

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thes. 5:16-18

"IT WAS JOYFUL!"

SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR DAWN TO DAWN



"It was joyful. It was joyful, and it was peaceful." That's how the supervisor of the new Dawn to Dawn homeless camp described the move from "Camp 99" to the new site (a city, county & Saint Vincent de Paul partnership). There were no arrests or citations, and everyone made quality decisions to make the transition smooth. Transitions like this have been volatile in the past, but we prayed for wisdom, peace and protection in and around Camp 99!

The repurposed army tents provided warm, dry places to sleep for 80 new guests. One man even called his first night, "The best night's rest I've had in two months."

STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION



We pray for schools to have increased and coordinated services to care for students struggling with mental health issues. The Bethel School District just launched a new evidence-based suicide prevention program! It's called "Sources of Strength." This year 80 high schoolers, and more middle school students will be trained as peer leaders with the help of adult advisors. It's certainly an answer to prayer that God would empower teachers and friends to intervene and bring rescue. Plus, the program's slogan is "Hope, help and strength" - specific things we ask God to bring to those dealing with suicide.

RISING ABOVE IN EDUCATION

We prayed for Christian educators to have discernment and power to effectively rise above spiritual battles. One teacher had two opportunities to "rise above" and lead her coworkers to do the same.

She served on the staff holiday party planning team. At the last minute, the musical entertainment canceled. The teacher invited her church worship leader as a replacement. They prayed before the event. The atmosphere was filled with joy and connectivity! The same teacher had an opportunity to pray with her principal who'd lost their keys. They prayed, and shortly after the keys surfaced!

SPRINGFIELD ECONOMIC GROWTH



Wayfair announced they'll be moving into the Symantec building this Spring, employing 600 people! Mayor Lundberg also recognized the growth of Franz Bakery, Umpqua Dairy, the Swanson Group Mill & PacificSource as signs of the growing economy. Additionally, a third hotel is in the works for Glenwood and 20+ restaurants & businesses opened in Downtown Springfield in 2018!

PROTECTION AT CASCADE AND A CONTINUED PRAYER

A parent brought a gun into an altercation with police outside of Cascade Middle School on January 11th. More details are forthcoming, but we praise the Lord that no children, staff members or first responders were injured. However, we grieve along with the parent's family, as he was killed in the incident.

At the same time, we sense the urgency to continue to pray for our community's peace, protection & the well-being and mental health of all of our neighbors. Please pray for the students, staff & the grieving family.