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We link arms as a whole church this week to seek God for ourselves, our friends, and our neighbors. Whether you've participated in more than a few of Second Mile's weeks of prayer and fasting or this is your first one, remember we are in this together. God loves his church and it pleases him when we seek him wholeheartedly in unity.

Please keep in mind this is not a quick-look book. If you engage and press in, the Holy Spirit will stretch you, guide you, and strengthen you as you labor in prayer. Be encouraged, for when you do not know what to pray, the Spirit himself sustains us in prayer.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8:26-27

As you pray this week, pray with hope and expectation. Remember that Jesus changes everything! He is our advocate. Abide in him.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7

Some of the prayers in this book you may find to be very challenging. You may not even *want* to pray them. If this attitude comes up during the week, begin with honest conversation with God. He already knows your heart, where you are in your journey, and how *he plans* to grow you this week. If you find yourself facing fear, apathy, rebellion, or even cynicism, tell God about it. Ask him to give you a willing heart to grow, learn, and change. He is a good, good Father.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Hebrews 12:12-13

Focus 1 / Walking in Freedom Finding Wholeness in the Goodness of God and His Word

Personal

Read 1 John 2:1-6

Begin this time of prayer by asking the Spirit to search your heart and reveal to you any areas of sin, lie-based thinking, or continual struggle from which you need release. Quiet your heart now and listen for an extended time.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17

Ask God to bring freedom to you in the areas of over-indulgence and selfishness, *the desires of the flesh*. What do you crave the most? Jesus, food, time on social media, Netflix, video games, sleep, recreation, pornography? Confess the cravings of your flesh and ask the Spirit to help you walk in freedom.

Pray for freedom in the area of discontentment, greed, and comparison, *the desires of the eyes*. Do you find yourself looking to the status, position, and possessions of others? Pray for the freedom to not think about yourself in comparison with others, and for the freedom to fix your gaze on the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ask God to free you from self-dependance, focus on achievement, and confidence in your intellect, beauty, talents, and possessions. Also, ask him to bring freedom in your life from self-loathing and self-pity which is false humility. *The pride of life* steals glory from God, the only one worthy of worship and adoration. Pray that he will give you freedom from these destructive patterns of thought. Spend some time in worship and prayer focused on his goodness and grace to you.

Pray for **the fruit of the Spirit** in your life to give you strength to run from the cravings that seek to destroy you.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:22-24

Second Mile

Last year's prayer book began with this: "Start this week of prayer and fasting by asking the Holy Spirit to open your heart in preparation for change. Ask Jesus to allow this week to change you." Looking back at 2015 the evidence is clear that it was a year of change.

How have you dealt with the change of a new building, of new community groups, of many new people, of new worship songs and style? Not all change is good for every person, but God uses all change to bring us to deeper dependance on him. Do you experience more freedom in your life today than you did last year at this time? What change did God bring about in you that has made you more like Jesus? What changes do you see in our church that God is using for good in your life, in others' lives, and in our city?

Pray for our church with intentionality. Ask the Spirit to lead your prayers during this time. Pray in these areas:

- Freedom in worship
- Freedom in community
- Freedom from comparison
- Freedom through God's word
- Freedom as a church to be who God wants us to be
- Freedom from self-reliance
- Freedom from greed
- Freedom in giving
- Freedom to link arms without fear or judgement
- Freedom to be continually thankful and continually prayerful
- Freedom to speak truth in love
- Freedom to receive rebuke

Through the years Second Mile has been a church grounded in the truth of God's word. We've worked our way through 16 books of the bible, the parables of Jesus, and many other series. One of the bricks of the foundation of our church is believing the Bible is the infallible word of God. He changes our lives with it. He builds his church with it. He draws people to himself with it.

Please pray that as the culture around us continues to grow deep in cynicism and relativism, we will grow in faith, hope, and love, that God's word will be living and active in our body, that truth and love will be spoken in our gatherings, in our community groups, and in relationships.

Chad will soon begin teaching through 1 and 2 Corinthians. Ask God to give him wisdom and insight as he studies and prepares. Pray that the Spirit would transform his life through God's word as he seeks to lead and teach Second Mile. Ask God to protect him and his family from the enemy who hates the truth and those who proclaim it.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:10-11

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Pray that our city would be captivated by the beauty and freedom found only in Christ.

Ask God to help your friends know and understand that Jesus is better, to find freedom through worldly pursuits through a relationship with him.

Pray for the people you see every day. Pray for each of them by name. Ask God to help you *believe* that he wants to save them. Pray for them to know freedom in Christ. Pray for them to find freedom from debt, from regret, from loneliness, from apathy, from lack of awareness, from whatever plagues their heart and mind. Do not believe the lie that they are better off without Jesus. Jesus is better! Ask him to help you believe it! Ask God to give you boldness to speak up on his behalf and to share Jesus with them in truth and love. Pray this prayer with action, and then seek to obey when he gives you the opportunity to open your mouth because he *will* give it to you.

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 1 John 5:1

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Focus 2 / Walking in the Light Finding Joy in Sharing the Light of Life with Others

Personal

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 5:1

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. Psalm 56:13

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Spend time reflecting on what you confessed and repented of yesterday. Rejoice that Jesus whole purpose is to take away sin! A product of being God's child is that we are not slaves. Our identity is Christ, not guilty, pure, free! Worship and thank him now.

*If you know that **he is righteous**, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. 1 John 2:29*

*And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as **he is pure**. 1 John 3:3*

*You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and **in him there is no sin**. 1 John 3:5*

Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to walk in the light, to help you have a personal and dynamic relationship with Jesus, to abide in him.

Pray that you will find peace, hope, and joy in the fact that he sees you as not guilty, and that this reality will lead you to press into the process of sanctification (becoming more and more like Jesus).

Spend time contemplating what it means to be a bright, illuminated person.

Ask God to help you be an encouragement to those in your life to live righteously. Pray for your community. Pray that God will fill your life with people who speak truth to you in love, and that he will enable you be a person who speaks truth in love. Pray that as you walk in the light together, God will use the bright illumination of your group to draw people to himself.

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Second Mile and Tucson

To Radically Amplify Jesus through Cultural Engagement

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

"Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter." Charles Spurgeon

Take time today to observe your part of our city. Go to public spaces, a coffee shop, a park, a restaurant, take the bus, or stand in a busy store and look at the people. Ask the Holy Spirit to quiet your heart and teach you a new way to pray for our city. Be still and listen.

Ask God to use the circumstances of the people's lives to lead them to His glory.

Pray that Second Mile would be a place of radical love, grace, purity, excellence, patience, selflessness, that we would be a family marked by righteousness.

Ask God to make our church aware of how we can be a light in our city. Pray that we would be a church of action in mission. Ask God to give each person in our church the heart of a missionary, to impassion and embolden us to open our mouths with the light of the gospel.

Pray that the Spirit of God will sweep through our city with his power to draw people to himself.

Ask God to push back the dark forces of evil in our city with the light of Christ through his church.

Pray that God will use his beautiful creation to draw people to himself, that they would not be blinded by creation, but that creation would point to the light of our Creator.

Pray that God will use his Church (all the churches) in our city to reach people with gospel. Pray the Church in Tucson would be unified in purpose

and vision, that the differences in each body would enable more and more people to find Jesus.

Ask God to use our expression of his body to be a great light in this city and among the nations. Ask him to allow us to see many people (your friends) come to know him this year.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

Focus 3 / Walking in Love and Hospitality Finding Purpose in Opening Our Lives to Others

Personal

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34

Pray that your life would be overcome by the Spirit in these ways:

- Be amazed at your ability to forgive
- Delight in the uniqueness of people
- Love others deeply and grieve over sin
- Live with sacrifice as a norm
- Feel overjoyed by Jesus and the gospel
- Able to accept, love, value, and forgive yourself

Pray that you will know the fullness of God and to know the fullness of what it means to engage with God's people. Pray that you will first love God, then love your brothers and sisters in Christ, and then love others who don't yet know Jesus.

Ask God to help you allow yourself to be loved by others. Pray that you will open yourself up to love and be loved in return. Ask God to give you the humility, grace, and belief that he made you worthy of being loved.

Consider our core value Mission. "As the church, we must influence with hearts that are filled with love, serve with hands filled with care, and engage the worldview of others with truth filled grace."

Ask God to make you a person who **influences** others with a heart filled with love, that you will **serve** with hands filled with care, that you will **engage** with the worldview of your friends and family with truth-filled grace. Pray that your life will be marked by radical hospitality. Ask God to give you continued insight, or brand new insight, about with whom you should engage, and ask him to overwhelm you with love for them.

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Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 1 John 3:11

Turn to the appendix and read through the "one anothers" found in scripture. Let the words soak into your heart and mind. Allow the Holy Spirit to highlight a few for you to pray for Second Mile.

In addition to what you have already prayed, ask God to help us love each other with brotherly affection, to open our hearts wide to each other, to feel tender affection and longing for goodness for each other. Pray that wholeness would come to individuals in our body through Jesus-centered love for one another.

Ask God to make our church a place of healing antiseptic to hurting hearts.

*That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1: 3*

Koinonia/fellowship is a close relationship involving mutual interests and sharing; an attitude of good will making clear the closeness of relationship and acts of generosity and hospitality; the bond created through brotherly and sisterly love; the act of being "all in" as a member of the body of Christ.

Pray that the people of Second Mile would experience genuine joy through true fellowship/*koinonia*. Pray that we will not love our *idea* of community more than we love our *actual* community.

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Pray that as we love and show hospitality to each other, we will be compelled to love and show hospitality to those who don't yet know Christ.

Pray that we will know our neighbors, that we will take the initiative, that we will not procrastinate or be lazy in relationships, and that we will pursue extended times of conviviality with people in our city. (Conviviality means to live a life of celebration through extended times at the table with good food, good conversation, and good friends; sharing and engaging with one another through a celebratory atmosphere.)

Ask God to give us good ideas and follow through with ways to use El Centro for hospitality in the neighborhood and in our city as a whole (example, Fall Family Fun) Pray that out of our heart for hosting others in such a way that honors Jesus our church will grow in maturity, in numbers, and in influence.

Pray that Second Mile would show hospitality to others in such a way that the greatness of God is highlighted and the dignity of people is esteemed.

Meditate on and pray through this passage:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:7-12

Focus 4 / Walking in the Obedience of Stewardship Finding Contentment in the Wholeness of Giving and Receiving

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.” C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 1 John 5:3-4

For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. 3 John 7-8

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. Psalm 24:1

Ownership

Ask yourself these simple questions:

- Do I view everything I have as given to me by God?
- Am I a generous person?
- Do I spend the majority of my time accomplishing personal goals or do I actively observe the needs around me and seek to meet those needs?

Ask God to lay bare the condition of your heart. Pray that he would reveal to you how you spend your time, your gifts and talents, and your resources (finances and relationships.)

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the capacity to adjust your priorities.

Responsibility

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Pray that the Holy Spirit would develop you into a person who sows bountifully. If you are a Covenant Member of Second Mile are you regularly giving? If not, why not? Repent and ask God to forgive you. Ask Jesus to renew within you a heart of humble stewardship.

Everyone should actively engage in God's mission. Everyone should sacrificially give. Everyone should learn and understand their spiritual gifting and actively use it for the building up of the church. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you evidence of your spiritual gifts. Ask God to make plain to you how to use this gifting for the sake of the gospel.

Accountability

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Pray that God would give you insight into holy financial management, strategic planning, simplified living, and communal accountability. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you an image/vision of how to use the resources he has given you for the advancement of his kingdom.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:21

Ask Jesus to give you the discipline to serve his bride. The best place to start serving Second Mile is to begin to foster a habit of joyful giving. This includes your money, time, talent, and other resources.

Ask Jesus to bring to mind those in your inner circle who can motivate you, encourage you, and refine you toward the things of God. Take time this week to share what you are learning concerning stewardship. Confess to your spiritual family the areas in which you need help. Pray for accountability with teeth.

Reward

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Matthew 7:11

God longs for you to be in a place of joyful stewardship. Joyful stewardship requires action.

Pray specifically for the following needs. Ask God how you can specifically participate in meeting these needs.

El Centro has a long list of projects that need attention: Painting, rain gutter replacement, door and window replacement, updating and replacing electrical outlets, replacing and updating base boards, new street signage, updating the kitchen in order to better serve the community, major and complete remodeling of the bathrooms in the main building, just to name a few.

In addition to these needs, 2016 will be the year in which Second Mile transitions into full ownership of the property. We are praying for God to continue to wow us in how he is providing this space. We are praying for the exact timing and resources necessary to purchase the property and remain debt free.

Although El Centro creates great opportunities for our church body to serve, Second Mile is trusting God for other exciting ministry opportunities.

- Pray that God would provide the opportunity to hire another full time pastoral staff.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit's timing in the area of church planting.
- Ask Jesus to put the right pieces together for us to have a vibrant global partnership.
- Let us raise our hearts to a God who is eager to reach our city with the message and hope of Jesus. Pray that as people get fresh insight from God in how to penetrate the lostness of our city that effective teams would be organized and optimized. Pray for each ministry team to have people who are passionate about Executing, Influencing, Relationship Building, and Strategic Thinking (as discussed in Walking the Second Mile through Gallup's Strengthfinder.)

- Pray for new and fresh leaders and workers for Cord of Hope.
- Ask God to give us insight into the opportunities in our city to reach and serve the multiple refugee populations.
- Ask God to expand the influence of community groups. Ask that each community group would become a vein of vibrant mission engagement. Ask Jesus to strengthen relationships and to build new relationships between community groups and the neighborhoods in which they exist.
- Ask God to show our church what he would have us do next concerning missional engagement in our city and among the nations.
- Go back through this list and listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit on where *you* can serve, give, and engage.

SEEDS Community Center

SEEDS is in a season of transition. In many ways it is like a ship that has been pulled out of the water and put in dry dock. The structure, leadership, and implementation of vision is in a time of maintenance and waiting. All of the right things are in place and the foundation has been poured. SEEDS was created to work in tandem with Second Mile as an arm of mission serving our city. Starting, sustaining, and implementing these types of programs is difficult, slow, and demands a great deal of intentional time. Please pray for the future of SEEDS.

Pray for God's timing in what SEEDS has the potential to become.

Ask Jesus to raise up one or multiple leaders who are able to dedicate their passion and time to implement the vision of SEEDS.

Ask the Holy Spirit to equip a team of volunteers who are creative and action oriented.

Ask God to give you a glimpse of what he sees in Tucson.

Ponder the following questions.

How is Tucson becoming a better city because I live here?

How can I make a tangible difference?

How can I influence others to join me in loving my city?

Focus 5 / Walking in Support of Leadership Finding Unity as We Care for Our Leaders

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them. Psalm 78:72

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. Hebrews 13:17-18

Before you begin praying for leaders in Second Mile, ask God to search your heart and mind to reveal your posture towards the leadership of our church. Do you love the leaders? Do you pray for them consistently? As you pray for leaders, allow God to show you areas of your heart to be refined and shaped by him. The only way to embrace the intensity of obeying and submitting to leaders as shown in Hebrews 13:17 is to pray.

The most important prayer you can pray for our leaders: pray that each leader of our church will love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, that he would be their greatest affection. (Luke 10:27)

Pray that their capacity to love others will grow out of the overflow of how much they love God. Ask Jesus to equip them to love others with tender affection in word and deed.

Ask God to continue to give his vision for our church to our leaders, that they would be able to deny selfish ambition and vain conceit to humbly pursue God's will for their own lives and for our church.

Pray for the leaders to find rest for their souls in God, to lay the burdens of life at the feet of Jesus, to have the ability to take days off and rest their minds and bodies. Ask God to give the leaders of our church meaningful and rich friendships.

The Elders - John DeSoto, Nate Edwards, and Chad Haynes

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 1 Timothy 3:1

Pray that the elders will have an intense, dependent, vibrant, and continual relationship with Jesus. Pray that they will allow God's word to continue to

bring personal transformation. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to teach them to pray. Ask God to allow them to experience breathing in God's grace as consistently as they breath air in their lungs.

Pray for their families. Pray for peace, joy, depth, wisdom, and protection from the enemy. Ask God to provide good friendships and fellowship for their families.

Ask God to give them deep camaraderie and friendship with one another so that trust will continue to develop as they learn to shepherd and lead our church together.

Ask God to anoint them through the power of the Holy Spirit **to teach** the word with power, **to lead** well by equipping us to live transformed lives, **to model** holiness and radical hospitality, and **to pray** fervently.

Ask God to enable our body to love and trust our elders. Pray for yourself to love and trust John, Nate, and Chad.

The Staff - Angela DeSoto, Tori Einstein, Angel Haynes, and Chad Haynes

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. Hebrews 10:39

Pray for personal growth in Christ for each person on staff. Ask God to help them walk in the abundance and fullness of his love for them. Pray that they will love God's word, feel compelled to pray, be more dependent on the Holy Spirit than ever before, and that it wouldn't be burdensome, but joyful and exhilarating.

Ask God to give each person vision and clarity in their own area of ministry in our church. Pray for them as they invest in people and build teams. Pray that they would lead with humility, push into difficult conversations with Spirit-filled love and truth, and trust God in the process of life transformation for themselves and others.

Community Group Leaders - Curtis & Jenna Miles, Ben & Bonnie Bordner, John & Angela DeSoto, Luke & Jolene Safford, David & Britt Gouge, Andrew & Sarah Ling, Carter & Nicky Wingate, Dan & Erin Phillips, Matt & Susie Munsey

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

This is a vital leadership role in Second Mile. Community group leaders shepherd small groups of people in the day to day grind of life. As you pray for community group leaders in general, please pray specifically and earnestly for your community group leaders. If you are not in a community group, why not? Now is the time. No more excuses. Link arms with people in our church. Will it be difficult? Of course. But, it will also be worth the work. If you need to, go back to Focus 3 in this booklet and pray again for yourself about Walking in Love and Hospitality.

Pray that they will love God above all else, that they would seek a deep and meaningful relationship with Jesus and that loving others would come from the Spirit moving in their lives and not from selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Ask God to breathe refreshment into their lives. It can be exhausting leading a community group. Ask God to give you ideas to love and support your leaders, and then follow through in obedience.

Pray for security in Christ for the leaders as what it means to lead a community group becomes more defined and refined as our church grows. New systems and vision will grow as our church grows. Pray that each leader *will be grounded* in Jesus and have a heart to embrace *personal growth* as each group changes and grows.

Ask the Spirit to give wisdom and discernment as they mentor and invest in the people in their groups (as they invest in you.) Pray that each leader will see potential new leaders and will invest in them wisely and intentionally.

Ministry Leaders - children's coordinators, the arts, hospitality, worship, finance, administration, facility management, Cord of Hope, homeless ministry, etc.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:3-5

People in our church continue to step up to meet needs. As our church grows, each job becomes more complicated, and more needs arise. Ask God to put the right people in the right places of ministry and service. Ask him to equip the ministry leaders for every good work for his body.

Pray that every person serving in ministry leadership would find their significance in Christ and not in the praise of people. Pray for humble teachability, passion, and dedication. Ask God for more people to step up in leadership. Pray for disciplined commitment and against flakiness.

Church Planters - Luke & Jolene Safford

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Ask God to give Luke and Jolene patience. Patience to interpret and implement the vision God has given them for Tucson.

Pray that they would find clarity in partnership, peace in the everyday, and encouragement in relationships.

Ask Jesus to overwhelm the Safford's with an abundance of resources. Pray that Luke would find a job that is flexible, purposeful, and sustaining.

Pray for their kids, Ashtyn and Brock. Pray that they would develop good friendships at school and ask God to develop within them a heart for the people of Tucson.

Pray for the miracle of connection. Ask the Holy Spirit to connect the Safford's to the right people, in the right time, at the right place, with the right intentions, for the declaration of gospel truth.

Pray the truth of Philippians 1:6 and 1 Thessalonians 5:24 over the Safford family.

Future Leaders - What names would you add to this list? Someone in your group? A friend? Yourself?

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful [people] who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

Ask the Spirit of God to move through our body to tap people on the shoulder for leadership. Ask for sensitivity in those being nudged to listen and obey.

Several of our community groups are bulging at the seams. Pray for more leaders to step up in humility, to reject fear, pride, bitterness, and apathy. The enemy sells the lie of scarcity, that God will not give us what we need to do what he wants us to do. Pray that we will be a church that rejects the lie of scarcity and experientially know we serve the God of abundance. Ask him to help potential leaders believe that God *will* enable them to love, serve, and lead.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

As we seek to live out the core value of Mission in Second Mile, it will require people stepping out in faith and action. Ask Jesus to raise up leaders who know how to engage with others to accomplish his purposes.

Again, do not be surprised if you experience the Spirit showing you an area of need and opportunity. Respond to him. Share with a friend. Ask a few friends to join you in a holy adventure and do something. Don't just talk about doing something. Actually do it. Leaders allow God to lead them, then they lead themselves to action, and finally, they lead others to Jesus-honoring action.

Focus 6 / Walking in Gospel Partnership Finding Strength in Praying for Fellow Workers

*Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, **that we may be fellow workers for the truth.** 3 John 5-8*

Today as a church we will focus on praying for fellow workers who are serving and loving our city in the name of Jesus. Obviously this list is not exhaustive. Feel free to add those groups, organizations, and churches with whom you are acquainted. Second Mile has personal connections with the ones listed through relationships with members of our own body. Pray with intentionality, fervor, thankfulness, and love.

Please note these are requests made by each organization. Let us be a humble people who honors how God works in so many different ways in our city.

Arizona Baptist Children Services - <http://www.abcs.org> - Anna Babler, Bobby Bowman, Tori Einstein, Cheryl Hutchins, James Wiederstein

- Pray that God would raise up foster parents to help provide homes for the more than 18,000 children in care in Arizona, and that families would answer the call.
- Pray that children in the DCS system would feel God's love and comfort.
- Pray for the women visiting New Life Pregnancy Center considering abortion, that God would show them the value of the life they carry.

Emmanuel Baptist Church - <http://www.ebc-tucson.org> - Second Mile met at Emmanuel for one year prior to moving to El Centro. They blessed our church greatly. Let us continue to pray for them as they labor for the gospel.

- Our Celebrate Recovery team leaders, that they would have wisdom and compassion as they deal with the many needs of their groups.
- Pray for the Emmanuel elders, that they would experience unity in vision and execution of that vision.
- Pray for our Stewardship Team, that they would be wise in utilization of the resources with which God has entrusted Emmanuel.

Hands of Hope - www.handsofhopetucson.com - Sarah Cameron, Amanda Miller

- Pray for the Partners of HOH club at the University of Arizona. Pray for favor, courage, and passion.
- Pray that more and more clients will be open to hearing about Jesus.
- HOH will be hosting a 5K event in March. Pray that it will generate awareness, interest, funding, and continue to cultivate a culture of valuing life.

Break Down (an education division of Hands of Hope) - www.breakdowntucson.com - Alec & Sarah Cameron

- Pray for favor with schools in the Tucson area, that they would see the value of giving their students a message of hope.
- Pray that as Break Down recruits volunteers, they will find the right teens to be able to effectively minister to their peers.
- Pray that students in Tucson would begin to claim hope and make better choices because they know their lives/all life is valuable and worth fighting for.

Intervarsity - <https://www.facebook.com/InterVarsityUA/> - Brandon Hodge (Pima), Ivanna Harrison (U of A)

Pima IV ministry (LaFe):

- Pray for the 6 students who are part of LaFe's "New Student Outreach" team. Pray that they would boldly step into taking risks for the Kingdom movement at Pima, and that they will live lives of hospitality as we welcome new students into our familia.
- Pray for a field that is ripe for harvest, that both secular students and Latinos of faith would respond to Jesus' call to follow him. Pray that numerous students would say "yes" to Jesus for the first time this semester.
- Pray for favor with faculty and Student Life. Pray that new students would step up organizationally to help LaFe run smoothly as a recognized-club at Pima. Pray for partnership with other student organizations, especially to advance God's kingdom call to racial reconciliation, social justice, and sacrificial service.

U of A ministry:

- We are planting several new small group Bible studies this semester at UofA. Pray for the 10 students and 2 staff that are leading these new groups, that we would be full of the Holy Spirit, that we would go out in courage and that we'd see God transform the lives of the new people we will meet.
- Our chapter is also focusing on the theme of "Justice" during the next several weeks. Pray that our students enter into this series with humility, with a willingness to listen to the stories of others, and a willingness to enter into painful places to love others. Pray they would have a deeper and more full understanding of these truths: 1. The Gospel really is GOOD news even in the darkest of places 2. God truly is good and He is the God of justice 3. God is our only Hope and we cannot strive for justice without Him.

Navigators - <http://arizona.campusnavs.org> - Ryan and Ariel Mullarkey

- Pray that the students will find joy in seeing their identity as a disciple of Jesus.
- Out of this identity, pray that they will "still bear fruit in old age" by becoming lifelong laborers in whatever sphere God places them in. *They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green. Psalm 92:14*
- Ask God to give the staff wisdom to know where and how to best shepherd and lead the students.

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy - <http://prca.academy> - Scott Appleman, Ashley Ewing, John Weatherford

- Valuing Truth: pray that students would grow in their ability to see, love, and live in God's truth that does not depend on cultural trends or individual experiences.
- Defense from Perfectionism: pray that God would be a defender from the voices that cause young people to demand perfection of themselves, and instead focus on the hope found in trusting the God who redeems our brokenness.
- Meaning and Purpose: pray that young people would listen daily to God's will for their lives, and that they would experience all things working for their continued sharpening as difference makers and culture creators in the kingdom of God.

Tucson Refugee Ministry - <http://www.tucsonrefugeeministry.com> - The DeSoto Community Group

- Pray that refugees would hear the gospel of Jesus as the ministry seeks to connect refugees to local churches.
- Pray that they will partner well with refugee resettlement agencies to facilitate practical, tangible ways to connect followers of Jesus with refugees.
- Pray for wisdom as they generate ways for the people of Tucson to love and serve refugees.

Young Life Tucson - <https://tucson.younglife.org> - Loretta Alvarez, Haley Haynes

- Pray that God would raise up more leaders to reach kids in Tucson. Pray for YL staff. Ask to provide financially, and to help them lead their leaders work with a committee.
- Pray that leaders would be rooted deep in their relationship with Christ and connected to a local church.
- Ask God to open doors with more schools and to be at work in the hearts of the kids of Tucson so they are ready to hear the gospel at club.

Answers to Prayer

God hears and answers our prayers. He says yes, no, and wait, and we trust his goodness and direction in our church. Please add how God answered your prayers to this list. Thank him for what he did in and through us in 2015.

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

“Sincerity does not bring answers. Faith will accept that God’s will is best, and it will trust even when it does not understand.” Chad Haynes

- El Centro - We started praying for a building in the beginning of Second Mile (2004.) Last year we asked God to allow 2M to be the church that continues the legacy of Rosemont Community Church in sharing Jesus with our city. God said yes to our years of prayers for our own space!
 - Throughout the process Chad met (and continues to meet) with Ted who oversees the board of trustees that manages the property. They developed a friendship with kindred hearts to see the Rosemont Community Church building used to reach the next generation.
 - January - The covenant members prayed about this decision, and the response was a confident sense to move forward.
 - February - We held our first worship experience in the building on Super Bowl Sunday with communion and musical worship. Many people joyfully toured and dreamed about the use of the facility.
 - March - We had our first of many workdays.
 - April - The contract was signed.
 - Summer remodel (for which we didn't go into debt!) - So many people literally put their blood, sweat, and tears into making the space our own.
 - Summer - We decided to call our new space El Centro instead of 'the church' as a reminder that *the people* are the church. We want the building to be used as a center for sending out and gathering in for the glory of God.
 - August 2nd - Our first official gathering in our new space.
- Our first Sunday at El Centro resulted in Cliff giving his life to Jesus! It was a huge step of faith for him to walk into a church building. God changed his life and reminded us that he wants to draw people to himself. What a great way to christen our new space!
- Financial giving again exceeded our budget. The savings we accumulated over Second Mile's first 10 years financed the renovations for our new facility. As we transition our budget to be more extensive, we trust God will build a wise and gifted finance team, and a church full of generosity.
- God continues to refine our body through change (in leadership, in community, and in location.)
- We continually pray for deepening of relationships. We have been overjoyed by some, and saddened by others which is an answer to prayer in God refining us personally, as well as refining our body.
- From the beginning of the year through May, we journeyed through Hebrews 9 to the end of the book. We added Mission to our core values and journeyed through four weeks of what the Bible says about living on mission. We also completed the study of First, Second, and Third John in the fall.
- Easter at Hoffman Park brought together around 200 people right in the center of the Rosemont neighborhood.
- Four new community groups launched – the Munseys, Bordners, Gouges, and Saffords
- John Houchin began a youth community group.
- John DeSoto was appointed as an elder.
- We continue to pray for another staff pastor, and God continues to refine us through waiting.
- We participated in our first all-church assessment headed up by Philip Brobeck and Matt Hixon. We invited the body of Second Mile to give feedback in all areas of how we function. This was productive, encouraging, informative, and will continue to challenge us to be teachable and moldable.

- Young professionals, singles, and young couples continue to find community, challenge, and growth within our church which meets our hope and prayer of reaching the next generation.
- Families continue to be a vital part of Second Mile.
 - 6 couples were married this year
 - 3 adoptions
 - 7 births
 - 4 families engaged in foster care and actively cared for children in their homes.
- Our first Fall Family Fun night was a huge success. Every community group pitched in with candy, wonderfully decorated trunks, and creative, engaging games to show meaningful hospitality to the neighborhood. More than 300 hotdogs were served, 200 bags of popcorn were passed out, and much laughter was heard throughout the evening. The neighborhood was blessed, and our body was greatly encouraged. This was the core value of Mission in action.
- Six people were baptized this year!
- God continues to give our Cord of Hope ministry favor with men's clubs. Over 300 gifts were given to women through this ministry this year.
- Record number of people attended Discover Second Mile and Walking the Second Mile. We continue to see many new faces coming to the gathering and trying out community groups.
- 18 people became Covenant Members of Second Mile in 2015!
- We have a beautiful new Second Mile logo created by our own graphic designers! God used this process to refine and develop those involved in the process in deep ways. The way they incorporated the history of Second Mile and the Rosemont facility created a beautiful Jesus story through image. The shape and each color has significant meaning, connecting the legacy of the past and vision of the future.
- We raised money to help the refugee crisis, both locally and globally, by giving to Refugee Focus and Samaritan's Purse. The DeSoto's community group adopted a refugee family through Tucson Refugee Ministries and have cared for this family in very tangible ways.
- Over 120 people participated in the Moxie and Iron & Iron Retreats. Men on Mountains continues to provide great connecting opportunities for men. Two women decided to follow Jesus at Retreat de Moxie. Men and women were strengthened in their faith through the retreats.
- Many women and men are involved in one-on-one or group mentoring through Moxie Mentors and Crash Groups. A team of men have been writing material to use for Crash Groups. The project is almost complete.
- People used their gifts this year to build up, encourage, and edify the body of Christ. We have 55 volunteers in Kids Ministry. People serve in musical worship, hospitality, arts, building maintenance, janitorial work, finance, and administration.
- Last year we asked for an increase in interest and volunteering through Seeds. For now, God has asked us to place Seeds on hold. We thank God for answered prayer, even when the answer is no.
- We asked God for a new global partnership in another country. This will include workers on the field who will lead us to help them in their vision. Each avenue we pursued did not work out. We believe God wants us to be involved in the nations, so we trust in his timing as we wait.

Appendix / The 59 “One Anothers” of the New Testament

1. “...Be at peace with each other.” (Mark 9:50)
2. “...Wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)
3. “...Love one another...” (John 13:34)
4. “...Love one another...” (John 13:34)
5. “...Love one another...” (John 13:35)
6. “...Love one another...” (John 15:12)
7. “...Love one another” (John 15:17)
8. “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...” (Romans 12:10)
9. “...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
10. “Live in harmony with one another...” (Romans 12:16)
11. “...Love one another...” (Romans 13:8)
12. “...Stop passing judgment on one another.” (Romans 14:13)
13. “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...” (Romans 15:7)
14. “...Instruct one another.” (Romans 15:14)
15. “Greet one another with a holy kiss...” (Romans 16:16)
16. “...When you come together to eat, wait for each other.” (I Cor. 11:33)
17. “...Have equal concern for each other.” (I Corinthians 12:25)
18. “...Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (I Corinthians 16:20)
19. “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (II Corinthians 13:12)
20. “...Serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)
21. “If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other.” (Galatians 5:15)
22. “Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (Galatians 5:26)
23. “Carry each other’s burdens...” (Galatians 6:2)
24. “...Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)
25. “Be kind and compassionate to one another...” (Ephesians 4:32)
26. “...Forgiving each other...” (Ephesians 4:32)
27. “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” (Ephesians 5:19)
28. “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)
29. “...In humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)
30. “Do not lie to each other...” (Colossians 3:9)
31. “Bear with each other...” (Colossians 3:13)
32. “...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.” (Colossians 3:13)
33. “T each...[one another]” (Colossians 3:16)
34. “...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)

35. “...Make your love increase and overflow for each other.” (I Thessalonians 3:12)
36. “...Love each other.” (I Thessalonians 4:9)
37. “...Encourage each other...” (I Thessalonians 4:18)
38. “...Encourage each other...” (I Thessalonians 5:11)
39. “...Build each other up...” (I Thessalonians 5:11)
40. “Encourage one another daily...” (Hebrews 3:13)
41. “...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)
42. “...Encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25)
43. “...Do not slander one another.” (James 4:11)
44. “Don’t grumble against each other...” (James 5:9)
45. “Confess your sins to each other...” (James 5:16)
46. “...Pray for each other.” (James 5:16)
47. “...Love one another deeply, from the heart.” (I Peter 3:8)
48. “...Live in harmony with one another...” (I Peter 3:8)
49. “...Love each other deeply...” (I Peter 4:8)
50. “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (I Peter 4:9)
51. “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” (I Peter 4:10)
52. “...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another...” (I Peter 5:5)
53. “Greet one another with a kiss of love.” (I Peter 5:14)
54. “...Love one another.” (I John 3:11)
55. “...Love one another.” (I John 3:23)
56. “...Love one another.” (I John 4:7)
57. “...Love one another.” (I John 4:11)
58. “...Love one another.” (I John 4:12)
59. “...Love one another.” (II John 5)

*From Carl F. George, Prepare Your Church for the Future (Tarrytown: Revell, 1991), 129-131