.**
- **“Teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1, NIV).**
- **We need more than 4-6 minutes a day.**

F. Praying persistently

- **Not changing God’s mind, but being prepared for God’s answer.**
- **“So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9, NIV).**
- **Always a “yes” answer when we agree with God. Jesus presented a parable that taught how men always “ought to pray and not to lose heart” (Luke 18:1, NASB).**
- **Failure in prayer comes from a lack of persistence.**

G. Praying God-centered prayer

- **Salvation comes from being holy, not from just being good.**
- **Jesus describes the difference in God-centered prayer and self-centered prayer. (Luke 18:9-13.)**

H. Praying thankfully

- Focusing on giving thanks reduces complaining.
- Christ gives thanks for His food. (See Luke 22:14-23.)
- “Pray that you may not enter into temptation” (Luke 22:40, NASB).

II. Response Time

Bill Hybels says:

If the request is wrong, God says, “No.”

If the timing is wrong, God says, “Slow.”

If you are wrong, God says, “Grow.”

But if the request is right, the timing is right and you are

right,

God says, “Go.”

Session Four

I. Becoming Like Christ in Intercession

(See John 17.)

A. Praying for personal needs

- **Pray for personal spiritual and physical needs.**
- **Jesus prayed for Himself in Luke 22:39-45.**

“So far today Lord, I’ve done all right. I haven’t lost my temper, I haven’t gossiped, I haven’t been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over indulgent. I’m thankful for that. But in a few moments, Lord, I’m going to get out of bed. And from then on, I’m going to need a lot of help.”

PERSONAL PRAYER NEEDS:

- **Pray in repentance and belief in Christ. (See Mark 1:15.)**
- **Pray in confession of sin. (See 1 John 1:9.)**
- **Pray for our daily bread. (See Luke 11:3.)**
- **Pray that we can forgive everyone. (See Luke 11:4.)**
- **Pray that we will not be led into temptation. (See Luke 11:4.)**
- **Pray for God's will and not our will to be done in our lives. (See Luke 22:42.)**
- **Pray for the fruit of the Spirit to characterize all that we say and do. (See Gal. 5:22-23.)**

B. Praying for unbelievers

- **Pray for unbelievers as Christ did.**
- **In Luke 23:33-34, the High Priest continued to pray for others even as He died on the cross for the sins of humankind.**
- **“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message” (John 17:20, NIV).**

SIX WAYS TO PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS:

- **Pray for receptive and repentant hearts. (See Luke 8:5-12).**
- **Pray for their spiritual eyes and ears to be opened to the truth of Christ. (See 2 Cor. 4:3-4; Matt. 13:15).**
- **Pray for them to have God's attitude toward sin. (See John 16:8).**
- **Pray for the person to be released to believe. (See 2 Cor. 10:3-4; 2 Tim 2:25-26).**
- **Pray for a transforming life. (See Rom.12:1-2).**
- **Pray for God to send them into His harvest field. (See Matt. 9:35-38).**

C. Praying for believers.

- **Christ prays a blessing on His followers as He ascends back into heaven (see Luke 24:50-53).**
- **“I have prayed for you, that your faith might not fail” (Luke 22:32, NASB).**
- **“I pray for them . . . for they are yours” (John 17:9, NIV).**

SUGGESTED PRAYERS FOR BELIEVERS:

- **Christ to send believers into His Harvest fields (See Matt. 9:38.)**
- **Christ to keep Christians in His name and character (See John 17:11.)**
- **Christians to have Christ's joy made full in themselves (See John 17:13.)**
- **Christ to guard and protect believers from the evil one (See John 17:15.)**
- **Christ to sanctify (set apart) believers in the truth of God (See John 17:17.)**
- **Christians to be unified in one mission (See John 17:21-22.)**
- **Christians to be where Christ is (See John 17:24.)**
- **Christians to be filled with spiritual wisdom (See Col. 1:10-11.)**

II. Response Time

Session Five

I. Learning About Prayer Journeys

A. Definition: A Prayer Journey is an intentional coordinated effort to pray for and share Jesus with every person in a chosen geographical area or cultural community. Or, the easy definition, it's taking prayer to the streets.

- Prayer Journeys are adaptable to your area.
- Prayer Journeys remind believers to focus on the importance and benefit of prayer.

B. Prayer Pilgrimages

- Prayer Pilgrimages take intentional prayer to support missionaries in international areas.
- Contact IMB for details.

II. Why Prayer Journeys are Needed

A. The needs of the lost.

- **Pray specifically.**
- **“This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:1-4, NASB).**

Entreaties, prayers, and thanksgiving. Paul urges us to pray!

On behalf of all people. Every believer ought to have confidence that his brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for him or her.

- **Those in authority.** If we don't pray for them who will?
- **Quiet lives.** Specific prayer results in a tranquil and quiet life.
- **Good and acceptable to God.** Prayer softens hard hearts and brings responsiveness to the work of the Holy Spirit.
- **And come to the knowledge of the truth.**
 - **Confidence in the truth of Christ.**
 - **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father but through me” (John 14:6, NASB).**
 - **“You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free” (John 8:32, NASB).**

B. The needs of the believer.

- **God awaits our prayers to release spiritual power.**
- **Prayer requires practice for believers to do it well.**

C. The need for specific prayer. Satan prefers no prayer, but settles for shallow prayer.

- **Praying for workers to enter the harvest (See Matt. 9:38.)**
- **Praying for God to make a way for us to share the gospel. (See Col. 4:3.)**
- **Praying for others, for the power of the Spirit, and for God's people. (See Eph. 6:18)**
- **Praying for fearlessness and bravery to witness no matter where you are. (See Eph. 6:19.)**
- **Praying for everyone with thankfulness. (See 1 Tim. 2:1.)**
- **Praying for kings and those in power to be saved. (See 1 Tim. 2:2-4.)**

- **Praying in confession of sin. (See 1 John 1:9.)**
- **Praying for spiritual awakening. (See 2 Chron. 7:14.)**
- **(Campus Prayer Journeys provide specific prayer for students.)**

III. Response Time

Session Six #PrayerWalkMobile

(Chapters 6-7 of TPS)

I. Prayer Journey Field Teams and Support Teams, Jan. 13-14, 2017 and beyond.

A. Field teams begin near the church and move across Mobile County for direct contact prayer with the areas they are seeking God to touch.

- **Field teams (2-3 people) may walk, drive, bicycle, inline skate, or even fly over**
- **The teams usually do not stop.**
- **Pray before leaving (see James 5:16).**
- **Pray with insight because you are on sight.**
- **Take precautions for the safety of the team as needed.**

- B. Support teams remain at the church to provide prayer support for field teams.**
- Pray over maps of local and global areas.
 - Intercede for church prospects and the lost.
- C. Decide how long the teams will be out. Usually 30-60 minutes provides a good start.**
- D. Decide the area. Options include a 1, 3 or 5 mile radius around the church or the entire zip code.**
- E. Practice field prayer. Read Scripture and get insight by being onsite.**
- F. Create assignments to coordinate prayer walk teams covering the entire community.**
- G. Display a map showing which streets have been completed. Keep going until every street in Mobile County has been plowed with prayer.**

II. Campus Prayer Journeys

- Pray for the salvation, safety, and spiritual growth of students, faculty and staff.**
- Includes the evening before See you at the Pole (SYATP).**

III. Responding to Divine Encounters

- **God-inspired encounters with unbelievers or believers for evangelistic ministry and witness**
- **Ask, “We are praying for our community, is there anything we can pray for you about?”**

A. Field team witnessing booklets. Take witnessing booklets and be prepared.

B. Follow-up cards to record encounters. Be sure to get information for follow-up with those who share prayer requests or accept Christ.



IV. Reporting What God Has Done

**A. Tweet results to
#prayerwalkmobile2017**

**B. Enter the completed streets at
www.mobilebaptists.org**

C. Have a time for participants to share

- **Each person should share his or her experiences.**
- **What impressions did they receive about the neighborhood?**
- **How was God's power released through the on-sight prayer?**

B. Important benefits

Reporting time can become important to the future of the church.

Evangelistic Ministries established after seeing needs while Taking Prayer to the Streets include:

English as a Second Language

Homeless ministries

After school programs

Job training

Senior adult ministries

“Mothers Morning Out”

Block Parties

V. Follow-through on Contacts and Converts

- **Every area will result in conversions, rededications, and new congregations.**
- **Be sure every contact and conversion is nurtured.**

A. Create a Prayer Plan. Reclaim the entire church for prayer.

B. Visitation. Plan to visit new converts.

C. JESUS Video distribution. Distribute JESUS Videos.

D. Discipleship materials. Disciple new converts and contacts.

VI. Plan More Prayer Journeys

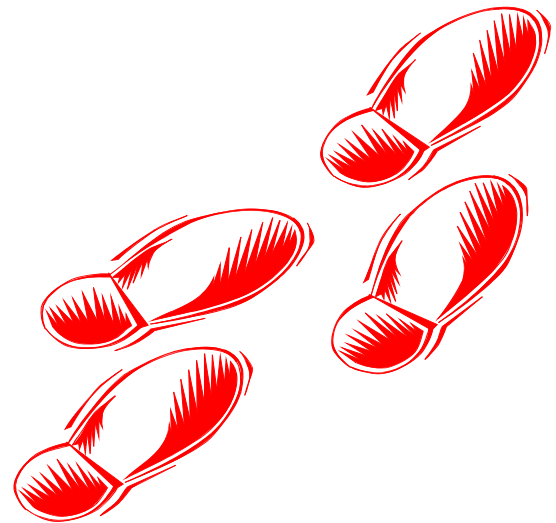
Congregations are excited about Prayer Journeys.

Conduct Prayer Journeys in every Community around the church and across the County involving as many people as possible.

Pray before, during, and after services and events.

We to pray for EVERY street in Mobile County.

#PrayerwalkMobile





Prayer Journeys Field Practice

- Practice a Prayer Journey.
- Walk or drive around the church.
- Begin a lifetime of prayerful intercession for believers and unbelievers.

Shall we pray and evangelize?

“More believers on their knees praying will mean more believers on their feet evangelizing.”

HOW TO BEGIN AND GROW A PRAYER MINISTRY IN YOUR CHURCH

Adapted from

Taking Prayer to the Streets

Chapters 8-11

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Session One

I. How To Begin a Prayer Strategy in the Church

- **Take advantage of Prayer Journeys to expand or create a thorough prayer strategy in your church.**
- **It is easy for any event or tactic to become the end in itself instead of a means to complete the strategy.**
- **Remain faithful to the strategy Christ gave us in the Great Commission. (See Matt. 28:17-20.)**

A. It begins with an individual.

- **Prayer strategy begins in the heart of an individual.**
- **The growing number of prayer groups are raising hopes that the twenty-first century will see the next Great Spiritual Awakening.**

B. It grows to include a core group.

- **Prayer Council**
- **Church Staff**
- **Deacons**
- **Elders**
- **Sunday School class**
- **Youth group**
- **Senior adults**

C. It includes a season of prayer.

- **Seasons of prayer may last 40 days, 90 days, or even a year.**
- **There is nothing magical in length of time.**
- **There is power in persistent, intentional, righteous prayer. (See James 5:16.)**
- **Ask the Lord to reveal the length of time.**

Remember:

“Prayer will make a person cease from sin, or sin will entice a person to cease from prayer.”

D. It expands throughout the church.

- Include and expand existing prayer ministries.
- Reclaim Wednesday night as a prayer meeting.

E. It targets every part of the community.

- An overall prayer strategy will pray for everyone in the community.
- Reach out to “up -and-outs” as well as “down-and-outs.”

F. It includes prayer evangelism.

prayer involves a life of prayer-saturated witness where biblically-based prayer permeates the entire process of evangelism.

II. Response Time

Session Two

I. A Suggested Prayer Plan

It can be easy to replace a true house of prayer with one or two prayer activities.

A. Three-part prayer plan

1. Renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly. (See 1 Thess. 5:17.)

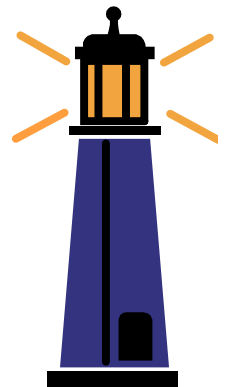
- Begin with daily personal prayer.

2. Reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for lost people. (See Matt. 21:13.)

- The church is to be a house of prayer.
- “For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10, NASB).

a. Become a Lighthouse of Prayer.

- Pray, care, share.
- Pray for five neighbors on each side and 5- 10 across the street.



b. Becoming a Lighthouse of Prayer is easy.

- Pray for your neighbors or business associates.
- Pray that the Lord opens doors to care.
- Pray for an opportunity to share the gospel.

3. Link believers in focused prayer for evangelism and awakening. (See Matt. 28:18-20, 2 Chron. 7:14.)

- North America cannot survive without a great spiritual awakening.
- Begins in individual believers and churches.
- Churches need to respond to God through renewal.

II. Suggested Components for a Prayer Strategy

- **A Prayer Strategy will not happen automatically.**
- **It needs leadership and commitment to keep prayer as a priority of the congregation.**
- **Adapt it to your needs.**



A. Ways to call people to prayer

- 1. Prayer Triplets. Three believers agreeing to pray together.**
- 2. Concerts of Prayer. Gathering of believers to pray.**
- 3. Prayer Revivals or Retreats. Meetings focused on prayer.**
- 4. Solemn Assemblies. Repentance and prayer. (See Joel 1:14, 2:15.)**
- 5. Pastor/staff prayer networks. Pray specifically for pastors and staff.**
- 6. Houses of Prayer. Believers open their homes.**
- 7. Outreach Prayer Surveys. Door-to-door asking for prayer requests.**

B. Organizing a Prayer Room

- **Find a place where at least three people can pray comfortably.**
- **Keep someone in the room as often as possible.**
- **Pray before and during all services and events.**
- **Pray for believers, unbelievers, and personal needs.**

C. Organizing workplace prayer groups

- **Many believers are beginning prayer groups where they work.**
- **Find a prayer partner.**
- **Set a time.**
- **Focus on praying for the needs of the people in the office.**

D. Provide ongoing training

1. Train the church to grow in Christ. Help to create a culture of prayer evangelism.

2. Work with the evangelism committee to train the

church in personal evangelism. Several excellent

approaches are available through LifeWay Christian Resources.

II. Response Time

Session Three

I. A Suggested Process for a Prayer Strategy

A. Fifteen prayer-saturated steps

1. Select a prayer coordinator.
2. Select a prayer council.
3. Pastor presents a sermon series on prayer.
4. Encourage individual prayer through resources available.
5. Launch new prayer groups.
6. Provide a prayer room.
7. Refocus the Wednesday night prayer meeting into a time of prayer.

- 8. Create praying affinity groups.**
- 9. Develop prayer lists.**
- 10. Participate in Seasons of Prayer for missions and missionaries.**
- 11. Schedule a prayer time during the services.**
- 12. Create Lighthouses of Prayer.**
- 13. Include Prayer Journeys.**
- 14. Plan a mission trip that includes prayer.**
- 15. Work with the associational prayer coordinator.**

II. Response Time