



DISCOVER

MATTHEW 13:44

LAYTON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Prayer Guide

PRAYER EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Important Dates

Sunday, February 7 | Prayer Emphasis

Sunday, April 3 | The Word of God

Saturday, April 9 | DISCOVER Banquet

Sunday, April 10 | The Call of God

Sunday, April 17 | The Awe of God

Sunday, April 24 | The Response of God's People

Sunday, May 1 | First Fruits Offering

Our Verse

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field." **Matthew 13:44**

Our Prayer

"Lord, what are You calling me to do?"

Preparing The Way

When we think of a capital campaign, the first thing that comes to our minds is money. However, our journey toward a new facility is really a spiritual one. It is a journey that walks us through four core values to grow our faith in God. This campaign begins with the Word of God, and focuses on the Call of God upon our lives. As we stand in awe of who God is, we will prayerfully respond to His call with faith and obedience.

The four core values of the campaign:

1. THE WORD OF GOD

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created" (John 1:1-3). "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Since the Word is the center of all creation and lives in us, we must make the Word central to everything we do. We also let the Word speak to us in the matter of stewardship.

2. THE CALL OF GOD

When God called Abraham, Abraham took the opportunity to act in faith. If Abraham had said "No," he would have missed the people of Israel being his descendants. Worse yet, he would have missed the Savior of the world, Jesus, coming through him.

People who live in the Word of God hear the Call of God. What is the Word saying to you? What role does the Call of God have in this campaign? Position yourself to discover the call of God on your life, and to act upon what could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

3. THE AWE OF GOD

We are in awe of God when we are humbled by His love, mercy, grace, holiness, wisdom, creations, and all His attributes. Standing in awe of God will always lead us to take bold positions in our lives. The widow who gave everything she had must have experienced God, and she was in awe of Him. "Since you have tasted that the Lord is good" (1 Peter 2:3), let's continue to experience our awesome God!

4. THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

"Let it be with me as you said" (Luke 1:38) was Mary's response to the Call of God when the angel Gabriel told her she would conceive Jesus. "So Abram went, as the Lord had told him" (Gen 12:4). Abraham didn't even say "Yes"—he simply went. When God called His own Son to die on the cross, His response was simply, "Not my will, but Yours be done." Do you see where God is at work in your life? Respond in great faith by saying "Here am I, send me" and join Him in His work. Do not miss the opportunity!

Things to pray for related to our church and the campaign:

1. Daily spiritual discipline: dwelling in God's Word, praying at deeper level, and worshiping in spirit and truth.
2. Continued focus on God's kingdom growth using the 4 X 4 challenge.
3. Discovering God's call for your personal participation in the campaign.
4. Spiritual growth in the areas of love for God and others, wisdom, discernment, faith and humility.
5. Spiritual unity: standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side-by-side for the faith that comes from the Gospel (Phil 1:27).
6. Community outreach during the construction process and beyond.
7. Pastor Keith as he leads the church under God's direction, and protection for him and his family.
8. Campaign leaders: humility and wisdom to lead, communicate, assign tasks and resolve issues.
9. Construction volunteers: protection from injury on the job site, safe travel, and strength to maximize their performance and return on investments.

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