

Southwest Oklahoma

EMBRACE

Hope

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Prayer Room Schedule:

- 8:00** Prayer training
(Please arrive on time)
- 9:00** Doors open to our honored
guests
- LUNCH** Volunteers dismissed in shifts
for lunch break
- 2:00** Doors closed
Remaining guest continue to
filter through
Begin cleaning up
- 3:00** Finish clean up

WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO THE PRAYER ROOM:

1. Sign in & Grab a name tag (Find the number next to your name on the Sign-In Sheet and write it on your name tag. This will determine your lunch group.)
2. Attend 8:00 Prayer Training
3. If for some reason you arrive late, please report to Trey Smart for training and direction

Need to know Information and FAQ please visit www.embracehopeok.com or on site, report to the command post, Brenda Spencer-Ragland.

THE BIG PICTURE: ACTS 4:29-31, 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1-5

Love people, Serve People, and Connect People to God.

- You will be paired up with another volunteer, unless we are short volunteers.
- Grab a small stack of info cards and a pen to keep with you.
- Wait in the volunteer line as the Honored Guest arrive.
- Greet the guest/s and begin the conversation (see below)
- At the end of the conversation, fill out the info card, (name, contact info, prayer or follow requests, write the number of people in the group in the top right-hand corner.)
- Walk the guest/s to the exit, trade info card for a grocery coupon (1 per family)
- Send them off with a smile!



PRAYER ROOM CONVERSATION GUIDELINES:

Ask questions: How are you doing? Have you had a good time at Embrace Hope in SWOK? What has been the best part? Is there anything you need prayer for today?

If they say no:

- Ask if you can pray a general blessing over them. If they say yes, you don't have to sit down, just pause and pray.
- If they still say no to prayer, just continue walking with them to the exit to get a grocery ticket and tell them you are glad they and hope they enjoyed the day.

If they say yes:

- Ask if they would like to allow the children to move to the play area and color.
- Take the guest/s to an area to sit down so you can focus on them. Listen to their story.
- Ask the person how you can pray for them. Most people will respond with some specifics. If not, you can ask about job, family, or even emotional, physical or spiritual needs.
- If they need physical healing (cancer, back issues, broken leg, elbow pain, etc.), encourage them that we believe God still heals today. As the person on a scale of 1-10 what the pain level is, this gives a gauge for improvement. Encourage them to be specific as possible so you know how best to pray for them.
- If they need prayer in another area (job, family, relationship) ask the Holy Spirit to speak as you are praying for them.
- Be looking for opportunities to share the gospel: If they pray to put their trust in Jesus, write that on their inform care and bring it to Trey Smart and Mike Teal.
- When you have finished praying, fill out the info card - name, email/phone, and the number of people prayed for in the top right-hand corner.
- If they have children in the Kid's area, walk with them to get their kids.

- Walk the family to the exit of the prayer room, exchange the info card for a grocery coupon (1 per family).
- Send them off with a smile. And remind them to Embrace Hope

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you; listen, don't rush, and be careful how you use whatever prompting or insight you believe the Spirit has given.

Prayer is directed toward God. Petition for the Spirit's presence focus on the specific problem and intercede for God to touch it directly.

Avoid thinking that God will not heal unless you say it "just right" or in a 'theologically sophisticated" way. God is primarily concerned with the attitude of your heart, your compassion for the hurting, and your dependence on him.

You will run out of natural energy, but that is when you can see the Spirit work.

Be present when you are with a guest, focus as if they are the only person in the room. Turn your phone off, or place on vibrate.

Things that are on people's heart be initiated by the Holy Spirit. You can be confident as you pray that God is sovereignly working.





AVOID USING PRAYER TIME AS A TIME FOR COUNSELING.

Be praying now that God would prepare your hearts and the hearts of the people you will interact with. This can be one of the most amazing experiences being present with people and watching God work!

Consider bringing water and snacks for yourself. We will provide a small lunch but please do not depend on it for stamina throughout the day. We will provide water and snacks for volunteers, but anything you can bring for yourself will help.

PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE TO ENCOURAGE PRAYER

Do not be anxious about anything, but in EVERYTHING by PRAYER and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (*Holy Bible, Philippians 4:6 ESV*)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and PRAY for one another, that you may be HEALED. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (*James 5:17 ESV*)

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you: seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened. (*Luke 11:9-10 ESV*)

Rejoice always, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for You. (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV*)

“You do not have because you do not ask.” (*James 4:2*)

“Never be deceived into thinking that God will give you apart from prayer what he has promised to give you only through prayer.” *Sam Storms*

ONE OF MY FAVORITE VERSES...

“Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, all that God has prepared for those that love him.”

Let's get back to the basics – Jesus loves the little children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. **WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD!**

Let the honored guests talk about how they feel. Are they encouraged, discouraged, filled with doubt or faith, etc. Do they feel the love of God or a sense of condemnation and failure? Their answer may open up a new avenue of prayer for them.

Be looking for people who appear to be spiritually hungry. If you begin to sense this, you can ask them if they have a relationship with Jesus. You can share the gospel using the 3 circles or whatever you feel comfortable with. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Do not force it, but tell them the gospel and give them a chance to respond. In Oklahoma City, during I love OKC, there were many salvations because of the boldness of those in the OKC Connection Area, similar to our prayer room.

Regardless of what happens, you have not failed! The degree of healing or relief is not the measure of success: obedience is. Salvation is not your job, God does the saving as we proclaim and pray.

If you are going to lay hands on someone to pray, ask for permission first.

