



The prayer room is coming. Furnishings are in and the Prayer Action Team is filling it with resources that will inspire and facilitate prayer. Next Sunday, we will have a sign-up table. We hope to sign up at least 40 people to use the room one hour a week for a month beginning September 5th.

Why do we need a prayer room?

In *The 24-7 Prayer Manual* Peter Greig and David Blackwell give the following reasons for establishing a prayer room:

- ❖ **The Holy Spirit can fill a place** as well as a person (Acts 2:2)
- ❖ **The sense of God's presence** after many hours of prayer makes prayer easier and the time pass much more quickly. Many people have reported that in the prayer room one hour feels like ten minutes, whereas at home ten minutes of prayer often feels more like an hour!
- ❖ **Our culture is looking for holy places**-locations of sanctuary and spirituality that rarely equate in the postmodern imagination with a regular Sunday morning "church" gathering.
- ❖ **Creativity:** Creative and unusual environments can be highly conducive to prayer. The prayer room enables people to pray nonverbally by posting artwork, poetry, and graffiti on the wall. The environment can be designed artistically to stimulate and direct prayer.

- ❖ **Accountability:** The room provides accountability—a place where people have to turn up—and this ensures a constant flow, as one prayer shift hands the baton to the next. Visiting the room is like a mini-pilgrimage.
- ❖ **Community:** A shared location provides a strong sense of being part of a community carrying each other's burdens, as well as celebrating breakthroughs together.
- ❖ **Outreach:** Evangelistically the prayer room is excellent. Non-Christians have often sat in such places to pray, and some have said that they can feel God's presence. As we noted earlier, people who don't want to be preached at may still like to be prayed for. "A Prayer Room helps a church look beyond itself, motivating it to unleash prayer power for the unsaved, the community, the nation, the church's missionaries, and the world" (J. Vander Griend).

Day Captains Needed

The Prayer Action Team is currently looking for individuals to serve as day captains. Day captains will help give encouragement and accountability to those signed up to pray. They will check attendance and make sure that the room is in order and equipped with necessary supplies.

If you would like to serve as a day captain, contact Pastor Bill: ph. 841-7022x710

