



Things to Pray About for our Local Churches

As you prepare yourself for this time of prayer, first spend some time focusing on the Lord. Remember His attributes that are meaningful to you and worship Him for it. Ask Him to show you His glory that you might live to glorify Him. Invite Him to work in your life and pray for His glory and Kingdom to grow in you, through you, and through our church. You may also want to spend some time confessing sin to Him, thanking Him for the forgiveness and grace that we have in Christ.

If you run out of things to pray about during your 30 minutes, pray for boldness and power in ministry in a general way. There may be people in our church that you want to pray for - do that. There may also be people you know, love, or live among who don't know Jesus - pray for their salvation. Ultimately, we want to pray that God would be glorified and that His kingdom would grow, so pray as He leads you. Pray for His Spirit to move in us and through us and pray that we would have open minds and ready hearts to follow Him as He leads.

Thank you for joining us in this.

Pastor Matt

Invitations to pray were sent out to most local churches. The following six churches responded. In addition to praying for them specifically, please:

- Pray that Bible believing, Christ loving churches would exemplify love and unity.
- That the Lord would bring peace and direction to staff and elders.
- Pray that the hearts and commitment of the believers in the community would turn back to God.
- Pray that Sunday morning would be a sacred time in Chilliwack. When the Lord is truly worshipped and honoured.
- Pray that churches would bless each other and never compete with one another.

1. **Central Community Church**

For their vision to reach the eastern Fraser Valley with the gospel — It's a prayer for revival & a desire to do our part along with other Jesus & people-loving churches in the valley.

That their congregation would grow to be deep disciples of Jesus — you can pray for our School of Ministry to that end. Courses that seek to equip God's people for life and ministry.

For the Care & Counseling Ministry that seeks to provide gospel-shaped care to our church and city.

Pray for their congregation to respond to the call to take their next step with Jesus this Fall.

That in addition to preaching and believing the gospel, we would embody a gospel culture in our church.

Pray for wisdom, enthusiasm, generosity, and understanding as they discern next steps for facilities and service times to accommodate growth.

2. Crossroads Community church

They want to serve young families better by hiring a part-time children and family pastor but are not having any luck finding someone for that position. Pray for a great candidate for that position to be provided and brought on board.

3. Mainstreet Church

Mainstreet is opening a new Main Street Church campus in Hope. Renovations on the building they purchased are just beginning, and they are hoping to start ministry there in November.

Pray that the renovations go smoothly. Pray also for the new pastoral couple that was hired as they prepare to lead the campus; and most of all, that God would use this new campus to make a mighty impact in the city of Hope.

4. Northview - Chilliwack

Pray for their biggest request right now: A permanent home. They have been looking, and continue to look, for a building or land they could purchase/lease that would allow them to plant roots in the Sardis/Garrison area. "If you could join us in praying for that, we would be deeply grateful!"

5. Sardis Community Church

They continue to walk alongside more and more mothers who are parenting alone, often victims of intimate partner violence. There are often many, many families on waitlists to access their programs. The situations and experiences of these women are often overwhelming; pray for strength and endurance for their volunteers and facilitators to journey well with them. Pray that domestic violence and abuse would end in our city, and that these families would experience the love and safety of Jesus in a beautiful and powerful way.

They also continue to see a significant increase in vulnerable people accessing their food closet and baby hampers. Pray that they would not only meet their physical needs but also that Jesus would bring healing to every area of their lives.

6. Yarrow Alliance Church

Lots of new things are going on at YAC! They have just brought on a new Lead Pastor – Jamie Fox. Please pray for a smooth transition to his leadership and that he would have divine wisdom to discern the way forward. Pray that God would open his eyes to the strengths and needs of their church and their community. Their Youth group is kicking off again after having no youth ministry for a year. Pray for a strong kickoff and effective youth ministry going forward.

They also ask for prayer over Jamie's first major preaching series (in Mark's gospel) starting after Labour Day. Pray that the Spirit of God would use those teaching times to bless, challenge and inspire.

7. Alliance Churches in BC

Two of our sister churches have had to deal with fires recently:

Surrey Alliance had a fire that tore directly through the main sanctuary's roof and south wall. The rest of the building's regular worship space suffered extensive water and smoke damage from the firefighting efforts, and while downstairs areas like the Fireside Room are safe enough for minor use, the congregation faces major questions and challenges as it considers how to do ministry in the near and distant future.

Vernon Alliance had a fire that destroyed their offices and hall. Like Surrey Alliance, they now have huge complications for ministry in the coming months and beyond. Water and smoke damage may have affected much of the rest of the building.

Pray for wisdom in how to proceed, where to meet, and how to do ministry. Pray for funding and vision for the future. Pray that these churches will band together in this difficult time and that the hand and will of God would be evident as they walk through these difficult times.