

DECEMBER

PRAYING FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:16-17).

This month you will be praying for your local church where you and your family worship. So, to get to know more about your church, do one or both of the following activities. Pray for the church and the people you talk with as you complete the activities.

1. SIGNATURE SLEUTH:

Gather signatures of people and ask them to share a story or an experience or even a prayer request so you may be able to pray more specifically for your church and its people. See how many signatures you can gather.

2. WRITE YOUR CHURCH'S STORY:

Have you ever wondered how your local church was started? Has anyone ever asked you to tell them about your church? In this activity, you will gather some important facts about your church to learn how to pray for your church as well as to be able to invite others to your church.

1. SIGNATURE SLEUTH

The objective is to gather signatures of people who are listed in the chart. See how many signatures you can gather. Each person can only sign your sheet once.

- Ask for signatures from people in your church.
- Ask them if they are willing to share a story or an experience so you may pray for them.
- When you have recorded the information, sit down and share it with your family in a time of prayer.
- Decorate the chart and hang it somewhere as a reminder to pray for your church this month and through the new year.

WHO & SIGNATURE

STORY OR PRAYER REQUEST

(Use the back of this page if needed.)

One of the pastors	
SIGNATURE	
Someone who has served as an elder or a deacon	
SIGNATURE	
Someone who leads worship	
SIGNATURE	
Someone who leads in the Children's Ministry	
SIGNATURE	
Your Sunday school or discipleship group leader	
SIGNATURE	
Someone who is a greeter	
SIGNATURE	
Someone who has gone on a missions trip	
SIGNATURE	
A founding member of your church	
SIGNATURE	

2. WRITE YOUR CHURCH'S STORY:

1. When was your church founded? How old is your church?

2. Who was the founding pastor?

3. Who are the pastors now?

4. What's your church's address?

5. Has your church always been in its current building? If not, what was its first address?

6. What is the website address for your church?

7. Does your church have a mission statement/statement of purpose? If so, what is it?

8. What are two things you'd like a visitor to know about your church?

9. Name three ministries your church is involved with in your community.

10. What special Advent/Christmas services will your church have this year?

11. Other information you found interesting.