

2018 Prayer Guide – E-Free Church

Children’s Ministry

- Children will have open hearts and minds as they hear God’s Word.
- Children will be able to see how they fit into God’s BIG story and find their worth in Christ.
- Parents will desire to have God-conversations at home.
- God will raise up this next generation to be passionate disciples for Christ.
- The Holy Spirit will call more volunteers to serve in children’s ministry.

Youth Ministry

- Pray that God’s Word transforms us from the patterns of the world by renewing our minds so that we may discern God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will.
- Pray that we remain united, abiding in love for Jesus and one another, and for those whom we seek to reach for Christ's love.
- Pray that our teens keep following Jesus, and share Christ's love with their peers.
- May guests and friends be at ease and feel welcome here.
- We dedicate the E-Free Youth Group to the Lord. May they know how valuable and important they are to the church.

Communications

- Seeking to build a team of volunteers in 2018, and prayers for the right people to join this team.
- Effective communication methods within the church body.
- Communications to the local community would be effective and reflect Jesus’ love.

Group Ministry & FIT (First Impressions Team)

- New group leaders and coordinators (ex. communication, recruitment, etc.).
- The groups will be actively making disciples [not just connecting people].
- Group leaders will be authentic shepherds caring for group members.

- That groups are effective in caring and encouraging each other.
- Groups are serving together on a regular basis.
- Additional volunteers (door greeters, welcome center hosts, ushers, etc.).
- That we continue to make our guests and regulars feel warmly welcomed.
- We encounter more guests this coming year and they would see God's love through our volunteers.

Staff and Elders

- Guidance from the Holy Spirit for direction and decisions.
- Continued camaraderie and good working relationships.
- Good time management skills, especially in busy seasons.
- For an additional pastor in the future, that God would guide the church to the best person.
- For staff members' and elders personal relationships with Jesus.

Serving Locally and Globally

- More people serving in our community in 2018 than ever before.
- Those serving to develop a heart for each other and the lost people in Bloomington-Normal.
- The many teams that will travel locally and well as throughout the year in 2018.
- For more families and small groups to serve together.
- For more people to come into a relationship with Jesus for the first time because of the ministry and people of E-Free.

FORWARD Campaign

- For E-Free to be excited and inspired as we plan for the future of our church.
- For our third pastor in the future, that God would guide the church to the best person.
- For filling the gap to reach the next generation with the message of Christ.
- Successfully equip more people from E-Free to serve others in our community and around the world.

- Financial stability; that the funds would come in to accomplish the church's vision and mission.

Worship/Creative Arts/Tech Ministry

- That we would continue to grow in creating Sunday morning worship experiences that draw people closer to God.
- That we would find new creative ways to support the message of Christ that will speak to people in new and fresh ways.
- That our Sunday morning services would be a place where new believers can experience God for the first time (make first time decisions for Christ) and long-time believers can connect with God and deepen their relationships with Him.
- That the current ministry leaders and volunteers would be renewed and excited by and for their work, and that new volunteers would rise up and step into the worship/creative arts/tech ministry to fill needs in all areas.

Staff Personal Prayer Guide

Director of Children's Ministry, Dawn Summers

- Dawn will inspire and encourage volunteers in their serving.
- Dawn will be a servant leader and be actively involved in the lives of the volunteers and children.

Director of Youth Ministry, Rob Quinton

- May Rob lead his team of ministry volunteers wisely with grace, and empower them for ministry.

Director of Small Groups, Jeanie Fields

- That God will help Jeanie to be clear thinking and wise in her leadership. That her enthusiasm, attitude, and work will be God honoring, glorifying, and contagious.

Communications Director, Laura Sackett

- Give Laura wisdom to balance work/family life.
- Give Laura a hunger for God's Word.
- Give Laura wisdom in building an effective communications team at E-Free.

Family & Administrative Pastor, Pastor Brett

- To be steadfast in seeking closeness with Jesus.
- That I would regularly seek God's guidance with big-picture issues and daily decisions.
- That I would reach my professional goals of becoming a fantastic leader and an excellent communicator.

Senior Pastor, Pastor Rick

- That Rick would stay close to Jesus.
- Wisdom and discernment in leading the staff and the church well.
- Balance of family and work life.
- Wisdom in setting the church up for the next decade to live out the vision and mission of Serving, Reaching, and Growing others in Christ more effectively than ever.

Operations Manager, Karen Estes

- That Karen would continue to lead her teams well, use the gifts God has given her and be a good example.
- That Karen would continue to grow in her own personal walk.