**Prayer Night Vision Doc**

**Updated: June 2022**

**Overall Vision for Prayer Night:**

Helping people seek God first by hosting an opportunity for prayer outside of the weekend service.

**Goals for Prayer Night:**

* Build a culture of Pray First
* Support the vision and goals of 21 Days of Prayer (see below) throughout the year by providing an opportunity to collectively go to God first in prayer at each campus
* Focus on seeking God in prayer as the experience

**Measurable Goal:**

* 40-50 people at each Prayer Night

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*21 Days of Prayer Vision:*

As a church we come together to seek God first through prayer in January and August through 21 Days of Prayer. These two months are intentional, as they begin new seasons of the year and we are trusting God to accomplish great things, not on our own efforts. Together, we trust in his power alone to create a lasting impact in our lives, our church, and our world.

*21 Days of Prayer Goals:*

* As a church, we want to cultivate a culture of #PrayFirst
  + Prayer is not the last thing we do, it’s the first thing we do
* To help people refresh and refocus on their relationship with Jesus and the mission God is inviting each of us to be a part of
* Inviting and equipping people into the habit, or spiritual discipline, of prayer so that they have the opportunity to Know God more

**Strategy:**

* During 21 Days of Prayer, all campuses host Prayer Night on the first Monday of 21 Days of Prayer to serve as kick-off to that season from 7-8pm
* Outside of 21 Days of Prayer, campuses select the consistent and strategic time they will host Prayer Night monthly.
  + Central will not be able to schedule around this time for DreamTeam or Hub Events but campuses will always have months ahead to determine how to handle those instances
* Campuses are welcome to add additional prayer opportunities to the monthly Prayer Night including a morning session, prayer groups meeting, prayer during the weekend service with the DreamTeam, etc..

**Roles:**

* Central: Accountable and Responsible for providing vision, strategy, equipping (including providing focus for teaching on prayer and/or ties to weekend service with prayer)
* Campuses: Responsible to provide input on vision and strategy, including content, executing program plan with life and energy, and providing evaluation
* DreamTeam: Prayer DreamTeam is invited to play a role in executing Prayer Night, depending on team gifting, talents, size, etc..

**Programming**

This will be provided monthly through in PCO, but the basic outline is:

* Welcome/Opening
* Equipping/teaching on prayer
* 1 Worship song to bring people into a posture of prayer
* Worship music plays behind prayer time around campus
* Lead group through corporate prayer

**Promotion/Communication Plan**

* Part of CedarCreek.tv/prayer page
* Strategic weekend announcement as available
* Weekend huddle
* Weekend slide loop

Also suggest:

* Personal social media outlets of campus staff members
* Personal social media of DreamTeam Prayer team members (as comfortable)
* Include in campus staff email to their DreamTeam

**FAQ:**

**When will this go into effect?**

September 2022.

**Can campuses change the date?**

Yes, they can shift the date and evening start time at the start of semesters. We would recommend keeping changes to less than once a year to keep is simple, consistent and strategic.

**Will we do check-in?**

Not for now but would ask campuses to post an attendance number like we do for the weekend, and it may be added in the future.

**Will we offer coffee or hospitality?**

This is up to each campus, but the goal is to build the culture of pray first, and keep the focus on prayer. It’s one hour, in and out. We want to keep this simple and focused.

**How will we know it “worked”?**

The win is to have an experience that is not high staff energy but is high spiritual impact, with the measurable goal of 40-50 people at each gathering.