

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together;
For they will see with their own eyes when the LORD restores Zion.
Isaiah 52:8

"Please don't let One Church - One Day people stop praying . . ."

- Government Leader,
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LEADERS PRAISE GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROTECTION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Early on Wednesday, October 17th, firefighters were called to a Springfield house fire, while a gunman waited to ambush them. By all accounts, the incident should have been a significant tragedy that headlined national news, but no one was seriously injured. Leaders give glory to God for the miraculous protection:

The gunman set his home on fire around 4 AM, and waited with multiple guns in a neighboring driveway for the unsuspecting firefighters.

While the first responders took cover and called for backup, bullets flew, covering the fire engine's windshield and garage doors.

In all, 14 shots were fired from the semiautomatic 12-gauge shotgun, and three evacuated-homes burned to the ground, while another suffered damage.

Before 8 AM, a fire department leader called the *One Church – One Day Team* to give all glory to God for how He answered our prayers by sparing first responders:

"I talked to the captain & he thinks it is nothing short of a miracle. Each of the firefighters were struck by buckshot, but none were critical. Bullets either stuck in their turnout gear, bounced off their helmets, or just left a bruise because it went through the windshield. Blessings & thanks for the protection all around."

A Jesus-following fireman drove the truck that morning and accidentally left the driver's side door open. It was the door that took his bullet.

A few hours later, another government leader said,

*"... This could have been a significant tragedy. **Please don't let One Church – One Day people stop praying for first responder safety.**"*

The following day, dozens of pastors signed a 'thank you' card and delivered it the fire station, expressing our thanks for their service & assuring them we pray for first responders and their families daily.

Together, we are in awe of God's mercy to protect our first responders. We are thankful for the God-honoring and prayer-coveting leaders who oversee our city. We are humbled by the way God is answering our prayers. We are sobered by the potency of God's unified people, standing as watchmen over our city in continuous prayer. We recognize the weightiness of our call to pray. We resolve afresh to heed Jesus' words to "pray and not give up," along with our government leaders' request to not stop praying through One Church – One Day.

Thank you for praying. All Glory to God.

The One Church - One Day Team



A NEW BELIEVER + GOD'S LOVE

A woman in her early twenties, who responded to the Gospel at the CityFest women's outreach, had this to say about the love of God:

"A love that will never leave you and a God who will love you no matter what... that's one powerful love, man! That alone will get me to go to church!"

Following the outreach, her work hours increased, giving her little time for fellowship, let alone to attend church. Yet more than three months since the outreach, God has been faithful to nurture her faith.

SHERIFF FULLY STAFFED

The sheriff department & other first responder agencies are thrilled that **all of their open positions are filled**. New sources of funding allow them to begin 'over hiring' in preparation for the near-retirement of key positions. This comes after we prayed for months that more quality recruits would be hired in all agencies. The Eugene and Springfield police departments have also **hired more recruits than ever!**

PRAYER MULTIPLIES AT LCC



It's been a year since a small group of faculty & students began praying at Lane Community College, after we prayed for believers to find each other on campus. Since then, the group doubled and gathers to pray twice a week. Their new found boldness and relationships led them to publically invite other believers to their prayer gatherings during the LCC staff in-service day.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE FUNDING MULTIPLIED FIVE TIMES

We recently reported that Lane County was one of two counties in the nation to receive a grant to coordinate mental health services with the justice system.

UPDATE: Lane County received another grant, the SAMHSA Grant, which will effectively **multiply the original grant five times**. It amounts to \$400,000 every year for five years to improve the coordination of services. Government leaders are ecstatic because they are well-resourced to better support & lead the chronically homeless and mentally-ill toward positive life changes when they enter the law and court system.

BOOST TO DTWN PUBLIC SAFETY



The City of Eugene unanimously committed \$8.6 million to improve public safety over the next 18 months. They will pursue other sources to sustain the plans long-term.

"The proposals signal a massive commitment... to beef up a criminal justice and social support system that city leaders say haven't kept up with the population growth. The proposals strike a balance between law enforcement... and preventative programs that help steer both youth away from crime & the city's most chronic offenders toward stable lives" (RG 9/27).

The funding will add:

- **10 patrol officers** to form a rapid response team,
- **4 or more 911 dispatchers,**
- **5 jail beds,**
- support **youth mental health services** & a program helping youth before they are chronically homeless.
- continue the **Community Outreach Response Team & community court** (programs that link the most chronic offenders and the low-level violators, with services),
- a **year-round Dusk to Dawn program** (which provides homeless people with a safe place to sleep, and a day resource center, where they could shower, do laundry & stow belongings, at a location to be determined).

We've pray for God's shalom to permeate downtown Eugene, and these steps help bring peace to individuals, as well as our city square.