



1 EL BUEN PASTOR PASTOR PEDRO GUTIERREZ House of Prayer, 7pm — Our monthly prayer Wednesday will focus on how God wants His people to be devoted people of prayer.

2 ADAT SHALOM PASTOR ROBIN ROSE Adat Shalom welcomes you to join their new Beginner's Hebrew class on May 1. The class will run for 4-5 weeks on alternating Wednesday nights.

3 LAKE JUNE BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR BOBBY WORTHINGTON Please pray for LJBC community visitation, 10am-12:30pm. Pray the Holy Spirit will prepare minds and hearts to receive Christ's gift of Salvation.

4 FIRST LAOTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR HOUMPHANH Pray for the church members as they come together to celebrate with a church family as they move into a new home. There will be many unsaved family members at the celebration who will hear the Word of God and the truth of salvation during the dedication ceremony, many for the first time.

5 ADAT SHALOM PASTOR ROBIN ROSE Ladies, Kibitz n' Koffee join us at The Corner Bakery (7615 Campbell Rd, Dallas) for an informal time of fellowship over a cup of coffee and a little nosh. This is a great way to get to know the women of Adat Shalom and make everlasting friendships. We meet the first Sunday of every month. Sunday, May 5, 2013 5pm-6:30pm, every month until December 3, 2013.

6 PRISON MINISTRY REV. JERRY BEDISON Praise — God has truly blessed the Dallas County Jail Ministry. He has blessed us with several good volunteers, the single-cell ministry is growing, and we are seeing lives being changed weekly.

7 EL CALVARIO PASTOR RENE LUEVANO Pray for the Wednesday evening Bible Study led by Pastor Rene as they continue their study in the "Fundamentals of the Faith" by John MacArthur. Pray each member will bring a friend or family member to learn about God's faithfulness and forgiveness.

8 CROSSROADS INDIAN CHURCH PASTOR BOB RAO The primary way for people to connect at The Crossroad is through Home Groups. These groups center around three primary relationships: To God by growing in our faith through Bible study and prayer. To each other by encouragement and fellowship. To the community by sharing God's love with our neighbors and inviting them to do life with us in Home Groups.

9 IMB: XINING, QINGHAI Qinghai province is home to the city of Xining, a name that means "peace of the west." Pray that the people of Xining will come to know the Prince of Peace.

10 IGLESIA BAPTISTA COMUNIDAD HISPANA PASTOR PORFIRIO ABAD Pray for Pastor Porfirio and his congregation as they go out into the community surrounding Criswell College, bringing the love of Christ to the unreached people in the neighborhoods and inviting them to attend church.

11 FIRST LAOTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR HOUMPHANH Pray for the special Mother's Day service that will be held at FLBC on Sunday.

12 EL BUEN PASTOR PASTOR PEDRO GUTIERREZ Teachers Meeting, 4:30pm — Equipping our workers to effectively teach, preach, and minister to all ages: children, teens, and adults. Pray this is a time of education, prayer, and praise.

13 JAPANESE MISSION CHURCH OF DALLAS PASTOR FUTOSHI SHINGAKI Praise God for JMCD's new location in their strategic area at 3800 Carbon Rd, Irving, TX 75038. Pray for the congregation as they welcome new visitors and members as a result of the new location God has provided.

14 IMB: DEAF PEOPLES Among the Deaf peoples, the Good News is reaching into new places and people are meeting the Son! In Mexico, new leaders are learning the Word in their heart language. In Europe, the Word is being translated into three languages, Muslims are asking about the Son, and in North Africa 14 people were baptized. Praise God for what he is doing.

15 SILENT FRIENDS CHAPEL PASTOR DALE KESTERSON Join SFC every Wednesday in May, 6pm, as they continue their in-depth study of the Gospel of John. Follow SFC on Twitter @Silentmatters.

16 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) Please pray for our ESL ministry that meets on Thursdays, 5th floor of the Criswell Center, 10-11:30am. For more information contact director Jean Dorough, jeantom@att.net or 214.327.2682

17 ADAT SHALOM PASTOR ROBIN ROSE Women's Shabbat Study — Come join us for our monthly Women's Study. Bring a sack lunch and a friend. Adat Shalom will provide drinks and dessert. Our hope is that this class will help you grow in your faith and give you confidence about what you believe and why.

18 EL BUEN PASTOR PASTOR PEDRO GUTIERREZ Please pray for the "Life Matters" — English Adult Sunday School — reaching out through relational evangelism. Everyone will bring their non-Christian friends to hear the message of Salvation. 6-8pm.

19 SILENT FRIENDS CHAPEL PASTOR DALE KESTERSON The SFC Women's Ministry is very lively with many opportunities to get involved. They encourage fellowship and study of God's Word to strengthen faith through monthly fellowship and Bible studies and together they attend Deaf Women Conferences around the nation. Join them also in the Grace Class.

20 PRISON MINISTRY REV. JERRY BEDISON Pray for the plans that are being formed, at the request of the Director of Chaplaincy for TDCJ, to create a faith-based dorm in every prison unit in Texas. At this time it appears that former FBCD prison director, David Umfreville and FBCD's prison director, Jerry Bedison would be the main people to travel state-wide and train the new facilitators for the faith-based dorms. Pray for the meeting in October as they discuss program plans.

21 EL CALVARIO PASTOR RENE LUEVANO Join El Calvario every Saturday morning at 10am as they pray for their church, city, state, nation and the lost people of the world.

22 CROSSROADS INDIAN CHURCH PASTOR BOB RAO The Bridge is a ministry of The Crossroad Church geared to impact Young Adults in the DFW Metroplex with the liberating message of Jesus Christ. In everything we do, our sole purpose is to know Him and make Him known. Visit the Bridge website at www.bridgedfw.org

22-26 FBD AMBASSADOR AT LARGE REV. LARRY WALKER Pray for Larry as he goes to preach at the Filurst Baptist Church in Brazil. Pray that any language barriers will be supernaturally overcome by the Holy Spirit. Pray for hearts and minds to be ready and willing to accept Christ as their Lord and King.

23 CROSSROADS INDIAN CHURCH PASTOR BOB RAO Pray for Crossroads Church as they reach out to Southeast Asians in the Valley Ranch and Irving areas. Their services are Saturday, 5-6:15pm.

24 IMB: WUZHONG, NINGXIA The people of Wuzhong, Ningxia are strongly impacted by Buddhism and Islam. Ask God to raise up workers to go and share the love and grace of Christ to these who are without hope.

25 EL BUEN PASTOR PASTOR PEDRO GUTIERREZ "Conexion-Connected to God and Family" — Pray for the monthly youth led intergenerational worship service. Youth and their families will come together to worship as a family before God, sharing prayers, worship, testimonies and the Word of God.

26 EL CALVARIO PASTOR RENE LUEVANO Pray for Calvary's volunteers and lay leaders as they hold their VBS planning meeting after the morning service. Pray the VBS will be a blessing to all the children that attend and learn about the love of Christ.

27 EL BUEN PASTOR PASTOR PEDRO GUTIERREZ The lay leaders of LBP are praising God as they celebrate their Bible teachers with a Teachers Appreciation Dinner, to be held at Jonathan Gutierrez's home. 4-7pm.

28 KEYSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR DAMON HALLIDAY Please pray for Keystone Baptist Church and their second location, Keystone Fellowship North in North Ft Worth. Pray for each church as they reach out to the neighborhoods with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

29 PRISON MINISTRY REV. JERRY BEDISON Keep the jail and prison ministries in prayer as we are seeing more spiritual warfare in these areas with more restrictions being generated to hinder the inmates from receiving Bibles and spiritual material.

30 ADAT SHALOM PASTOR ROBIN ROSE Pray for the weekly Friday worship service as they continue their study on the book of Daniel. Pray hearts are blessed and drawn closer to the risen Savior.

31 SILENT FRIENDS CHAPEL PASTOR DALE KESTERSON SILENT CHOIR: Praise and music is an important part of the overall worship experience and Silent Friends encourages everyone to lift their hands up in such a way. The Silent Song Ministry focuses on building hearts of praise through creative expression in signing songs and Choir singing. They also travel to sing at different conferences.

MISSION CHURCH CONTACT INFO

For more information on any Mission Church and their events, contact info is below.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Phone Number. Includes Adat Shalom, Crossroads, El Buen Pastor, El Calvario, First Laotian Baptist Church, Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Hispana, Japanese Chapel, Keystone Baptist Church, Lake June Baptist Church, Prison Ministry, and Silent Friends.



"He waited for me so long..."

The story of Pastor Pedro Gutierrez of El Buen Pastor

Growing up in a broken home from the age of 6, Pedro lived with his father and two brothers in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He worked in the fields until age 13, when he went to school for the first time. As a young man, he went to a Baptist Church with some extended family members. Planning to be a tourist guide, he worked hard to put himself through an English school, and then went to study tourism.

After a serious accident, Pedro shook off the experience and went on living as before. Following a second accident in which he narrowly avoided being killed, he began to think about eternity.

"I knew that if I had died, I would have gone to hell that day."

Having heard the Gospel many times, Pedro dreamt that the Lord came for his pastor and members of the church family, but he himself was left behind. "It was as though God had told the pastor about me, and that he was preaching directly to me. He said, "There is someone here today who is ready to surrender his life to Jesus Christ."

Finally one morning early, Pedro surrendered to Jesus, and said,

*"Lord, I am sorry
I waited so long."*

After receiving Christ as his personal Savior, Pedro wrote a letter to his father, explaining the remarkable change that had taken place in his life. A return letter soon arrived in which his father disowned him. In spite of difficulty and opposition, Pedro continued to serve the Lord. Years later, his father prayed to receive Christ and burned all the idols and things he formerly used in the practice of witchcraft.

The Lord led him to the Rio Grande Bible Institute, where he met and married Elizabeth, his wife of 37 years, herself the daughter of a pastor and missionary. Pastor Pedro Gutierrez has two Bachelor's degrees and a Master's degree with a specialty in exegetical Hebrew. In 1988, Pedro & Elizabeth Gutierrez came to El Buen Pastor, where they have been faithfully serving as one of First Baptist Church Dallas' mission pastors since that time. Their 3 sons, Jonathan, Joshua, and Josiah are all serving with their parents in the ministry.

When asked about the greatest blessings of serving the Lord, he said,

"After becoming a Christian, I tried to tell the Lord I would serve Him part-time. He said, 'No, full time!'"

We are so happy because our sons are serving in the ministry with the same enthusiasm that we have for the Lord."



For more information, or to contact Pedro & Elizabeth about the ministry at El Buen Pastor, you can email them at prpedrogutierrez@yahoo.com.



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