

# Norfolk Prayer Festival

*Praying For A Revival of Peace in Norfolk's Most Violent & Vulnerable Areas*

*2 Chron. 7:14*

*There are 500+ churches in the city of Norfolk, and we're calling for one out of 5, 100 key-churches - Gospel-centered Churches, who will step-up to say, "Enough is enough - It's time for peace in our most violent and vulnerable communities".*

*Over the last few month, a 3 month-old child was shot in a drive-by, a 3 three-year old child was shot, just a few blocks away on a different day. Just last week, two 12 year-old boys were shot (in two different neighborhoods on two different days). Two weeks ago, on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, a 15-year old girl was shot and killed in an inner-city park, while sitting on a swing, in her own community, right here in Norfolk, VA – on our watch.*

*Our civic leaders are calling upon our churches to act! Our police chief has called upon our churches for support and to stand with the police in this very tough environment of controlling and eliminating gun violence, especially upon our children and youth. Brothers and Sisters, it's time for peace .... Will the Church of the Lord Jesus show up, with the Gospel of Peace ? Yes, we will ! No longer can we lead from behind.*

*We're calling on 100 churches of the more than 3,000 churches in Hampton Roads to stand together for a revival and resurrection of PEACE in the city of Norfolk. Now is not the time for church politics or discussions of location, who's at fault, or discussions about who collects the offering. Now is the time to take Jesus Christ to our local communities, the street, our Parks, where children are being gunned down. Will you deploy with us and support taking the Gospel of Peace to our Street ?*

What does success and outcomes look like for the Norfolk Revivals For Peace ?

1. The corporate church ministering **outside of the four walls**.
2. The corporate church **crossing taboo barriers** of ethnicity, socio-economic status and taboo locations to offer the sacrament of truly sharing the Gospel of Peace to all.
3. The corporate church leaving in place a clear and practical blueprint for building the necessary **infrastructure for strong families** and strong neighborhoods. (i.e. family-building, loyalty, respect, self-worth, etc ... **for the purpose of sustainability**.)
4. The corporate church actively including and **supporting youth**, in the quest for peace.
5. **Onsite and live Prayer, Worship and Testimonies** of "*How the Gospel brings peace to life and community*".
6. The corporate church providing clarity of **Hope**, for lives plagued with poverty, joblessness, idleness, drugs, despair and violence.
7. The Church of Jesus Christ finding unity and serving as one body.

We believe that there is **ONE ANSWER** to every problem of unrest, every disease, and every social ill, **JESUS**, the Prince of Peace. Only with Jesus is true PEACE available.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."* - John 14:27

# Festival Format

- Daily (**12 Noon to 2pm**) **Peace Revival**
  - Intercessory Prayer – For Peace
  - Prayer-Walking – For Peace
  - Corporate Worship & Exhortation – For Peace
- Daily (**4pm – 6pm**) **Prayer Festival**  
*(kid-friendly, youth activities, festive music and entertainment)*
  - Live Band Worship / Entertainment,
  - Testimonials “*How The Gospel Brought Peace To My Life.*”
  - Gospel Ministry (Prayer, Salvation, Activities, Food & Supplies)

## Locations & Dates

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|------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| • Huntersville ( Park) | 9/28-2   | (913 Pollard St. Norfolk, VA) |
| • Tidewater Park       | 10/12-16 |                               |
| • St. Paul Area        | Soon TBA |                               |
| • Villa Heights        | Soon TBA |                               |
| • Park Place           | Soon TBA |                               |

## Norfolk Prayer Festival - Launch Team

### Strategic Team - Why, How

Greg Johnston – (Coach)

Eric Thompson – (Treasurer)

Pastor Ken Gerry – (Advisor)

Bishop Cleveland Brown – (Advisor)

### Operations Team - Who, When, Where

Pastor Veronica Thomas (Scheduling)

Pastor Brandon Praileau (Scheduling)

Pastor David Dunbar (On-Site Logistics)

Pastor Nathan C. Butler (On-Site Chaplain)

### Communications/ Marketing Team - What

Ron Atkinson (Photographer)

Rosean Lindsey (Graphic Designer)

Pastor Brian Harroff (Clergy Collaboration)

Pastor Joe McDaniel (General Point of Contact)

## Norfolk Prayer Festival - Executive Leadership Team

Board of Local Clergy – TBA

# How Can Our Church or Non-Profit Support ?

We're looking for **100 churches** to embrace *Children in Vulnerable Communities*:

- 5 **Anchor** Churches                      Intercessory Prayer Warriors
- 25 **Supportive** Churches              Worship Team & Testimonials
- 25 **Auxiliary** Churches                Parking, Security, Escorts, Food Prep
- 50 **Encouragement** Churches        Undergird & Underwrite

**Anchor Church** – Offers to support ONE WEEK / FIVE DAYS and send:

- 10 or more intercessors to prayer walk and encourage people to come out and receive food, supplies, counseling, prayer and a testimony from the speaker or prayer from the prayer tent.
  - 1 Hour – (12noon – 1pm)

**Supportive Church** – Offers to support just ONE DAY by sending a:

- Worship Team For The Day. (4 Songs, High Energy Praise, Passion, & Heavy Bass)
- Testimony Speaker – 10 Minutes (“*How the Gospel brought peace to your life*”)
- 1 Hour (1pm – 2pm) **OR** (4pm-5pm)

**Auxiliary Church** – Offers to support with 5-10 auxiliary personnel for ONE WEEK.

- Parking Lot Attendants – To assist staff and visitors with parking and vehicle security.
- Security Personnel – To provide perimeter protection (along with the Norfolk Police Department) To provide oversight for staff and guests who are in worship.
- Prayer Escorts - To accompany intercessory prayer teams, who are prayer-walking and inviting guests.
- Distribution Team – To provide a 5-member team to pass out gifts & supplies.

**Encouragement Church** – Offers VIRTUAL SUPPORT ONLY by:

- Gathering To Pray in any location of your choice or on Zoom: Please pray for Peace and for Souls. You may also join our Live Prayer Walk on Facebook at (Norfolk Prayer Festival) <https://www.facebook.com/Norfolk-Prayer-Festival-100791755121178/>
- Sending a Financial Contribution of \$100 or more to our treasurer, to be spent on equipment, (tents, power, lights, transportation, books, bibles, counseling, food and supplies for children and parents of impoverished, violent and vulnerable local communities.
  - CHECKS: Make Payable to: “The Bridge” 500 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Norfolk, VA 23508
  - CASH APP: TheBridgeNorfolk
  - CREDIT CARD: <https://thebridgefamily.churchcenter.com/giving/to/norfolk-prayer-festival>

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*“And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.” Mark 16:19*