

Prayer Emphasis: Tallassee Ministerial Alliance

The Tallassee Ministerial Alliance is asking each church in the Tallassee area to take from one week to one month to emphasize extraordinary prayer (prayer at a level above the ordinary) for the salvation of the lost and for the spiritual vitality of the Lord's people.

Each Church Participating in their Own Way and Style: This is *not a program* that each church is asked to follow uniformly. Instead, each congregation is asked to engage in a prayer emphasis in a way suited to the level of the prayer life of their membership and that fits their own way of doing things. Some possible ways of participating include, but are not be limited to:

- Prayer vigils in the worship center or prayer room
- PrayerWalking neighborhoods
- Cottage Prayer Meetings—each with a specific prayer focus
- Solemn Assembly worship services
- Special Prayer Focus in midweek services
- Devotional guides to provide guidance for specific prayer
- Praying through the telephone directory or school year book
- Concerted prayer for the signature ministry of the church
- Following up the prayer emphasis with revival services – or using revival services as a kickoff to the prayer emphasis

Information will be made available to participating churches about possible ways of participating. However, each congregation decides for itself *if, when, and how* they will participate.

The Goal is to Have Congregations Engaging in Special Prayer Efforts Throughout the Year

One congregation may start with the month of January. Another may take a week in February. And yet another may take two weeks in March. What we are seeking is a “continuous bombardment.” Every single week of the year may not be covered, but every month would be. And a continuing effort would have the effect of finishing what God may have started in answer to an earlier prayer.

Church Members Looking Outside the Walls and Praying for the Community

“General Hospital Prayer Meetings” to pray for health concerns of church member is not the focus of this effort; we get that kind of prayer all the time. Instead, this prayer effort concerns the *spiritual condition* of our community.

Real and Specific Prayer

This is not like one of those “prayer breakfasts” where you don’t pray, but rather listen to a speaker. This is about *really praying*. There may be some training in prayer, but its focus is on actually *praying!* And *specific prayer* at that... When a prayer meeting is about everything in general, it is really about nothing in particular. It is hard to pray for “everything” in that fervent manner God answers. This effort calls on churches to engage in *real and specific prayer*.