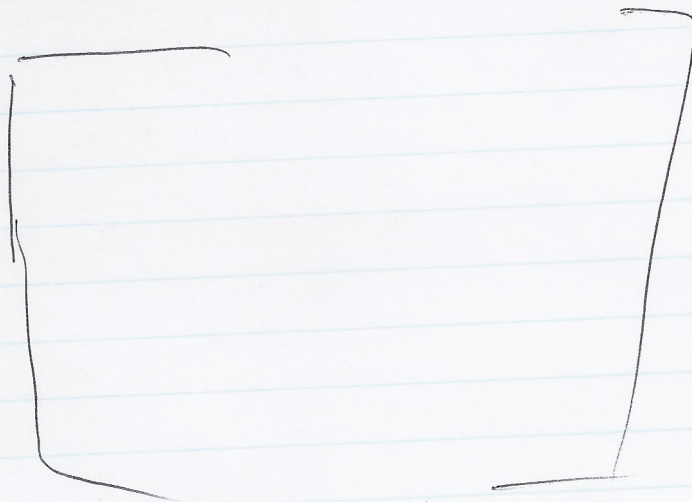


Praying for Our Campus

IN Church this Sunday one of the members of the congregation gave the sermon. Her message was on prayer and I would like to share some of the points that spoke to me. ~~First~~, we ^{should} be all to be in prayer. It is not just David, Deb or your pastor who is suppose to be praying but all of us are called to pray. Prayer is like breathing; it is natural and it provides life for each of us. ~~Second, prayer~~ It is important to pray at a certain time and place. This is helpful in getting you to pray daily, making prayer a ^(life giving) habit. Along this same thought, it is essential that you be there. Focus is ~~critical~~ critical. It does little good to have a time ~~and~~ place to go to pray at a certain time ~~there~~ physically but have your mind ^{be} somewhere else. Finally, prayer takes practice. The more you do it the easier it becomes and the ^{more} natural you feel.

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On Tuesday January 31st we hope to have Forty people at Vespers. I hope to see each of you there and hope that you will bring a friend. We as a group and each of us individually need to be praying for this event, for UCM, and for the campus as a whole. In closing I will leave you with the words of Leonard Ravenhill:



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men were converted. In one church it was announced that a daily prayer meeting would be held every morning at four-thirty. The very next morning four hundred people arrived long before the scheduled hour, eager to pray. The number increased to six hundred. Heathen people asked what was happening. They exclaimed in amazement, "The living God is among you!"⁵

Building on the above, Dr. Joon Gon Kim, Korean pastor and Campus Crusade for Christ Asian Director, says:

In Pyongyang seven hundred people were daily filled with the Holy Spirit while attending a weeklong Bible study conference. This conference is often referred to as the Korean revival. The lives of those attending were transformed. They began their new lives as fireseeds, founding a nationwide prayer movement which continues today. The fireseeds became missionaries for Christ, used mightily to start spiritual revival across our nation and into many corners of the world. Fireseeds traveled to China, Japan, and America. Anywhere Korean people assembled, revival seemed to ignite.⁶

Just as the Korean revival began in prayer, so it began in prayer, and it goes on now at an accelerated pace in prayer. Tomorrow morning at 4 A.M. millions of Christians will rise, dress and go to homes and churches to pray for revival and the Christianization of their country.

Just as in America will only catch their breath for prayer, what would we see here? I suggest that you do three things. First, make a list of all the biblical promises, especially those relating to revival.

Second Chronicles 7:14 would be a good place to start.

Second, pray daily yourself for revival on your campus, in your dorm or Greek house. Ask God for greater fervency.

Third, join with others (or call them together yourself), who are praying for revival; two are better than one. Finally, I am including a quote that has for years pricked my own prayer life; I hope it will be equally stimulating to you. It is from Leonard Ravenhill.

The church has many organizers, but few agonizers; many who pay, but few who pray; many resters, but few wrestlers; many who are enterprising, but few who are interceding. People who are not praying are playing.

Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and passion, both of these are generated by prayer. The ministry of preaching is open to a few. The ministry of praying is open to every child of God.

The secret of praying is praying in secret. A worldly Christian will stop praying; a praying Christian will stop worldliness...

Tithes may build the church, but tears will give it life. That is the difference between the modern church and the early church. Our emphasis is on praying, theirs was on paying. When we have paid, the place is taken. When they had prayed, the place was shaken (Acts 4:31).

"In the matter of effective praying, never have so many left so much to so few. Brethren, let us pray."⁷

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