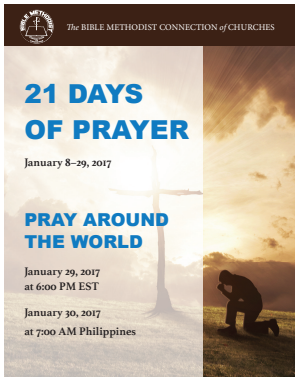
SUNDAY EXPECTATIONS

Conference Events:



21 Days of Prayer in January

- January 8-29, 2017
- Pray Around the World, January 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM EST

Lenten Season

- March 1, 2017

Palm Sunday

- April 9, 2017

Good Friday

- April 14, 2017

Easter Sunday

- April 16, 2017

Outreach and Bus Convention

- March 7-9, 2017
- UBC - Westfield, Indiana

Serving churches in:
Illinois
Indiana
Ohio

Pennsylvania
New York
Michigan

Missouri
Virginia

Inter Church Holiness Convention

- April 18-20, 2017
- Dayton, Ohio

Pastoral Relations Information:

Deadline for announcing Pastoral Vote

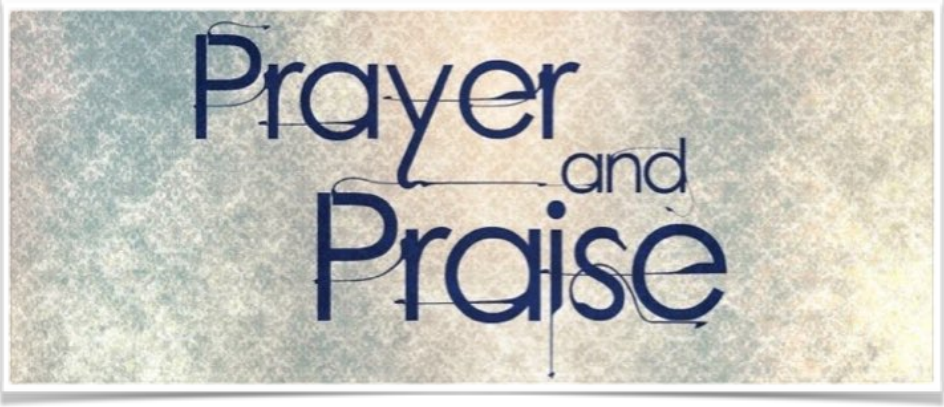
- April 21, 2017

Deadline for holding Pastoral Vote

- May 5, 2017

Deadline for Pastoral response to vote

- May 12, 2017



Praise:

- Thanks to Dr. Keaton for his message to the Special Session of Conference.
- Thanks to Mike Pennellatore for the brunch Saturday morning before the Special Session.
- Thanks to the people who served as prayer leaders Saturday.
- Thanks to each minister and layperson who were able to attend the Special Session.
- Thanks to each Pastor and layperson who is participating in the 21 Days of Prayer.

Prayer:

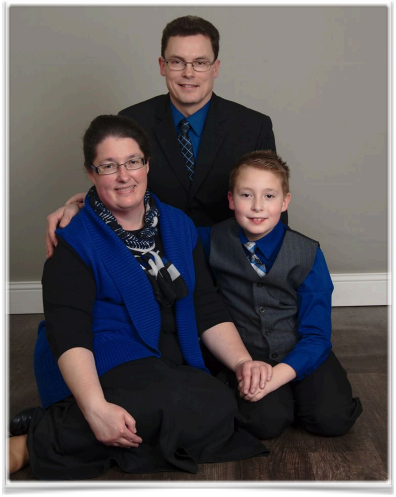
Around the World:

- Pray for President elect Trump and the government he plans to form

- Pray for the US Military
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- Pray for the persecuted Church
- Pray for a spiritual awakening in the United States of America.

Connectional:

- Connectional Chairman - Michael Avery
- Connectional Missions Director - Tim Keep - Pray for Brother Keep and Dr. David Fry as they minister in the Philippines this week.
- Connectional Secretary - John Parker
- Connectional Treasurer - Deron Fourman
- Conference Presidents -
  - Walter Hedstrom
  - Blake Jones
- Missionaries:
  - Philippines:
    - R.G and Sarah Hutchison
    - Pray for Pastor Rolando Comilang who is battling bone cancer. Brother Rolando pastors and teaches in the Shepherd's College.
  - Pray for Mexico
    - Brennan and Ivon Muir - Muirs are traveling in Mexico this week and appreciate your prayers.
  - Paul and Esther T r o y e r - in the Asian Highlands.

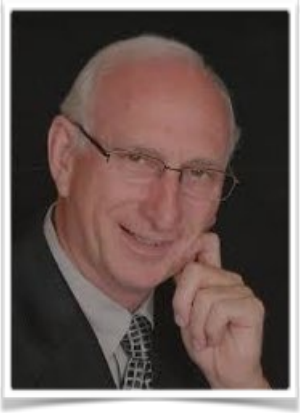


Conference:

- Pray for Heartland Conference as we seek the Lord's face for another Conference President next June.
- Pray for Beulah Grove as work progresses toward the RV Park.
- Pray for the church at Moberly, MO as they search for a pastor.
- Pray for Henry and Jan Miller. Henry faces serious surgery on his neck in late February.
- Pray for Mark Cravens. He totaled a rental car on his way to indoor camp in Ada, Alabama
- Pray for Cordell Eckert and Paul and Jennifer. Cordell has some more heart issues.
- Pray for Ruth Hooker. She has pneumonia and is in rehab.

Please pray for Pastor Baker and Voice of Victory, Waynesfield, Ohio during your pastoral prayer Sunday morning.

Personal:



Last Saturday was occupied with the Special Session of Conference. The Executive Committee met early. A sizable group gathered for the tasty brunch prepared by Mike Pennellatore. Dr. Keaton challenged us from the Word of God and we had an extended time of prayer. Following the prayer, the conference discussed the business of nominations and chose to not send names to Annual Conference. Following the Conference the Executive Committee met for some other business.

Saturday evening Melba and I drove to McDonald, Pennsylvania. We were hosted by Pastor and Mrs. David Hamer. Sunday we gathered for worship and enjoyed meeting some new people and worshipping with the congregation. After Sunday dinner we drove home.

Left: Dr. James Keaton speaking at Franklin.

Right: Sams with Pastor and Mrs. Hamer at McDonald, PA

Thoughts:

Sunday is Pray Around the World. May the Lord meet with you as you gather with other Believers and intercede for each Regional Conference, each mission field, and Connectional Leadership. Our strength and focus will be in direct relation to our willingness to seek the face of the Lord Jesus. It is so easy to assume we can do Kingdom work relying on our wisdom, strength and management. The fact is those tools are valuable, but it is the power of the Word and the strength of the Spirit that equips the church to do her ministry.

May the Lord give us the wisdom, fortitude and strength to create in our churches a culture of prayer, holiness and evangelism. By praying, as Paul wrote, *"without ceasing"* and again as Paul reminds us to *"offer our selves a sacrifice … acceptable to God"* we can participate in a culture that is prayer driven and centered on Christlikeness. That being real, active evangelism will flow from our lives and churches.

Special Session of Conference:

Saturday, January 21, 2017 some 50 Conference delegates (Elders, Conference Preachers and Laymen) along with some interested friends gathered at the church in Franklin for the Special Session of Conference.

After a devotional by Dr. James Keaton and extended time of prayer, the meeting was called to order. The matter for discussion was whether this session should send nominations for Conference President to Annual Conference. After extended discussion the body voted 18 yes and 24 no regarding a motion whether nominations would be sent. The motion obviously failed.

We also discussed the possibility of preparing material for future transitional process. The Conference was asked to submit thoughts that the Executive and Annual Conference may use for formulation of transition policy.

Minutes of the Conference will be mailed in the next few weeks to each Pastor, Elder and Conference Preacher. My deepest thanks to each person who attended, prayed, and participated in this important time in the life of the Conference.