

Prayer notes for February/March 2010

Please find below some areas relating to our church which you are encouraged to bring to God in your prayers this coming month.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

- **Spiritual growth in Christ** – pray that everyone in our church will go deeper into relationship with God through Christ, that *there will a deeper gratitude and hunger and thirst for the Lord and His righteousness amongst us. Pray we will all go deeper into His Word and be more open to the whisper of His Spirit.*
- **Flashlight – Experiencing relationship with God** – Colin & Elizabeth Watson are running another course during Feb/March. *Pray God will call those He knows needs this foundational teaching and that it will strongly establish their faith, and for Colin & Elizabeth as they lead it.*
- **Newcomers lunch on February 28th** – these lunches are arranged when we have a number of new people attending our services and the purpose is to welcome and inform them about our church’s vision, values, ministries and mission. They are encouraged to join us and share in seeing the community transformed by the power of the Gospel. *Please pray our guests will understand our vision and be willing to join us!*
- **Leaders Meeting on March 1st** – each term the leaders of our church’s ministries are invited to meet for a time of input, prayer and encouragement. This time we are especially focusing on the church centered mission restructure and it is hoped that we will work even more closely as a congregation. *Please pray all of our leaders will grow in Christlikeness, unity and effectiveness in our church.*
- **Northern Christian Leaders Network prayer lunches** – these continue to happen each month. We are planning another major outreach lunch in April. Please pray for the pastors and churches to really catch the vision of our unity in Christ by His Spirit. *Pray against the spirit of division and competition, and pray for God’s people to learn to more deeply love and serve each other across the churches. Pray that our guests from the community attend and are convicted by the Holy Spirit.*
- **Community Transformation** – a core group of Christians from across the north are continuing to meet and pray and plan for the next steps of another major Gospel outreach to the community. There is a strong sense that God is leading us towards a Children’s Evangelism focus. *Pray for God’s Spirit to supernaturally reveal His plans and purposes for the church in the north so we can ‘work where He is working.’*
- **Police Chaplaincy** – thank God for the opportunity our church has to encourage and support the local Police. In June the largest ever group of UK recruits is coming to Elizabeth, 19! *Pray that we will have enough resources and help to make hampers of love for all of them, and that God will use this gift to soften hearts towards Himself.*

- **Sunday Night Worship** – these services are giving people great opportunities to develop their gifts and abilities in service to God through speaking, praying and preaching. *Pray for all those taking risks and getting out of the boat! Pray that God will continue to help us nurture and encourage His people to serve in His name.*
- **Children & Youth Discipleship Coordinator position** – this is currently undergoing a ballot, please pray for Sarah Watson as she continues to follow God’s leading, and *pray for God’s will in this ballot which is a further step of faith for Sarah and our church.*
- **Facilities for children’s and youth ministries** – we have exceeded our capacity to safely run our children’s Sunday morning programs. The leadership is exploring creative and radical solutions, including the possibility of constructing a Children’s Centre on our property. *Pray for God’s guidance and His provision to cater for this expanding mission field in our local community.*
- **AGM & Vision Sunday** – on March 14 we will be celebrating God’s goodness to us in the past year, and looking forward to where He is leading us into the future. Please pray for the Ministry Team and Eldership as they give leadership to our congregation. *Pray for them to have God’s boldness, love and leading in their roles. Pray for our church to respond in faith to what we believe are God’s directions. Pray for God’s Spirit of love, grace and compassion to fill the discussions.*
- **South East District Conference in Keith** – on March 20-21 Lindsay and Erma and a team of young people will be travelling to Keith to minister at their annual Conference. *Pray that God will help them in their preparation and that He will prepare their hearts for God’s message over that weekend. Pray for God’s encouragement over these churches as they face many challenges in the country.*
- **Women’s Convention** in Victor Harbor – March 20-21 is also the annual Women’s Convention – *pray for God’s Spirit to refresh and build up the many ladies who attend this special weekend of worship and teaching. Pray especially for Anne Hey as one of the speakers.*
- **Loxton Church of Christ** – Lindsay and a team will be ministering at the Loxton church on March 28th. Praise God for the wonderful things He has done in that area, and *pray for God’s Spirit to clearly speak and encourage His people during that visit.*

Opportunities for prayer...

Early prayer time in different churches (see roster) **7-8am each Sunday**

Sunday mornings before service – **9 – 9.30am**

Monthly prayer times with other churches on the last Monday of each month in the chapel – **7.30-9.00pm**

Thank you for your faith and prayers as we again work together under the Lord Jesus Christ, seeking to be a beacon of hope through Jesus Christ, transforming the local and global community, one life at a time.

