

Praying *at* Hyde Park

*Opportunities for
everyone to
get involved
in prayer*

“Pray continually”
1Thessalonians 5:17

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Jesus said, *"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."* Our desire at Hyde Park Baptist Church is to fulfill Christ's vision for His church as a place of prayer.

At Hyde Park, we believe "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world!" Prayer is the believer's most immediate resource as we seek spiritual growth, healing, the salvation of our friends and the power of the Holy Spirit to change things. Someone once said, "Nothing lies outside the reach of prayer, except that which lies outside the will of God." God himself promised, *"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."* (Jeremiah 33:3) Once we recognize the limitless reach of prayer, it is difficult to imagine not praying.

Would you like to deepen your personal prayer experience? Would you like to be more involved in prayer? Do you want more information about the opportunities for prayer at Hyde Park Baptist Church? The following ministries are all a part of the prayer ministry of our church and one or more of them may be perfect for you.

Sunday Morning – "The Boiler Room"

The name "Boiler Room" comes from an old story out of England. Probably the most influential English speaking pastor who has ever lived was Charles Haddon Spurgeon. His church, in the heart of London, was attended by more than 6,000 worshippers every Sunday for many years. The secret of the church's spiritual victory, according to the story, rested in the fact that up to 400 people met in the boiler room of the church to pray while the services were being conducted. In this way, the services were bathed in the power of prayer.

Today, at Hyde Park, we still meet to pray during the Sunday morning services. While our ministry is lovingly referred to as **The Boiler Room**, it actually meets in a convenient location near the Worship Center (W210). We believe that spiritual

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victories are won as the choir sings and the pastor preaches the Word, especially when we pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on all that is done and for all those in attendance.

Sunday Nights

Our Sunday evening service is dedicated to praise, preaching and prayer. Each week we conclude our service with a time of congregational prayer that usually lasts about 15 to 20 minutes. The form changes regularly – sometimes we gather to kneel at the altar, sometimes we pray at the pew with small groups, sometimes we pray silently. The important thing is that, in whatever way we pray, we want to sense the power of God's Spirit blessing the church and moving in our midst. The Spirit refreshes and renews us during this informal prayer service in ways that are impossible to ignore. Please join us on Sunday nights.

I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Romans 15:30

The entire service begins at 6:00pm in the Worship Center and continues until about 7:00pm.

Monday Nights

Every Monday night at Hyde Park, several of us gather for GROW – one of our church outreach ministries. One aspect of GROW is the prayer meeting. While some are driving to make visits, or making phone calls or writing personal notes – the GROW prayer team is praying. If you want to be involved in a very strategic prayer focus, come on Monday night to the Friendship Hall at 6:00pm and pray!

Tuesday Mornings

Every Tuesday morning at 8:30am, we meet in the Worship Center with the ministerial staff to pray for revival and for the ministry of the church. This prayer time lasts only 30 minutes and usually opens with a two minute devotional led by the Pastor followed by anyone praying who feels led to do so. This is a great way to pray for the ministries of the church or for anything you may feel led to pray. Prayer is a great way to begin the day. We encourage everyone to come and pray.

Wednesday Night

Every Wednesday night after the Pastor's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, we gather in the Pastor's Parlor (behind the Fellowship Hall) at about 6:35pm to pray until about 7:00pm. This mid-week prayer time is a power boost for our spiritual lives! We praise the Lord, we pray for each other and for our families and we pray for the blessing of God upon our Sunday services. The Spirit of God refreshes us every time we gather and everyone is welcomed.

The Intercessory Prayer Room

You can join our intercessory prayer ministry and become one of our regular prayer warriors. You will be given a set time to come to the prayer room at the church to pray for the hundreds of confidential prayer requests that come into our church each month. You can also receive prayer requests via email or volunteer to assist in the details of keeping our prayer ministry running smoothly. Is it time for you to join the Prayer Ministry? To discuss becoming a part of the prayer ministry team, contact Shirley or Joe Hayman at 512-930-1100. Our vision is that one day soon we will be praying for our people 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Currently at Hyde Park you can get involved in a prayer meeting on Sunday morning, Sunday night, Monday night, Tuesday morning, Wednesday night or around the clock in the prayer room. We invite you to join us in our humble commitment to God to lift prayers continually in His house of prayer.

For more information about any of the opportunities for prayer available at Hyde Park, please contact Joe or Shirley Hayman at 512-930-1100.