

# Ministry News

FROM Len Evans

## Good News Lubbock!

### Pray For One Another

Prayer should be part of our relationships as believers. We are commanded to pray for one another in James 5. Paul reports in 2 Corinthians 1:11 that he is helped by the prayers of others.

Earlier this year I was asked to contribute to the newly formed ministry “Relentless” in Lubbock. Relentless brought in Bethany Hamilton, from *Soul Surfer* movie fame, and next month is bringing in Dr. Kevin Leman for two days in June.

I’m also now on the board for Parent Life Lubbock, a ministry of Youth For Christ. It helps teen parents to grow in their faith and to help them overcome all the challenges involved with being a teen parent.

Once I reach 100% of my support needed, My plan is to give 25% of my time to the needs of Lubbock.

I specifically want to help churches do two things.

### Pray For Other Churches & Pray for Our Schools

I’m starting to talk to pastors and gathering input and support for this idea. While in Houston recently, I spoke with Marcus. He had been the youth pastor at his church for 13 years, and he shared the difference it made to have around 30 churches pray for each other over the last 20 years.

Whether the churches in Lubbock pray for other churches on Sunday morning by



having the “church of the week” listed in the bulletin, projecting it up on the big screen, or only praying for them during their staff meetings. It’s important and it needs to happen.

On a local level, we will partner with Moms in Prayer, to know which schools are being prayed for and to share prayer needs. Moms In Prayer is one of our national partners with NNYM.

### Prayer & Preparing for Crisis

The first goal is to simply be able to share something along the lines of “15 churches in Lubbock are praying for 24 different schools and each other.”

We know that prayer makes a difference! Our hope is that we will share how God is working in our town in ways we often aren’t aware of - unless we are well-connected.

We deeply hope that nothing as horrible as Ferguson or Baltimore will happen in Lubbock. But if we have a similar crisis, our long-term goal - which is only reached through time and relationships - is that the body of Christ is prepared to respond

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through the foundation of friendships and love across all sorts of common barriers.

### Being An Answer to Prayer

If you are in Lubbock, I'd love to talk with you and your pastor about how your congregation can be involved with this.

Please contact me. My cell is (806) 535-1300.

### The Evans Girls

Taylor will be home this month and will be entering her junior year at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi next fall.

I'm very happy that she still likes coming home!

Sarabeth just turned 16 and is ready for summer.

This year that includes a 10-day "Intensive Law & Trial" program at Stanford Law School.

She also now wants to study astrophysics. I can barely spell that, let alone study it!

### Prayer Requests

- For many churches to begin praying for each other.
- For greater unity in the Lubbock body of Christ to bring a brighter light in our town.
- To reach 100% of my support needs by having 60 regular NNYM supporters.



Thanks for all of your prayers and for letting me pray for you, too!

Keep Lovin' Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jen".