



# LET'S CHAT!

with Pastor D



SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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## We Need Them—Part 2

I entered the beautiful church building with its stained glass windows and new carpet. It was pristine! Everything was so neat and clean and I was impressed. I asked the elder about the cleaning company they used and how recent was the carpet installation.

To my amazement he shared that the carpet was replaced 10 to 12 years ago. I thought; how is that possible? He continued; "We have 15 faithful people who attend now." The church was able to hold at least 200 people but the attendance had dwindled over the years.

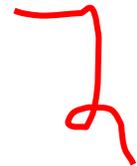
The building was only used for an hour or 2 for worship a week and the pastor had 3 congregations and would be present at least once a month. The carpet was clean because they hardly experienced heavy traffic.

Similar to the Yellowstone eco system dying, I knew we needed to work fast because this situation was dire. We returned home to create plan of action. I was glad to go back to our church to see the stained carpet from dirty shoes that people complained about.

I learned that to have a large group of people attend a church is a blessing that should not be taken for granted. The church may have its struggles but the fact that someone would be prompted by God to get out of bed and walk into the doors of a church building is a miracle.

## KIDS CORNER

Finish the doodle drawings from scribbles.  
See example — a pencil.



# 4 STEPS TO PRAYING WITH SOMEONE IN NEED

While I have no difficulty in praying to God privately, on someone's behalf — asking to pray WITH them is a bit more scary! If you try this out the steps listed below, three things will happen when you pray for others: 1). God will change **your heart**; 2). God will **change their lives**; and 3). God will change **your relationship with them**.

Being prayed for can be an act of great comfort and great power. By praying with and praying over others who are struggling, we are offering the grace and power of God to those who need it most.

**1 John 5:14**, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

## Get Personal

Whether you are in a hospital room, living room, or in the back of an ambulance, prayer is personal. Know the name of the person with whom you are praying. If they are able to hold a conversation, spend a little time getting to know this person as more than the illness or crisis but as a whole person.

## Work Together

Ask the person, "What would you like us to pray for today?" or "What should we ask God today?" Allow the person to be as active a part of the process as possible. Take someone else with you. Illness and crisis can make us feel very alone and a small group praying with us is a tangible reminder that as member of the Body of Christ, we are not alone. This is also a great way to model prayer ministry for those just learning.

## Identify Need

When you go to pray, first identify a need to ask God for His help, then state specific related needs (i.e., healing, patience, faith, and trust). Next pray for each of these needs as simply or as in-depth as desired. Lastly, thank God and praise Him.

## Get "Hands-On"

There is something healing and reassuring about a simple touch. Don't be afraid to hold hands while you pray together. Don't be afraid to lay on hands, often on the top of the head, on the arm or shoulder. Remember — not everyone likes to be touched, so always ask permission. The combination of conversation, prayer, and touch helps make the presence of God very real and tangible.

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## URGENT prayer

- LaShonti Turner and family, bereavement (her father passed away)
- Wendy Waters, recovery
- Dwayne Crosby, recovery
- Russ Fay, health
- George Lake, health
- Don Cobbs, health
- Ruth Collier, health
- Rod Cartasegna, recovery
- Brewer family, grief (Sister Brewer's stepdaughter, Angela)
- Chelsea, recovery (Sis Hall's niece)

**PAA Constituency Meeting**  
on October 22, 2019 at  
7:00 p.m. at the academy

**Only in the  
darkness  
can you see  
the stars.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

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