“God put it in my heart in 2008 to get a group of men together from First Baptist Dallas that would pray for me and the Holy Spirit’s supernatural work in our church.” …Dr. Robert Jeffress

PASTOR’S PRAYER PARTNERS (PPP)*

_Pastor’s Prayer Partners (PPP) is a group of men, members of First Baptist Church of Dallas (FBCD), who the Pastor has called out specifically to lay hands on and pray for and over him, and to pray for the church as he leads, and requests. Pastor’s Prayer Partners are to expect and be prepared to pray for his requests at all times. (Pastor’s Prayer Partners is not the prayer ministry Team for the church)._

A. *Lifestyle Commitment of a Pastor’s Prayer Partner:*

1. **Regular and persistent prayer:** “…devoted to prayer” (Romans 12:12); to “…pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17); “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6); “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this; that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.” (John 15:7-8)

2. **Maintaining unbroken fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ:** “If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear” (Psalm 66:18); “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9); “…The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” (James 5:16b)

3. **Reading, meditating and pondering on the Lord’s Word:** “On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate” (Psalm 145:5); “Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

4. **Participating faithfully in corporate worship, except when assigned to pray elsewhere:** “…not forsaking our own assembling together as is the habit of some but encouraging one another.” (Hebrews 10:25); “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” (Romans 12:1)

5. **Obeying, submitting to and praying for the church’s leaders:** “Obey your leaders, and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.” (Hebrews 13:17)

B. The Organization of Pastor’s Prayer Partners

1. The Pastor is the leader of PPP and as such may choose to designate a member of the Church
staff as liaison to PPP. The Pastor will select “Facilitators”, laymen in the Church, to directPPP role and function and select to whom they report. Their terms of office are at his
discretion.

2. A man eighteen years or older and a member of First Baptist Church Dallas may become a
member of PPP by enrolling on the form available for such membership. He becomes a
member when he receives notice he has been placed on the PPP roster and assigned to a Team.

3. Schedules, locations of and assignments to PPP for opportunities personally to lay hands on
and pray over the Pastor will regularly and timely be distributed to Facilitators, Team Leaders.

4. The Pastor’s office will timely distribute to PPP in writing the “Top Ten” prayer requests from
the Pastor.

5. The Facilitators will organize PPP members into teams, direct them, and appoint a Captain
and an Alternate Captain (as described below) for each team. Rosters and attendance records
will be developed for the teams and maintained by team leadership and Facilitators and the
Pastor’s office.

6. Choir PPP are those who serve in the Choir. Orchestra PPP are those who serve in the
Orchestra. Each Sunday, these two teams will pray for the Pastor and the worship services as
they serve in choir or orchestra. At scheduled times and meeting places arrangements may be
made for the men of C/O to gather for prayer; the Pastor may be invited to attend such prayer
meetings as his schedule permits; and at these special times the C/O PPP will hear the Pastor’s
special prayer requests, lay hands on and pray over him. Such requests will be communicated
to Facilitators.

7. The other members of PPP are assigned to PPP teams identified for each service time as 1st
Sunday, 2nd Sunday, 3rd Sunday and 4th Sunday; one team for each Sunday of the month and
for each worship service. These teams will meet on the designated Sundays in the RPT during
the worship services to pray for and as requested by the Pastor.

8. Each Team is led by a Captain and an Alternate Captain. Within a Team, its members are
assigned by its Captain to one of several groups (6-8 members to each group). The Captain
appoints a Group Leader for each group.

9. Ordinarily, there will be a special time set aside, usually each Sunday, to lay hands on and
pray over the Pastor. At that time and in the place designated, every PPP who is not on duty
in the RPT that Sunday, and whose schedule permits, is urged to gather for this special time of
prayer with the Pastor. The Pastor will voice his immediate prayer concerns which will be
written on a white board for electronic transfer to the RPT.

10. The term of office for Captains, Alternate Captains and Group Leaders, whenever it
commences, and unless extended as provided here, always ends on the last day of the year.
With the approval of Facilitators, the term for a Captain and Alternate Captain may be
extended one additional year. With the approval of Facilitators, the Captain may similarly
extend the term of a Group Leader for one additional year.

C. Leadership and Responsibilities

Facilitators, as directed by the Pastor, direct the role and function of PPP, as follows:

1. Organize PPP members into the teams described above, direct them, and appoint a Captain and an Alternate Captain for each team.

2. With the assistance of Team Leadership-develop, maintain and monitor rosters and attendance records for each team.

3. Arrange for and conduct the prayer meetings which occur on the fifth Sunday of any month.

4. Designate the team Captain assigned to lead the special prayer meetings with the Pastor.

Captains

1. Prepares himself for prayer on his assigned Sundays and encourages team members to do the same.

2. Selects a team member to pray in the special gathering to pray over and lay hands on the Pastor at the time and location assigned. He will accompany this team member to the appropriate location and introduce him to the Pastor.

3. Recognize that the prayer meeting is worship, that the Holy Spirit should set the tone and focus and that it should be conducted “in spirit and in truth”.

4. Make certain that the RPT is ready for the prayer meeting (attendance chart, arrangement of chairs, TV remote control is in place, TV is set the proper channel, top ten list, water, written materials if any etc.).

5. Encourage the men to speak loudly so that everyone in the RPT can hear the praying.

6. Be familiar with and sensitive to the requirements of the “Prayer Meeting Protocol” (see Section E. p. 5).

7. Maintain the policies for prayer as follows:
   a. The ongoing worship service;
   b. The Pastor’s “Top Ten” prayer list;
   c. The Pastor’s specific requests for the day;
   d. Other prayer requests which he specifies for the team.

8. In the event he plans to be absent on his assigned Sunday, he will communicate this to the Facilitators, including the name of the one who will take his place for that Sunday.
9. Accepts the responsibility to:
   a. maintain current the roster for his team, and promptly advise the pastor’s office and Facilitators of any changes to it;
   b. remove a member of the team from the roster.

10. Email weekly (copies to Facilitators) to Alternate Captain, Group Leaders and when appropriate, to his entire team, his note of current happenings, significant prayer requests and answered prayers.

11. Train, oversee and monitor the use of the Birthday Prayer Guide by Team Members.

12. Actively assist and cooperate with Facilitators in promoting leadership within the Team.

13. On each assigned Sunday verify that the attendance roster for the team has been completed.

**Alternate Captains**

Qualified as is a Captain, capable of leading when designated to do so or when the Captain is absent; willing to assume responsibility as the Captain directs.

**Group Leaders**

1. Attend and actively participate in the prayer time in the RPT during the Worship service assigned to the team.

2. In the event of absence or inability to act as a Group Leader, notify the Team Captain prior to the assigned Sunday by phone, text, email or in person.

3. Contact each week the members of his group by telephone, text, email or in person regarding prayer requests, Birthday Prayer Guide reminders, absences, illnesses, etc. Report significant prayer requests and information about Team Members to the Captain.

**D. Expectations of every Pastor’s Prayer Partner**

1. Regardless of his team assignment, every PPP, his schedule permitting, is encouraged to attend the regular weekly Sunday special prayer meeting or any additional special prayer time called by the Pastor.

2. On the Sunday assigned to his team, PPP is to be in the RPT ten minutes prior to the time the worship service is to begin. Special immediate prayer requests from the Pastor on that day will be made available. The focus and conduct of the prayer meetings in the RPT is to
be guided by the Pastor’s requests and the worship service. The Captain or his designate will lead the Team.

3. Each PPP must record his presence on the attendance chart next to his name. A member who cannot be present with his team on the assigned Sunday must so advise his Captain in advance.

4. A PPP is expected to pray regularly for:
   a. the Pastor and the Church;
   b. any requests shared by the Pastor including those in his “Top Ten” list of prayer requests;
   c. PPP leaders and fellow team members;
   d. personal prayer requests shared by PPP leadership

5. Birthday Guide: A PPP is expected to pray in a focused way for the Pastor and his requests throughout the day of each month corresponding to the date he was born (example: if your birthday is on the 15th, then you are expected to pray every month on the 15th). A PPP Birthday Guide will be provided.

6. A PPP is expected to:
   a. read materials sent to him about prayer and praying.
   b. attend training sessions provided for PPP.
   c. attend PPP meetings and special events.
   d. report significant prayer requests about PPP members to his leader.
   e. advise his Group Leader of his current mailing address, telephone numbers, texting availability, and email address.
   f. expedite communication to and from team leadership. Communication may be by voice, face-to-face, telephone, email or text. However communicated, it is critical that each Team Member check his message source regularly and, if a response is required, to act promptly.

E. Prayer Meeting Protocol (not in priority order)

The Captain or the PPP member designated to lead will conduct the prayer meeting as follows:

1. Will prepare himself spiritually for prayer before arriving and in advance of the meeting will encourage team members to be likewise prepared.

2. Make welcome the Holy Spirit recognizing and leading the members to recognize the Holy Spirit may arrange for periods of purposeful silence.
3. Advise the men that praying aloud is voluntary, but that someone may be asked to pray aloud, and should that occur, the others are to continue to pray silently.

4. Be prepared to read or quote appropriate Scripture, and may lead the members to sing appropriate hymns or choruses.

5. Encourage the Team Members that praying to the Lord may be conversational; speaking to the Lord and listening to Him are equally important and that praying is not merely a recitation of requests or needs.

6. Direct attention to the Pastor’s special requests (from the “Top Ten Prayer List” and the prayer requests most recently recorded on the white board).

7. Note appropriate events of the worship service on the television screen, turning the sound on from time to time if helpful.

8. Never permit the praying to wander into current day topics or personal requests, needs and desires.

9. Multiple prayers or praying on the same subject may be appropriate. Do not prearrange for everyone present to pray, nor arrange for a predetermined time which limits prayer on any subject.

10. Except for extraordinary circumstances, close the prayer meeting at the conclusion of the worship service.

*This Charter is designed to be read and reviewed in its entirety.

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