

PRAY AUSTIN

Pray Austin began in late 2002, with a leadership team headed by Vicky Porterfield (www.prayerfields.org) and with the mission of building prayer as an essential tool of revival for people and churches in Austin, Texas.

Our goals were to:

- Promote increased and sustained prayer in the body of Christ in Austin
- Support local pastors and the local church
- Help churches identify their prayer leaders
- Network and encourage church prayer leaders
- Offer Biblical training for local church prayer leaders
- Share practical strategies with each other
- Build and develop unified prayer for the city of Austin

From spring 2003 until fall 2006, we held 20 multi-denominational meetings in different host locations with speakers from Austin and all over. We trained prayer leaders and intercessors on a variety of topics, we prayed together, and we brought Christian pastors and intercessors of many backgrounds together.

Some of our speakers/topics included:

- Thomas Cogdell of AHOP, "Praying Scripture"
- Beth Alves of Intercessors International, "Encouragement for Prayer Leaders"
- Terry Gooding of Bricks of Gold, "Praying with Children"
- Steve Hawthorne of WayMakers, "Saturation Prayer for your area"
- Dr. Mell Winger from CO, "Encouraging Men to Pray"
- Cathe Halford of Pray Texas, "Praying for a City & its Leaders"
- Justin Christopher of Campus Renewal Ministries at UT
- Laurraine Huffman of El Paso, "How to pray for security & safety issues in your family, church, nation"
- Barbara Bucklin, Daniel Geraci & Vicky, on the spiritual history of Austin
- Peter & Anne Von Wupperfeld, "Healing Prayer"
- Ruthanne Garlock on "Spiritual Warfare" & "Praying for Prodigals"

We stopped holding meetings when Vicky moved to Israel. Pray Austin continues by spreading the word of other prayer teachings and gatherings in this area by emails to our membership list. We praise God that now there are many other groups in Austin who have taken up that same mission of building unified prayer, supporting local church prayer ministries, and of teaching/encouraging prayer leaders and intercessors!

Original leadership team: Vicky Porterfield, Jill Saufferer, Mary Allaway, Sally Frahm, and Nancy Nash – with meeting help from Terry and Bill Sewell, Joanne and Bob Pontius, and many others.