

- 24-Hour Prayer Watch
- Spiritual Awakening
- Uniting the Church
- Sponsored by HCMA
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**A NEW PRAYER MOVEMENT** sponsored by local pastors in the Henderson County Ministerial Association (HCMA), is underway, and your church can fill a vital role. The vision of the prayer movement is for every Bible-believing church in Henderson County to unite in prayer for spiritual awakening in our county, and for the advancement of God's kingdom throughout the world.

The foundation of and covering for this prayer movement will be a 24-hour Prayer Watch, uniting churches around Henderson County (see [www.hcma-web.org/prayer.htm](http://www.hcma-web.org/prayer.htm)). Each church will cover at least one 24-hour period and some congregations will take more than one day per month.

The prayer watch concept, based on Isaiah 62:6-7, has been demonstrated in church history as one means whereby God has brought spiritual awakening to churches and the Gospel of Christ throughout the land.

**You can find additional prayer resources at the HCMA website:**  
**[www.hcma-web.org](http://www.hcma-web.org)**

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# Join the Watch

*Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,  
I have set watch men;  
all the day and all the night  
they shall never be silent.  
You who put the Lord in remembrance,  
take no rest, and give Him no rest  
until He establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it a praise in the earth.*

Isaiah 62:6-7

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## What is a prayer watch?

The HCMA Prayer Watch involves people committing themselves to pray regularly during specific time slots. The goal is to have enough people eventually sign up to offer up continuous prayer to God, around the clock. Ideally, a prayer watch would continue until the Lord returns.

## Why has a prayer watch been started in Henderson County?

The prayer watch was started to help us grow in the discipline of personal prayer, and unite us together in a focused chorus of prayer so that God might move in our midst in a mighty way. The 24-hour prayer watch has proven to be an effective

model in uniting Christians in ongoing prayer. Where prayer watches have been established, people have received vision and power from God, bringing new vitality into the body of Christ.

## How can I be involved?

Sign up for a daily, 15-minute time slot. It can be mutually strengthening and uplifting to have a prayer partner to help you during your 15-minute slot. Then, commit to pray during your scheduled time. Your time on the watch is not meant to compete with your daily devotions, but be a supplement to your personal prayer.



## What will I pray for?

Participants will be praying for the needs of our local churches, our families and ministries. Those on the watch will receive a regular prayer letter containing current prayer requests, answers to prayer and encouragement!

## Will participants of the watch ever meet together?

Yes. A time for corporate prayer and sharing will usually be held once a month to gather to fellowship, worship and pray together. Group prayer at least once a month releases the power of God in a special way. This "Concert of Prayer" will provide you with fresh vision of what God has been doing, and spur you on for personal intercession.

## The history behind the prayer watch...

A few centuries ago a German nobleman, Count Ludwig Von Zinzendorf, saw the need for people who would "watch and pray." He was discouraged by the factions and ungodliness in his own church and in much of the Christian world. So, in 1722, Zinzendorf founded a community named "Herrnhut" (German for "The Lord's Watch," from Isaiah 62:6-7). Herrnhut was the basis for a watch of prayer in which people would pray, 24 hours a day, for a unified and revived church. This prayer watch continued for 100 years and became the power base for a thriving church and for one of the most successful missionary movements in history.

