

African-American Congregations

Our Vision for Incorporating Prayer

To see corporate prayer become an integral part of the overall ministry, worship, and work of the African-American congregation.

Our Strategy for Incorporating Prayer

- Humbling sharing the vision with church leaders and lay members alike.
- Earnestly praying for God's direction in all things.
- See unity in the church, and its dynamic and supernatural results, in the manner of the message shared by Dr. Greg Frizzell (as seen in Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 4:31).
- Sharing good examples of how to pray in all aspects of church life.
- Create an expectation and hunger for prayer that will cause an "explosion" of power within the hearts of God's people.

Our Action Steps for Incorporating Prayer

- Pray for pastoral guidance and direction.
- Eliminate "spectator prayer" (where only a few can or will pray) and guide church towards "participatory prayer" where every person prays and is comfortable with prayer.
- Start with the "remnant" that God begins to use to establish a new move of prayer: involve the leadership and others as the Holy Spirit instructs.
- Use training opportunities, Bible studies, Christian education activities, etc., to undergird the church's vision for prayer.
- Utilize the Scriptures to model prayer.
- PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!!!