INVENTORY 1: BEHAVIOR-BASED INVENTORY OF PASTORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (to be completed by pastor)

Personal Inventory
(to be completed by the pastor regarding his personal prayer life)

I have recently done the following as it relates to my personal prayer life (check all that apply).

- [ ] Spent daily time with God in prayer
- [ ] Experienced meaningful personal prayer times
- [ ] Prayed for the salvation of lost persons by name
- [ ] Thanked God for a specific blessing in my life and family
- [ ] Prayed for my church staff and church leaders
- [ ] Prayed for the Sunday services at our church
- [ ] Prayed in my heart as others led in congregational prayer in my church
- [ ] Recorded (in a notebook or journal) the things I need to pray for regularly
- [ ] Prayed for more than a half-hour
- [ ] Prayed reflecting on a Bible passage I had just read
- [ ] Spent time listening to God as a part of my prayer time
- [ ] Spent time meditating on the meaning of a Scripture passage asking God to clarify the meaning and application needed
**Congregational Inventory**
*(to be completed by the pastor regarding congregational prayer)*

Our congregation has recently provided the following as it relates to congregational prayer *(check all that apply)*.

- [ ] Personal prayer opportunities with other believers
- [ ] A congregational prayer time of more than 30 minutes in duration
- [ ] Meaningful congregational prayer time in worship services
- [ ] Encouragement to come forward to seek prayer at the close of a service
- [ ] Prayer times devoted to praying for lost people
- [ ] Intentional prayer times for gospel impact in our community, state, county, and world
- [ ] Prayer times devoted to an unreached people group
- [ ] Prayer times devoted to specific ministries in our church
- [ ] Prayer for additional leaders and laborers to be raised up
- [ ] Prayer for students by name
- [ ] Prayer for children and students attending our church to be saved
INVENTORY 2: HAVING A BALANCED APPROACH TO CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

This inventory serves as a checklist to determine: “How balanced is our congregational prayer ministry?”

Recently our church has prayed for the following in a congregational prayer time (check all that apply).

- For a fresh vision of God
- For brokenness and humility before God
- For broken and strained relationships to be restored through forgiveness
- For lost people to be saved
- For boldness to engage in spiritual conversations and sharing the gospel
- For cleansing of personal and congregational sins
- For the congregation to fulfill the Great Commission and make disciples
- For our pastor, staff, and leaders
- For local, state, and national government leaders
- Prayed through Scripture passages that relate to congregational health and vitality
- For receptivity and understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to our church
- For physical and spiritual healing for persons in the church and community
- For a fresh vision from God and His preferred future for the congregation
- For the ministries of the church to be effective in helping the church fulfill its God-given mission
- For the upcoming Sunday services
- For the gospel to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth through SBC missionaries and mission work
- For other Bible-believing churches and gospel-focused ministries in the community
This inventory could be administered to members of the congregation on a Sunday morning (during a Sunday school hour or as a take-home assignment to be returned to the church the next Sunday).

How often do you engage in personal prayer?

— Once a day
— Three to five times a week
— Once a week
— I pray but not constantly
— More than once a day

When I have a personal prayer time, I ...

— pray first thing in the morning
— do so as a part of my devotional time
— pray in the evening
— keep a prayer journal
— meditate on Scripture

When I pray, I usually spend

— 5-10 minutes
— 10-15 minutes
— 15-25 minutes
— more than 30 minutes

During my normal time in personal prayer

— I do all the talking
— I spend most of the time talking
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I have a prayer partner that I meet with

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The church where I am a member provides _____ resources for personal prayer (fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best describes your church)

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Our church encourages congregational prayer

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Our church has … (complete the sentence with the statement that best describes your church)

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My church has a ______________ prayer ministry (fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best describes your church)

_____ strong
_____ weak
_____ non-existent
_____ exciting

Electronic copies of the above inventories can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.kybaptist.org/prayer