

ABUNDANCE

month of prayer

OPEN HANDED

november 2024

SCARCITY

Dear SPAC Family,

You are invited to join in a season of focused prayer, listening, and responsiveness as we practice the presence of Jesus together as a community around a substantial need.

In 2 Chronicles 20, we read about a group of people that found themselves up against a seemingly insurmountable crisis. Their nation was surrounded by enemies they knew they could not overcome in their own strength. They felt powerless as all they could see was their scarcity of resources. As the palpable tension grew in the community, there came a moment in which the king stood before them and prayed, "God, we do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help." It is a simple, honest, and profound prayer.

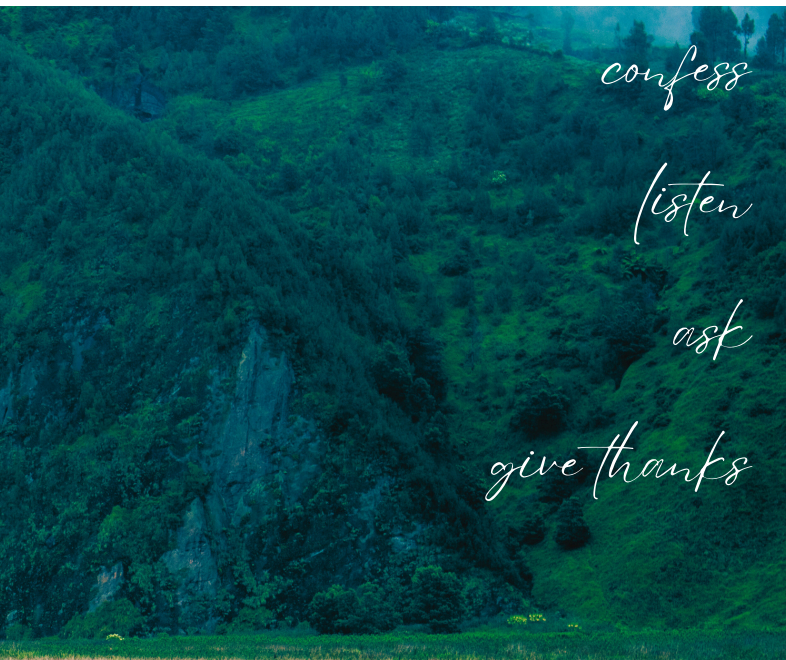
While we are not under the threat of military conquest, we are facing a crisis of our own regarding finances. Despite significant efforts to limit spending, be creative within our ministries, and reduce fixed costs, our current reality is that *without a significant increase in giving, 8 months from now we will be out of money, having exhausted our reserves.* This would have implications on staffing and our ability to carry out ministry would be diminished.

As a pastoral team and elders board, our confession is: **God, we do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help.** We are inviting all who consider SPAC their church home to join us in a month of dedicated prayer about this need. We recognize that the weight of financial strain on us is also being experienced by individual families and the greater community. We need God's wisdom, guidance, and provision in all areas so that we can continue moving unhindered toward *Fullness of Life for Everyone by Practicing the Way of Jesus Together.*

This guide has been prepared to help us *confess, listen, ask, and give thanks* to Jesus on behalf of various needs throughout the month. There will also be opportunities for in-person prayer culminating at our November Converge. Together we are trusting in the same God that delivered the people in 2 Chronicles through a miraculous breakthrough – one that was better than they could have imagined.

My personal prayer is that in this time and place, we will experience together the kind of unfolding story that becomes a testimony of God's goodness as we resist the assault of scarcity and live into the kind of abundance he has prepared for us.

Peace,
Wade



JESUS, THE BURDEN IS TOO GREAT TO BEAR.
WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE

JESUS, HOW DO YOU SEE THIS NEED?
JESUS, WHERE IS YOUR ABUNDANCE ALREADY PRESENT?

JESUS, GRANT US WISDOM. GIVE US EYES TO SEE.
JESUS, HOW ARE **WE** TO RESPOND? HOW AM I TO RESPOND?

YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I WILL BE JOYFUL IN GOD MY SAVIOR. - **HABAKKUK 3:18**
I WILL PRAISE GOD'S NAME IN SONG AND GLORIFY HIM WITH
THANKSGIVING. - **PSALM 69:30**

things to pray for



OCT 27

EXPENSES

WEEK ONE

UTILITY COSTS
INTEREST RATES
STAFFING
CREATIVITY

NOV 3

RESOURCES

WEEK TWO

2027 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
BUILDING UTILIZATION
NUMBER OF GIVERS
AMOUNT OF GIVING
REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES
CREATIVITY

NOV 10

HOUSEHOLDS

WEEK THREE

COST OF LIVING
INFLATION
HOUSING
EMPLOYMENT
FINANCIAL INSTABILITY
UNFORESEEN EXPENSES
WORK/LIFE TENSIONS

NOV 17

COMMUNITY

WEEK FOUR

NOT-FOR-PROFIT GIVING
GRANTS
THE UNSHELTERED
ADDICTIONS
RELATIONAL BREAKDOWNS
HEALTHY PARTNERSHIPS
FOOD INSECURITY

IN-PERSON PRAYER MEETINGS 7PM

TUESDAY OCT 29

TUESDAY NOV 5

TUESDAY NOV 12

TUESDAY NOV 19



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ALLIANCE CHURCH



JOIN US AT **CONVERGE ON NOVEMBER 19**

7PM | BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE