



March, 2019

Dear Pastors and Leaders,

I want to provide an update of what has been happening since the Pastor's Prayer Luncheon on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Crandall University. We continue to appreciate any participation and feedback. The Leadership Team has been hard at work organizing your thoughts and desire to see a prayer initiative in our area into something we are calling the **Rising Tide Prayer Movement**.

We're planning a series of events and resources for pastors and leaders to assist in developing and/or advancing a culture of prayer in your churches. In this letter I will outline some of these events and resources in more detail. For now I'd like to highlight three key events.

**Weekly Pastors'/Leaders Prayer Groups.**

For your convenience there will be Prayer Groups hosted for leaders and pastors to pray together in four geographical areas. We are stronger together, when united in prayer for each other and for our churches. Check out the times and places on page 3 for more details.

**40 Weeks of Prayer Initiative.**

Starting on January 20<sup>th</sup> we'll be providing weekly prayer topics. Through the wonders of technology, like Facebook, we'll bring you short video clips all about prayer. Our hope is that you and your church will tune in, watch the video, and then use that in your church's prayer times. See page 4 for more information on this.

"Being united in prayer by the broader body of Christ is the foundation for engagement in His great purpose, 'to seek and to save those who are lost.'" Dr. Laurel Buckingham, CEO, Buckingham Leadership Institute





### **Prayer Celebrations.**

Each quarter we're going to celebrate prayer, not just as individual churches but as a group of churches. Everyone is invited to attend these celebrations of prayer and worship. More information is available on page 7.

Additionally, I'd like to let you know that we're also planning a **Rising Tide Prayer Conference** in the Fall. This is a big undertaking, but one we believe our region needs. I'd like you to consider how your church may be able to assist, with volunteers and/or resources and most of all prayer. We'll be rolling out more information as we move forward, so please keep this event in mind.

I want to thank you and your churches for considering participation in Rising Tide. I know that we are stronger together and through prayer we draw closer to God in powerful ways. Prayer has the ability to transform lives, churches, and our communities. Let's unite in prayer and see how God will bless us as we seek to grow closer to Him.

Sincerely,

*Brenda*

Brenda Hawkes—Team Lead

*Rising Tide Leadership Team Members: Ginny Coles, Pastor David Hawkesworth, Debbie*

*Steeves, Rev. Geoff DeJong, Rev. Greg Sparkes, Rev. Brock Symonds, Pastor Paul Steeves.*

"Through prayer God does great things. You will not want to miss seeing how God is working through this movement!" Rev. Dr. Martin Kreplin, Lead Pastor, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church





## **Pastors/Leaders' Prayer Groups**

### **Goal and Purpose:**

We're inviting pastors and leaders to gather in their local areas and pray together, for each other, their churches, and this prayer movement. Churches can only grow in prayer as their leaders are growing in prayer and settings like this provide an opportunity to join together to draw closer to God.



Groups will be cancelled when school is cancelled

### **Moncton Area**

Wednesdays resumed January 9th at Highfield Baptist Church 7:15AM-8:30AM  
290 St. George St. Moncton. Contact: 857-4260.

### **Shediac Area**

Tuesdays starting January 22nd at McDonalds McCafe, Shediac 8:00AM  
538 Main St. Shediac.

### **Hillsborough Area**

Wednesdays starting January 30th at Hillsborough Baptist Church 7:30AM-8:30AM  
26 Braam Cr. Hillsborough. Contact: 734-2379.

### **Salisbury-Petitcodiac Area**

Wednesdays starting January 23rd at Salisbury Baptist Church 8:00AM-9:00AM  
3128 Main St. Salisbury. Contact: 372-5179.

“As God is preparing us for a mighty move of His Spirit, we sense that unified Christians coming together to seek His presence is key to unlocking the power of His promises for our region in the Maritimes.” Rev. Joel Gorveatte, Lead Pastor, Moncton Wesleyan





## 40 Weeks of Prayer

### **Goal and Purpose:**

Starting on January 20th we will be posting short, themed video clips on our Facebook page for the next forty weeks. Each week will have a theme that you and your church can pray through. Each week will have a local pastor provide the video as part of the devotional theme.

### **How to access the video:**

Step 1: Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/942040232661562/>

Step 2: Click "Events"

Step 3: Select the right "Week" and enjoy the video

- Also click the "Join" button to get updates and more!
- You'll need internet access in order to use these videos., or you can download these videos

by going to: <https://www.fbdown.net/>.

### **Themes of the 40 Weeks**

#### **Let Us Prepare for Revival**

1. Ask God to create in us a spirit of humility (2 Chron 7:14)
2. Ask God that we desire to seek His face with humility (2 Chron 7:14)
3. Ask for forgiveness and turn from our wicked ways (2 Chron 7:14)
4. Pray that we individually and corporately hear from heaven. (2 Chron 7:14)

#### **Let Us Prepare Ourselves**

5. Let us pray that we love like Christ (Gal. 5:22)
6. Let us pray that we have joy that overflows (Gal. 5:22)
7. Let us pray that we have the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding (Gal. 5:22)
8. Let us pray that we have the patience to endure. (Gal. 5:22)
9. Let us pray that we have the kindness to serve and share with all. (Gal. 5:22)
10. Let us pray that we have the goodness that overcomes the world's crude harsh ways (Gal. 5:22)
11. Let us pray that we have the faithfulness in serving Christ and others (Gal. 5:22)
12. Let us pray that we have the gentleness in caring for all. (Gal. 5:23)

"I am so very pleased to be a part of Rising Tide, a prayer movement, as it endeavors to encourage, equip and connect followers of Jesus. Together we seeking unifying, spirit-filled prayer that calls out for the blessings of God upon our region."

Rev. Greg Sparkes, Highfield Baptist Church





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### Themes of the 40 Weeks

13. Let us pray that we have the self-control to be who we need to be for Christ (Gal. 5:24)

### Let us Prepare Through Fasting

14. Let us heed the call to Fast (Joel 2:12)

15. Let us pray that our hearts break to the point of yearning to fast...for the will of God to be done in our churches and communities. (Neh 1:4)

16. Let us pray that we hold firm in the face of the world's temptations (Dan. 10:3)

17. Let us pray and fast for each other as we lead and serve and share (Acts 13:3-4)

### Let Us Pray for Our Leaders

18. Ask God to protect our leaders from the evil one. (1 Peter 5:8)

19. Ask God to protect our leaders from pride (James 1:14-15)

20. Ask God to protect our leaders from discouragement (Romans 1:11-12)

### Let Us Prepare Our Churches

21. Ask God to search the heart of our churches and reveal anything that is not right with Him. (Ps. 139:23-24)

22. Ask God to break any stubbornness and hardness of heart in our churches. (Hosea 10:12)

23. Ask God to reveal any relationships that need to be restored in our churches. (Matt 18:15)

24. Ask God to help us to have a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in our churches. (Eph 4:30)

25. Ask God to give our churches a deep conviction of sin, repentance, and a renewed fear of God. (2 Cor 7:10)

26. Ask God to give our churches a spiritual hunger and fervency. (Matt 5:6)

27. Ask God to bring loving unity and deep harmony in our churches. (John 13:35)

28. Ask God to fill our hearts with a passion to see people saved. (Rom 9:1-3)

29. Ask God to call many from among our churches to missions and/or Christian service. (Matt 9:37-38)

30. Ask God to take what He does in our churches and use us to the furtherance of the gospel around the world. (Matt 28:18-20)



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#### Let Us Pray That God Prepare the Lost

31. Ask God to open their spiritual eyes (2 Cor. 4:4)
32. Ask God to give them ears to hear (Matt. 13:15)
33. Ask God to give them faith to believe (Acts 20:21)
34. Ask God to give them the will to respond (Rom. 10:9)
35. Ask God to send people into their lives to witness to them (Matt. 9:38)
36. Ask God for ways to build caring relationships (I Cor. 9:22)
37. Ask God for opportunities to witness (Col. 4:3)
38. Ask God for boldness to witness (Acts 4:29)
39. Ask God for an opportunity to invite them (Luke 14:23)
40. Ask God to set them free from spiritual captivity (2 Tim. 2:25-26)



**Goal and Purpose:**

Celebrate the act of prayer and to join together as diverse churches to worship and pray. While the Pastors'/Leaders' Prayer Group ministers to our leaders and the 40 Weeks of Prayer help our local churches, we know it is important that we all join together on a regular basis to see that we are not alone and that God is at work as we draw close to Him.

**First Celebration Gathering**

Sunday March 31st St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 6:30PM  
77 Hildegard Dr. Moncton  
More info to follow for the next Celebration.