

# The Tree of Life Community

## A quiet place – The Prayer Chapel

- Small back conference room converted into sanctuary
- Small stained glass upper window
- Simple cross on far wall to left of window
- Small wooden table with open Bible underneath
- Maps of Monroe County, Holy Land on near wall
- Simple symbolic decoration, indirect lighting
- Kneeling bench, old pew, several chairs

Open for quiet prayer during the day

Monthly His Branches prayer meetings  
(in Chapel or conference room beside)

Other times when intercessors come in as well

Vision of Monroe County as a Redeemed Community

- Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven
- What would community look like, specifically?
- Develop teams dedicated to concerted prayer
- Like RPO orchestral concerts
- Each person has their part to play
- Common score sheets
- A lot of practicing
- Like practicing medicine or law
- Group activities and gatherings
- Goal: Rochester fulfills its ordained destiny



"And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

Revelation 5.8

## An active network – The Shadow Government

A team of designated spiritual armor bearers for leaders

- Government
  - Mayor, County Exec, and Town Supervisors
  - City Council, County Legislators
  - Police, Sheriffs, Judges, courts and jails
  - NET offices and Sector leaders
- Community
  - United Way, YMCA, etc.
  - Neighborhood organizations
- Churches
  - Each pastor and elder/deacon/council member (these designated from within church)

Intercessors are trained, equipped, and assigned

- Accountable to Intercessory Council
- Not to become politically involved
- Not to give advice or become part of organization
- Completely non-threatening, nonpartisan
- Arrange to meet leader regularly for brief visits
- Get to know the individual personally over time
- Gather list of prayer concerns and then *PRAY*



"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."

1 Timothy 1.1-2.

Some focused prayer on particular community needs  
Might be geographical, like The Crescent

Periodic gatherings of entire prayer community  
Group worship and intercession only  
No political overtones

### **A growing movement – Who is My Neighbor?**

Teaching throughout the Body of Christ locally

Articulate vision for a redeemed community  
Pulpit messages, group teaching experiences  
Printed materials, brochures, guides, maps  
Invite Holy Spirit into personal life, then into  
family, neighborhood, city

Practical teaching on praying for and loving neighbors  
The people who live right nearby  
Our coworkers, bosses, and employees

Simple plan that anyone can grasp and follow  
Encourage each believer to make a list of neighbors  
Make intentional plans to meet each one regularly  
Specific, focused object:  
"We are praying for our neighbors."  
"How are you; how can we be praying for you?"  
Let relationships grow, shared prayer concerns  
Similar to Shadow Government but everywhere  
Non-threatening, no ulterior motives/advice  
No persuasion or interference with their lives

Could develop into neighborhood prayer cells  
Would happen if revival broke out  
Not affiliated with specific churches  
Spontaneous as the Spirit led



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10.27; Deuteronomy 6.5;  
Leviticus 19.18.

### **All undergirded and given guidance by flexible Intercessory Council**