

The History of The Month of Prayer at New Life Church

2016 marks the fifteenth consecutive year that New Life Church has dedicated the month of August to prayer.

It all started in 2002 with a 21-day adventure, designed to help us establish the habit of prayer in our personal and corporate lives. Each person in the congregation was asked to select a prayer partner and make a covenant to pray together for twenty-one days. A devotional guide covering different aspects of prayer was provided to help maintain focus and ensure success. In addition, various corporate prayer meetings were held to reinforce in us a lifestyle of prayer.

The church embraced the concept wholeheartedly and grew in prayer significantly. This led to what we now call "The Month of Prayer," which is observed annually during the month of August. Other church programs are set aside to help the church make prayer a priority.

Each year has had a different theme:

- *A Call to Prayer & Consecration* (2003)
- *Entering into Warfare* (2004)
- *Building a House of Prayer* (2005)
- *Turning the Tide* (2006)
- *Deeper Still* (2007)
- *Teach Us to Pray* (2008)
- *The Father Says, "Come!"* (2009)
- *Streams of Prayer...from God...Back to God* (2010)
- *Unrelenting Prayer* (2011)
- *Penetrating the Darkness* (2012)
- *Contending: Believe...Stand...Prevail* (2013)
- *Watch and Pray* (2014)
- *In Pursuit of Him* (2015)

And this year...*But the Church Prayed*

Our theme is taken from Acts 12:5. You'll remember the familiar story...Peter was imprisoned, with King Herod plotting his public execution. While believers were intently praying for his deliverance, an Oscar-worthy drama unfolded at the jailhouse.

Despite their petitioning, the believers were stunned when Peter appeared at the door. Herod was driven by evil *...but the church prayed!*

August 2016



New Life Church Annual Month of Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 31 Mike Bickle in morning services	1 7 PM Deeper Waters Prayer (GH) #★ 7 PM Live Soaking Prayer with Jamel Owens (KV)†★	2 DANIEL FAST BEGINS 6:30 AM Prayer for the Nations (GH)	3 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (KV) 7 PM But the Church Prayed – Dee Evans (KV)★	4	5 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (DC) 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (GH)	6
7 6 PM Pastor Dan (KV)++ 6 PM Kids Watch (KV)♦	8 7 PM Live Soaking Prayer with Bonnie Fobbs (KV)†★	9 6:30 AM Prayer for the Nations (GH)	10 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (KV) 7 PM Kindle the Fire – Jason Hershey (KV)★	11	12 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (DC) 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (GH) 7 PM – 7 AM Secret Place – Jay Comiskey plus 12-Hour Burn (KV)	13 9 AM Connect Prayer & Praise at the Beach (off-site) 2 PM 2 nd Saturday (youth) (DC)
14 6 PM Ben Kinchlow (KV)++ 6 PM Kids Watch (KV)♦	15 7 PM Deeper Waters Prayer (GH) #★ 7 PM Live Soaking Prayer with Shannon Williams (KV)†★	16 6:30 AM Prayer for the Nations (GH)	17 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (KV) 7 PM Healing Night – LaVere Soper (KV)★	18	19 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (DC) 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (GH)	20 8 AM Men's Breakfast (KV) 9 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast (KV)★
21 6 PM Diane Chandler (KV)++ 6 PM Kids Watch (KV)♦	22 DANIEL FAST ENDS 7 PM Live Soaking Prayer with Evelyn Moore (KV)†★	23	24 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (KV) —prayer over youth / youth breakfast 7 PM Prophecy Activation – Fernando & Judy Marroquin (KV)★	25	26 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (DC) 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (GH)	27 7:30 AM Prayer for the Nations (GH)
28 6 PM Worship Celebration (DC)++ 6 PM Kids Watch (DC)♦	29 7 PM Deeper Waters Prayer (GH)★ 7 PM Soaking Prayer (KV)†	30	31 6:30 AM Early Morning Prayer (KV) 8 PM City Life (GH)			

(KV) indicates Kempsville campus; (DC) indicates Deep Creek campus; (GH) indicates Ghent campus; (SN) indicates Saturday Night service
 ++Childcare available, ages K and younger; ★Childcare available, ages 8 and younger; ♦Kids' Watch is for children who have completed grades 1-5
 † Soaking prayer is reflective prayer inviting God's presence. # Deeper Waters is an hour of worship and prayer.



As I look at our world today, I believe we are in the End Times. Jesus is calling the Christian into a place of intimacy and prayer because the time is URGENT and we must not fall asleep. If we gather as a community and pray with the sound of many waters or an army on the move, we can learn to not fall asleep—and we will have many testimonies of answered prayer to share.

This August, let's set our hearts on being in prayer meetings that will change our lives and the church and will prepare us to receive the end time harvest. Let's ready ourselves to cry out for the return of Jesus.

Come and add your voice to the sound of many waters! You may think your prayer is just a drop in the ocean, but that drop makes a sound.

Melvin McCleese
Pastor of Prayer & Outreach

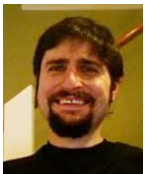
GUEST SPEAKERS



Mike Bickle is the founder/director of the International House of Prayer (IHOP) in Kansas City. IHOP is engaged in evangelistic and inner city outreaches along with multiple justice initiatives, planting houses of prayer, and training missionaries. Mike is also the founder of IHOP University, which includes a full-time Bible school, music school, and media school. Mike has authored several books. His teaching emphasizes growing in passion for Jesus through intimacy with God, doing evangelism and missions work from the place of night and day prayer, and the end times.



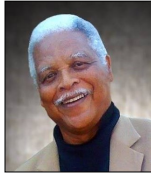
D'Andrea Evans, affectionately known as "Dee," is a native of Asheville, NC. In 2009, Dee accepted her call to ministry while attending undergraduate school at Winston Salem State University. Currently, she is a doctoral candidate at Regent seeking a Doctor of Strategic Leadership in Global Consulting. Since 2012, Dee has called New Life her home. She has served in the women's ministry, refuge prayer ministry, and the worship and arts ministry. She is a lover of God's presence and it is her desire to see God's people transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.



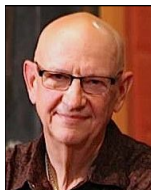
Jason Hershey and his wife, Kimberlee, spent five years of itinerant ministry trekking across America with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) until, in 2005, God called Jason to be the director of the YWAM base in Washington, DC. In 2012, the Hersheys founded the Washington House of Prayer, where they both serve as full-time intercessors. They seek to follow the model that Jesus established as He made intercession for the whole world from Jerusalem. Likewise, they have chosen our nation's capital as the location to pray and contend for spiritual awakening in America.



Jay Comiskey is Vice-President of Support Operations at the Christian Broadcasting Network. His experience at CBN has taught him the necessity of "persevering prayer." Jesus used the parable of the "persistent widow" (Luke 18:1-8) to emphasize the importance of prayer that doesn't quit until the answer comes. Hebrews 6:11-12 reminds us that through "faith and patience we inherit what has been promised." Let's continue to grow in steadfast prayer, knowing that God's good answers are on the way (Daniel 10:10-14). Jay and His wife, Francie, live in Chesapeake, Virginia.



Ben Kinchlow is a minister, broadcaster, author, and businessman. His latest book is *Black Yellowdogs*. He was the long-time co-host of CBN's "The 700 Club" television program and host of the international edition of the show, seen in more than 80 countries. After more than 20 years, Ben left CBN to begin independent ministry. He is the founder of Americans for Israel and the African American Political Awareness Coalition. He was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1971.



LaVere Soper resides in Motherwell, Scotland, but spends 60-70% of his time traveling to nations outside Scotland. He began ministry in 1972 leading a denominational church until being filled with the Holy Spirit. Since 1984, as president of Mission of Compassion, he has been strategically working in Europe to spread the Gospel through church planting, crusades, short-term missions teams, humanitarian relief, and helping provide finances to build church buildings. The Lord has also given LaVere a healing ministry that has seen the Lord heal thousands of people—many of them major instantaneous healings.



Diane Chandler serves as an ordained elder at New Life Church. She has a passion for communicating the love of Jesus cross-culturally in word and deed. She and her husband, Doug, who is the global outreach pastor at New Life, partner with a local Christian organization dedicated to assisting international university students in the Tidewater area. Building friendships with Muslims is her keen passion, attributed in part to her Middle Eastern roots. Diane also serves as an associate professor at the Regent University School of Divinity where she teaches and mentors graduate and doctoral students. In 2014, her book, *Christian Spiritual Formation: An Integrated Approach to Personal and Relational Wholeness*, was published by InterVarsity Press.



Fernando and Judy Marroquin have been part of New Life Church since 2000. In the last several years they have devoted their time to training a team of 80 intercessors in cultivating a more intimate relationship with God, establishing a greater sensitivity to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and boldness to walk in the authority they have as believers as they pray and proclaim what they hear over people's lives prophetically. Beyond New Life, they have ministered in churches in Puerto Rico, Spain, and Virginia in areas of marriage, prayer, intercession, and prophecy. They have lead many prophetic workshops where they take people who have never prophesied through a process of learning to move from prayer to prophecy.

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