

# 2016 Citywide Concert of Prayer

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## WHAT

The Concert of Prayer is a citywide prayer gathering of churches across Columbus to pray for revival and reconciliation in the body of Christ and for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Led by pastors, the gathering is a visible expression of unity across denominations, ethnicities and generations. At this urgent hour in history, we are in desperate need of God's intervention. We come together in the spirit of Jesus's prayer from John 17:20-23, setting aside our differences to pray for each other and for our city.

## WHEN

This year's Concert of Prayer will be held on:

**Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm**  
at  
**Vineyard Columbus 6000 Cooper Road Westerville OH**

## HISTORY

The Concert of Prayer was initiated by a number of pastors burdened with the need for corporate citywide prayer. The first gathering was held at New Salem Baptist Church in September of 2014. Approximately 1,000 Christ-followers attended from dozens of church fellowships across Columbus. Even more were in attendance the following year at First Church of God with Bishop Timothy Clarke hosting the evening.

The name for the Concert of Prayer was first termed by Jonathan Edwards in the 1700s to describe the prayer meetings that sparked the First Great Awakening in the United States. He described the gatherings as "a visible expression of unity and explicit agreement for revival and advancement of the Kingdom of God."

## PROGRAM

The program is divided into four sections: adoration and repentance, prayers for the church, prayers for the city and prayers of dedication. The first section opens with a welcome from the host pastor and worship focused on praising God. Pastor-led individual and corporate repentance follows. The next sections begin with pastor-led prayer (5-6 pastors leading each section) and then small group prayer with groups of 4-5 people praying together across the sanctuary. A brief worship song closes each set. The final set of prayers of dedication includes a special time of prayer for all pastors. The evening closes with a worship song and a closing prayer.

## CONTACT

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