

SOMO Prayer Network

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." — James 5:16 (NLT)

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Special Prayer Focus Pornography in the Church

An issue of concern in the body of Christ is the growing use of pornography by church members. Sadly, the sexual degradation that is leading the world to destruction has infiltrated the church.

Following are some alarming statistics from Josh McDowell:

- At least 78.8 percent of all men who attend evangelical churches watch pornography.
- Probably 80 percent of evangelical youth pastors watch pornography.
- The greatest increase in viewing is among women and young ladies.
- Sixty-four percent of all Christian families have an acute problem with pornography.

Research supports McDowell's concerns:

- Three out of five divorces now are directly related to pornography.
- Two out of five churchgoing men watch porn several times a week.
- About 80 percent of 15 to 17-year-olds have been exposed to hardcore porn.
- The adult pornography industry reports that 20-30 percent of their traffic comes from children.
- Half of all Christian families report that pornography is a problem.
- Over 40 percent of women and 60 percent of men are dealing with sexual addictions.

More alarmingly, it is not only the people in the pews viewing porn. Pastors also struggle with pornography. How can

revival come when even the church leaders are battling or addicted to porn?

This matter is of dire attention. We need to cry out to God for this problem to be exposed and confronted because it could be a major reason we do not see revival in our nation or churches.

Let's make this a matter of ongoing intercession, as the enemy is desiring to take captive every soul. We must expose this growing problem in the church and cry out to the Lord for deliverance as men and women desire to come out of this bondage and lead pure lives for the Lord.

Prayer resources, information on upcoming prayer events, prayer focuses and more are available online at somoprayer.com.

Monthly Prayer Focuses

Pray for Our Education System

With school back in session, our first focus is to pray for students and those involved with our education system (teachers, administrators, etc.). Pray also that parents will be actively involved in their children's education and also reach out to those in the school system.

Our public education system, as a whole, teaches from a humanistic standpoint. It does not support Biblical standards and encourages students to decide for themselves what is right and wrong on many issues. Pray that parents will combat this mindset by teaching kids Biblical standards at home.

Pray for Our Fall Retreats

Our second prayer focus this month is for the district's fall retreats at Cross Pointe. Women's retreats are scheduled Sept. 13-15 and 20-22. Men's retreat is scheduled Sept. 27-29.

Pray for safety for those traveling to the retreat. Pray also for refreshing and renewal for those who attend—that every man and woman will be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit; that people will be saved, healed, delivered and baptized in the Holy Spirit; and that those who attend will be empowered to take this refreshing to their homes, churches and communities.

2018 CAMP TOTALS

Youth Camps

- 97 first-time salvations
- 597 recommitments
- 123 Holy Spirit infillings
- 197 callings into ministry
- 472 healings
- 1,251 encounters with God

Kids Camps

- 120 first-time salvations
- 1,335 recommitments
- 174 Holy Spirit infillings
- 79 callings into ministry
- 174 healings

Total Numbers

- 217 first-time salvations
- 1,932 recommitments
- 297 Holy Spirit infillings
- 276 callings into ministry
- 646 healings