***A Prayer Journey in the New Year:***

January 2023

Would you join me as we begin a new year in praying for the Lord’s specific direction for our congregation? It will involve setting aside a time each day, not long to begin with, to meditate on some Scripture and to pray about some specific questions. Throughout the month, there will be times to pray together and to discuss what we might be hearing from the Lord.

Week 1:

I. Verses to meditate on this week:

A. Isaiah 43:18-19:

*“Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.*

B. Romans 6:4:

*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

II. Pray with me through the Lord’s Prayer each day, thinking especially about the first request:

*…Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven…*

III. Items for prayer (you can pray about one of these each day of the week or all each day, whatever seems natural to you):

1. What is the Lord asking you to contribute to His mission in this new year?

2. What deep needs do people in your sphere of influence seem to be demonstrating?

3. How does the Gospel address these needs?

4. How does the Lord want us (individually and corporately) to be agents of blessing?

5. What is one way you can open yourself to God’s kingdom coming in you in this season?

If a Scripture, an idea or a question comes to you while you pray. Write is down for further reflection.