

Parakletos: Alongside Ministries

“A Day In His Courts”



All of our weekend ministries are faith-based, that is we will come on a specified “freewill offering” basis, with no specific honorarium.* The church’s responsibility is to provide transportation, lodging and food during the time of our stay with you.*

1st Weekend: A Day in His Courts (1 Full Day)

Sunday am Preaching – “*Lord, Teach Us To Pray*”

Sunday afternoon Seminar Teaching – “*Spending Time With God*” (workbook)

Coaching of Pastoral Prayer and Planning – 3-Day Prayer and Planning

Monday – 12 noon Pastoral Prayer and Planning (at a retreat or cottage)

Tuesday – Full Day Pastoral Prayer and Planning (at a retreat or cottage)

Wednesday – 12 noon Pastoral Prayer and Planning (at a retreat or cottage)

2nd Weekend: A Weekend of Refreshing (2 Day Weekend)

Friday-Saturday – Quiet Prayer Retreat – “*Walking the Six Steps of Intimacy*”

Sunday a.m. Preaching – “*The Healing Presence of Jesus*”

Sunday Seminar – “*Experiencing Anointing & Healing*” from James 5:13-18 (workbook)

Sunday p.m. Preaching – “*Concert of Prayer*” and Healing Service

(Followed by Pastoral Prayer and Planning Monday-Wednesday)

3rd Weekend: Intense Times with the Savior (1 Full Day)

Sunday a.m. Preaching – “*Are You a Victim or a Victor?*”

Sunday afternoon Seminar – “*The Authority of the Believer*” (workbook)

Sunday p.m. Preaching – “*Believing God in Prayer*”

(Followed by Pastoral Prayer and Planning Monday-Wednesday)

These weekends should be done in the order presented. It is important that *A Day in His Courts* be the first to set the pace for the rest. Preaching and teaching will be decided in consultation with the pastor. There are three themes: 1) God’s Presence 2) God’s Healing 3) God’s Authority.

The three day pastoral coaching of Prayer and Planning is optional and only for those who choose to enter into the Coaching agreement. It is cost effective to do this while we are already on site.

*** Specified Freewill Offering Basis**

One week prior to our arrival bulletin inserts will be provided that explain our ministry and the “freewill offering” gifts that support our ministry. All gifts should be made out to the church in order to receive a tax receipt. Offering envelopes will be provided by the church and placed in the bulletin each Sunday, and a clearly marked receptacle should be placed in the foyer of the church.

*** Transportation and Lodging**

Mileage by car is 50.5 cents per mile, or by a lowest cost airline ticket (usually about \$300). Lodging can be in a local motel or a quiet home with a private bedroom and bath and a wifi connection would be acceptable. Of course if you are local to the Pittsburgh area we are close enough to return home each evening.

*** Church Retreats**

All retreats need to be scheduled by the host church locally at an appropriate camp facility where food service can be provided. Fees for the retreat are set by the local church and/or camp facility.

*** Pastoral Prayer and Planning**

Pastoral Prayer and Planning may take place at a retreat or cottage provided each pastor has a private room for times alone with God. It will involve two nights beginning at noon on Monday and ending by noon on Wednesday. Meals can be provided by the camp or retreat or women of the church may provide the meals. An outline of our Prayer and Planning retreats is available online.

*** Preaching Themes**

Our preaching themes are focused on prayer and intimacy with God. In every partnership the first theme that sets up off in the right direction is the theme of “*Lord, Teach Us To Pray*” which reflects our general purpose of helping pastors and their people experience intimacy with God. There are several other weekend themes that are suggested in the above examples such as *Becoming a House of Prayer, Praying with Power, Forgiveness, Deliverance, Love & Respect, and Stinkin’ Thinkin.’*

A Principle of God for His People

In Exodus 23:14-17 God sets the standard for all men in Israel that they were to all go up to Jerusalem a minimum of three times per year “to present themselves to God.” We believe that is a principle that pastors and congregations ought to emulate. Our ministry is based on calling believers into God’s Presence three times a year. Our goal is to visit your church three times during a 12 month period to preach on prayer and the presence of God. We also encourage your pastor (and pastoral staff) to join with me in our Pastoral Coaching ministry for at least two 3-day Prayer and Planning Retreats where they will learn principles of prayer and planning and how to catch God’s vision for the church.

¹⁴ “Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me. ¹⁵ Celebrate the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in that month you came out of Egypt. No one is to appear before me empty-handed. ¹⁶ Celebrate the *Feast of Harvest* with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the *Feast of Ingathering* at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field. ¹⁷ “Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD. -- Exodus 23:14-17

STILL THINKING ABOUT IT?

You rightfully may be thinking “Who is this guy? Can I trust him in my pulpit?” I can’t agree with you more. Don’t let just anyone stand in your pulpit! You can download any of my messages from over the last 10 years online at www.grovecityalliance.org and selected message on prayer at www.MinistryToday.org. If you do not sense the anointing of God on these messages then by all means do not consider inviting me to your church.

If you like what you hear we invite you to enter into an extended partnership with us. You can start with just one weekend and decide later to go further with other weekends. Our first weekend is “*A DAY IN HIS COURTS*” in which I will preach on “the priority and passion for prayer and the presence of God,” and conduct the afternoon seminar teaching on *Spending Time With God*, Then, pastor if you like, I will meet with you and your elder board to discuss how you can enter into our Coaching partnership for the glory of God.

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young — a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.”

– Psalm 84.1-4

ONE DAY EVENT

“A Day In His Courts”

Sunday am Preaching – “*Lord, Teach Us To Pray!*”

Sunday afternoon 4-Hour Seminar Teaching – “*Spending Time With God*” (workbook)

This one day of intensive preaching and teaching on “Spending Time With God” is available to any church whether they enter into partnership with us or not. Contact us for more details about hosting this one day event in your church.