

**“If You build it, they will come...**

**....If you prepare a place, I will come...”**

### My “YES”

- Required full obedience
- Obedience lead to sacrifice
- Sacrifice lead to building a resting place for Him
- Resting place...He came
- People came... they encountered His presence!

### Fruit

- My life forever changed
- Relationships- people make the difference
- Intimacy
- Ministry Connections
  - Local- more prayer & worship across city
  - State- ATD hosts
  - Nation- David’s Tent DC
- Growth & Expansion

### No Regrets

- Just do it!!!

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## What does it look like to build the House of Prayer?

### HOUSE OF PRAYER ...WHAT IS IT?

- Term synonymous with rebuilding the Tabernacle of David (TOD)
- Amos 9:11 and Acts 15:15-17
- Prophet Isaiah Ch. 56:7-8

***Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of Prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.***

- Jesus said in Matt: 21:13,

***And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called A house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.’”***

*“Oftentimes when you think of ‘house of prayer’, it really leans to being a house of intercession. It’s a place where we contend. It’s a place where we pray into God’s burdens...we contend for moves of God in our day, and I would applaud that and say ‘yes’, that’s a part of being in relationship with God, but it’s not the definitive part. House of prayer is a group of people that do intercede, but a house of prayer is not necessarily defined by intercession, it’s defined by relationship”- Michael Miller~Upper Room*

## House of Prayer (HOP)

- Place of connection
- Accessible- NO VEIL
- Partnership
  - Between God & man
  - Between worship and intercession
    - Worship- agreement with who God is and is expressed by declaring the truth of God
    - Intercession- agreement with what God promises to do and is expressed by declaring His will

## HOP @ POTTER’S HOUSE

- Partnership with God to rebuild TOD
  - Through worship and intercession
  - Spending time with Him will help us to know who He is and know His will.
  - He wants to plant His heavenly pattern in our hearts deeper
- We will see Acts15:15-17 fulfillment as we make a resting place for the King  
*‘...so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD,’* Great Commission fulfilled
- He wants us and He is worthy and WILL receive the reward of all He paid for!

Romans 8:22-27- creation is groaning; we are groaning waiting on the adoption of our body. What then do we pray? He makes intercession for us with groanings too. He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

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## House of Prayer Expressions

Find a HOP: [www.houseofprayerhub.com](http://www.houseofprayerhub.com) (Matthew Lilley)

185 across the USA

11 known in Ohio that host multiple public prayer meetings every week

### **4 ACTIVE HOP in Columbus**

- Antioch HOP- Garden City (3 locations)
- Columbus HOP- Oasis of Love
- Faith Hope Love HOP
- Hope City HOP

- Prayer Groups
- Prayer Ministries
- Local Church with Prayer Focus
- ***A Praying Church***
- Other Expressions
  - Campus Ministries- Priscilla Wan & Brian Williams @ OSU
  - City-Wide Prayer Center- single location Prayer Works Ft.Wayne IN
  - Missions Base- 50% of budget. Fire on altar #1. TPRDFW
  - Cross Culture
    - Prisons watches (Argentina & South Africa)
    - Prayer Towers- Indonesia
    - Tribes w/ dedicated prayer huts (remote locations)
    - Prayer mountains- South Korea
    - HOP cell churches- underground church in China

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## **Potter's House Expression- Our DNA**

### ***A Praying Church***

Organizational Commitment

Consistency

Volunteer Roles

- Gatekeeper
- Intercessor
- Singer/Musician
- ProPresenter

Simple Model

- Flowing out of '21 Days of Prayer & Worship' Model
- 2 Hours (except WED)
- Extended times of corporate worship, prayer & personal devotion
- Different daily prayer target

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## **Levels of Engagement**

- Visitor
  
- Watchman
  
- Volunteer
  
- Staff & HOP Leader

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## A Watch/Prayer Set-Brief Overview

### **Who?**

- Everyone & anyone
- The Worthy One!

### **What?**

- Atmosphere of enjoyable prayer
- Ministry to the Lord; Declare His Truth and His Will

### **When?**

- MON: 6-8PM
- TUES: 8-10AM
- WED:6-7PM (Main Sanctuary)
- THURS: 11AM-1PM
- FRI: 6-8PM

### **Where?**

- PHSM - Year 2 Room
- Outside entrance accessibility- signs

### **Why?**

- Simply because HE IS WORTHY!

### **PH Model**

- Flowing out of '21 Days of Prayer & Worship' Model
- WL:~30 mins of worship
- PL:~5-7 mins Scripture reading & praying
  - Points to person of Jesus
  - Magnificence of God
- WL:~75 mins of worship
- PL: Last 15 mins Scripture reading
  - Prayer Target & Corporate Prayer

**“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards (watchmen) stand (watch) guard in vain” Psalm 127:1(NIV) “All this,” David said, “I have in writing as a result of the LORD’s hand on me, and he enabled me to understand all the details of the plan.” David also said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the works for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. The divisions of the priests and Levites are ready for all the works on the temple of God, and every willing person skilled in any craft will help you in all the works. The officials and all the people will obey your every command.” 1 Chron. 28:19-21 (NIV)**

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## **VOLUNTEERS**

### Gatekeeper

- “Manager on duty” overseeing the prayer room during a set

### Intercessor

- Prayer Leader (PL) during a set

### Singer/Musician

- Worship Leader (WL) that sings or plays an instrument (or both) during a set

### ProPresenter

- Run the screens with lyrics, Bible verses, and prayer targets during a set

It is important to note, that while you may “take a watch”, you may not be serving that day in one of the above Volunteer roles. But anytime a volunteer comes when they are not assigned, we must LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

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## **Ways to Engage: Worship & Word**

- **WORSHIP:** Sing, kneel, stand, raise your hands, sit...just engage your heart fully and minister to Him
- **WORD:** Bring your Bible, journal, pen, highlighters, study helps
- **READ IT:** Read your Bible. See what phrases jump out to you and pray them back to the Lord.
- **WRITE IT:** Pick a Bible verse to journal. Write it out several times, write it as a prayer in your own words.
- **SAY IT:** Quietly read the Scriptures out loud to yourself
- **SING IT:** Feel free to sing along with the worship songs, or sing Scriptures on your own. He loves this!
- **PRAY IT:** Pray through the Bible. For example: Read a scripture then ask the Lord for deeper revelation or grace to walk it out.
  
- **POTTER’S HOUSE PRAYER GUIDE- PRAY FIRST**  
*Biblical Models of Prayer*  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
**TABERNACLE PRAYER**  
**PRAYING SCRIPTURE**  
**THE PRAYER OF JABEZ**  
**WARFARE PRAYERS**  
**PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO NEED GOD**  
**PERSONAL PRAYERS**
  
- **PRAYERS THAT AVAIL MUCH** by Germain Copeland  
*Book of Scriptural Prayers*

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## Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities

- See separate handout- "Gatekeeper, Intercessor, Singer/Musician, ProPresenter"

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## General Do's and Don'ts

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| Do's   | Don'ts  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Worship</li><li>○ Read/Study the Word</li><li>○ Make a prayer list</li><li>○ Pray in the Spirit</li><li>○ Pray over requests on board</li><li>○ Memorize Scripture</li><li>○ Journal</li><li>○ Meditate on an attribute of His Character</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Not time for personal ministry</li><li>○ Don't surf the internet</li><li>○ Take / make calls</li><li>○ Don't distract others</li><li>○ Don't draw attention to yourself in worship</li><li>○ Don't work on other things</li></ul> |

## Prayer Room Etiquette

- No outside instruments
- No food; drinks must have lid
- Conversations should be kept to minimum
- Group prayer: we ask you not to organize small groups praying during a watch unless directed by PL
- Personal ministry should go out in the hall
- Enjoy the space! Make yourself comfortable but be respectful
- No bare feet please 😊 Help us maintain high standards of health and sanitation

