

*And He [Jesus] said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
(Matthew 18:3-4)*

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER MEETING **Week of July 29-August 4, 2010**

MINISTRY CONCERNS

1. Pray for God to change each of our hearts so that we will be right with God (Psalm 66:18) and that we will pray according to God's will (1John 5:14-15). Pray that we will all have a desire to come to worship service. And when we come, we will worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).
2. Pray for the praise teams, speakers and all those who serve in the English and Chinese worship services:
 - a. Sunday, Aug. 1: Dr. Jeff Ward will speak in English service and Rev. Andrew Chao in the Chinese service.
 - b. Sunday, Aug. 8: Dr. Robert Creech will speak in both worship services.
3. Pray for God's wisdom and strength for the CBC pastoral and administrative staff.
4. Pray that God would bring many with changed hearts to pray at one of the corporate prayer meetings: Monday nights at Tommy & Mabel Ligh's in Bellaire; Thursday evenings at CBC and at Raphael and Betty Lam's in Katy.
5. Pray for church unity based on John 17:23 and Ephesians 4:3. Pray that our words and actions will be edifying and based on truth and love.
6. Pray for the new Pastoral Search Team (PST) as they begin to meet: Shirley Lau, Johnson Leo, Tommy Ligh, Nancy Lo, Jeannie Moon, Charles Zhu, Gary Sham, and Jeff Lim along with Pastor Ricky and Pastor Justin.
7. Pray for God to continue to provide vision for the Youth Ministry through Scripture, revelation, and circumstances.
8. Pray for Stewardship and Finance Committee and Church Council as they work diligently on the church budget for the new year.
9. Pray for the physical and spiritual needs of certain people.

MISSIONARIES

- Karen and Mitsu Nakamura, Cenia Wong and others.
- Pray for Wai and Vicki Lim and Family as they will be in Houston from July 8-30. Pray for a good and restful visit.
- Pray for Pastor Johnny Jones - pray for a productive mission trip to Guangdong, Myanmar, and Hong Kong from July 13-Aug 6. Pray for good health.
- Pray for the Venezuela mission team (July 20-29): Pastor Ricky Leung, Christine Jee, Lok Koo, Rev. Johnny Wan and his wife from Chinese Christian Mission in California
- Pray for Colling Tam as he is serving with an IMB couple from mid-May through Sept. 2010.

OUR NATION AND CITY

- Pray for President Obama that God would give him wisdom, protection, and strength to lead this nation.
- Pray that righteousness would prevail in our government at the national, state, and local levels.
- Pray that President Obama would remove his legal brief in support of repealing the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) which declares marriage is between one man and one woman.
- Pray that the US Congress will not overturn "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."
- Pray that God will raise up churches to pray and do sidewalk counseling at the newly opened Planned Parenthood nearby Univ. of Houston Central Campus. (For more info, please go to www.texasfamilies.org or www.bound4life.com).
- Pray that God will give the US Senate and the President wisdom and discernment as they decide if Solicitor General Elena Kagan will be the next Supreme Court Justice.
- Pray for God's wisdom for BP to stop the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico and for God's provision for those affected on the Gulf Coast.

WORLD

- Pray for the US troops and other NATO allied troops who are fighting courageously in Afghanistan. Pray for God to bring a smooth transition with a change of military leadership. Pray for God's peace and comfort for the families who have lost loved ones.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6) Thank God for a good meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Obama. Pray that God would intervene to stop Iran from building nuclear weapons. Pray that God would draw many in the Middle East to His Son Jesus, Who is the only source of lasting peace.