

## **CHURCH**

### **Praise Reports**

FW pastors/church leaders continue to pray on Thursday afternoons in the ESC building (School District Headquarters) next to the Supt. Office. God has given great favor for new partnerships with the churches and the school district leadership.

Many more students are being mentored by our churches with love and guidance, and many have received Christ and been baptized. (Goal is 100 mentors)

New churches have joined the "We love our city" network, including One Hope Foursquare with Pastor Dave Norcross and Pastor Grady Smith with a new church plant in North FW. In the first 90 days, this new church passed out over 2000 toys at Christmas to homeless families in motels along PAC highway and led 24 people to Christ.

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray for all of the time slots for the 24/7 prayer movement to be filled in 2018 and for 3 new churches be added. Pray for the emphasis on prayer in all of our churches to be first and foremost and for the church to be called "a house of prayer".

Pray for the pastors and families to be protected from the enemy's attack and for them to flourish and prosper in all they do.

Pray for the Pastors and church leaders to be deeply refreshed in God's Presence and be undistracted from their place of prayer and hearing from God for their ministries.

Pray that our churches model racial reconciliation and tear down walls of prejudice and discrimination.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Praise Reports**

Thriving Young Life clubs are reaching teenagers with the life-giving message of Jesus at Federal Way, Decatur and Todd Beamer high schools, as well as Sequoyah Middle School. Praise for growing interest in starting new ministries this winter at Thomas Jefferson High School, and YoungLives (teen moms) based out of The Truman Campus

Praise God for 13 schools serviced by The Bag Program, representing over 150 students and their families receiving food each weekend

Praise God for over 20 churches working together in Federal Way whom are partnering with the school district in various mentoring programs, providing backpacks of food

through the BAG program, offering service projects with We Love Our City church network, as well as other partnerships to shine the light of Jesus in student's lives

## **Prayer Requests**

Pray for all teachers, support staff and administrators in each of our schools. Pray specifically for our principals to give strength and endurance to them as they walk along tough situations with their staff and students.

Pray for our teachers as they settle in for a long stretch of regular days with few breaks until Easter; each student feels restless at different times, therefore pray for our teachers as they patiently address and encourage our students

Pray for the current shortage of bus drivers, para-educators and teachers within the Federal Way School District. Pray that God calls righteous leaders to these key positions.

Pray for the continuing development of the Mentor-and-Me and Communities in Schools programs, as well as the continuing growth of 100+ mentors coming from the local Federal Way church community

Pray for all staff and volunteer leaders with Federal Way Young Life as they walk along side of teenagers directly in the schools. May God provide new leaders to meet the growing demand for new clubs at Thomas Jefferson High School and Lakota Middle School. Currently, FWYL is in need of solid MEN of God to walk along side of our teenage boys in Federal Way. In addition, pray their annual fundraising banquet in March as they seek new funding for FWYL from individual families, local churches and businesses in order to expand their reach to all teenagers in FW

Pray for the BAG Program as they seek to expand the program to help more under nourished students

Please pray for Sequoyah Middle School staff for strength and wisdom and for the scholars to thrive academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

## **FAMILY**

### **Praise Reports**

Federal Way has a growing number of active community groups and partners connecting to provide services and support for families.

Over 30 Faith community leaders came together with the city officials to explore and discover solutions to the great problem of homeless mothers and children in our city.

Churches and city organizations rallied to provide hundreds of turkeys for families in need at the Multi-service center; as well as thousands of Christmas gifts through churches and FWCares4kids, and hot meals for hundreds as well.

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray for the bond of peace, grace and love to prevail in and around the children and families of this community.

Pray for families that are feeling overwhelmed by financial burdens, social isolation and hopelessness linked to unemployment and health struggles.

Pray that families in need will gain access to the resources, job training and job opportunities that will increase their capacity to take care of their children.

## **CITY AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Praise Reports**

Crime down 10 percent from 2016 in Federal Way

Residential burglary, larceny, vehicle theft, forgery, vandalism all show decreases from 2016

In 2017, 329 residential burglaries have been reported, compared with 348 last year, a decrease of 5 percent. There were 3,531 reports of larceny in 2016 compared with 3,132 this year, an 11 percent decrease. Motor vehicle theft is down by 17 percent, with 783 reported this year and 941 last year. There were 150 reports of counterfeit/forgery in 2016 and 109 this year for a 27 percent decrease. Vandalism reports are down to 710 for 2017 from 881 last year, a 19 percent change.

### **Prayer Requests from Police Chief Andy Hwang**

I ask for the faith community to pray for the safety of our first responders, police and firefighters. They face many challenges and danger while performing their daily duties to keep our citizens safe.

Please pray to reduce the “demand” on illicit drugs in our community and in our nation. The demand for drugs, particularly heroine and methamphetamine, is responsible for significant amount of violent and property crimes Our crime analyst believe that about 90 percent of all crimes has a nexus to drugs. If we can reduce the demand for drugs, our community and country will be much safer.

Please pray to strengthen our families in our community. Many of the kids and young people engaging in criminal activity and drug abuse come from neglected and abusive homes. Some kids join gangs or hang out with the unsavory people because this is

where they get self worth and acceptance. Some young people behave in a manner as though they have nothing to loose - lack moral compass.

## **MISSIONS (local and world)**

### **Praise Reports**

Light up the City movement (Directed by Union Gospel Mission) has successfully joined 23 city networks of churches and pastors with the sole focus to “Light up the city” where they live. Many are united in their cities with weekly and monthly prayer, Serve Days, ministries to the homeless and the poor, and partnerships with over 300 schools in King County.

World Vision continues to provide great assistance from Federal Way all around the world with all types of humanitarian needs.

### **Prayer Requests**

These are 5 of the current worst disasters listed by World Vision:

East Africa – (Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia)

6.9 million children are suffering from malnutrition and 28 million need humanitarian assistance.

Syrian refugee Crisis –

5.3 million Syrians have fled the country as refugees, and 6.3 million are displaced within the country. About 13.5 million people inside the country – almost  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the population need humanitarian assistance.

Myanmar refugees in Bangladesh –

600,000 people have fled their homes from Myanmar to Bangladesh because of renewed fighting between inter-communal groups, minority groups, and government military forces. There is increased risk of disease in refugee settlements. Great need for food, fresh water, and basic tents and shelter.

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

The 2017 hurricane season in the Caribbean and Atlantic regions has been one of historic proportions.

Puerto Rico is devastated and struggling to recover after Hurricane Maria, the strongest storm to hit in more than 80 years, pummeled the island territory Sept.

20. Almost two months on, most of the island is still without power. Puerto Rican authorities estimate there was \$45 billion to \$95 billion in damages. Many other Caribbean islands fared as badly or worse after Irma and Maria.

## Democratic Republic of Congo refugees and violence

The people of the DRC have endured more than two decades of civil war and conflict, which has claimed as many as 6 million lives. More than 2.5 million people in Kasai, Tanganyika, and South Kivu were displaced in 2017.

Violence has continued to spread in DRC since 2016, displacing more than 4 million people internally and as refugees. More than 13 million people of DRC's nearly 80-million population need humanitarian assistance and protection. More than 7 million people face food insecurity.

## **MEDIA**

### **Praise Reports**

The FW Mirror is reporting much more good news and more positive and encouraging stories of people, faith based organizations and churches making a difference in our city.

The FW Schools newspaper is publishing more and more positive stories of church partnerships that are influencing the students in very special ways.

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray that news organizations pursue truth and honestly represent the stories they report.

Pray that Christians in Hollywood live out their faith boldly and the movies and TV shows produced are of a high quality both creatively and ethically.

Pray for social media to be a force for good and not for division. Pray that Christians use it wisely and with godly hearts.

Pray for 'Talk Radio', newspapers, and news of all kinds to be a source of godliness and kindness, accurate information and civil discourse; avoiding the salacious, innuendo, and spectacle for their own sake or for hype.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Prayer Requests**

Continue to pray for the strategic use of the Weyerhaeuser property and buildings, and for good and healthy businesses to be attracted to its use.

Pray for the Mayor as he endeavors to add new businesses and jobs as well as College and University extension sites in Federal Way this year.

Pray that FW would partner better with corporations to build stronger bridges for internships and job opportunities and career paths.

Pray for the vocational industries of Washington and Federal Way city and school leadership to form solid and promising partnerships for creating many more career opportunities with our students and citizens.

## **HEALTH**

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray that our churches promote and model healthy lifestyles in body, soul and Spirit

Pray that our churches provide training, resources, seminars, and small groups for strengthening marriages and families in our community.

Continue to pray for our churches to be “healing centers” for people physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally, and spiritually.