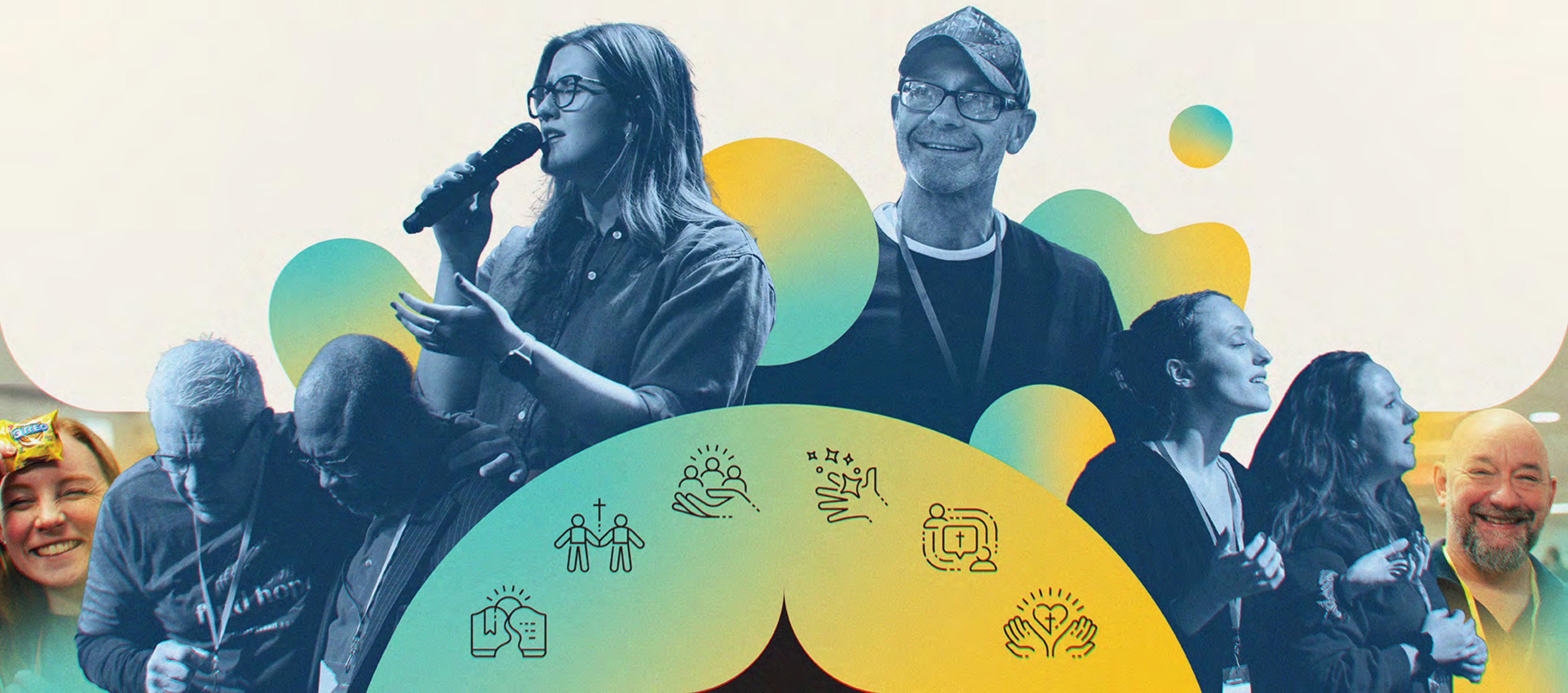


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evangelism or discipleship?**

Embody

- Seek God daily – Spiritual practices
- Build deep relationships – Growth + support
- Live generously – Joyfully + sacrificially
- Serve others – Display God's love
- Make God known – Who He is + what He's done
- Worship God – Growing affection for God

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who are **spiritually hungry**
and may long to join us.

New Here vision:
Grace-driven, truth-led

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Do not forget to show **hospitality to strangers**, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

☞ HEBREWS 13:2

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☞ ACTS 27:8

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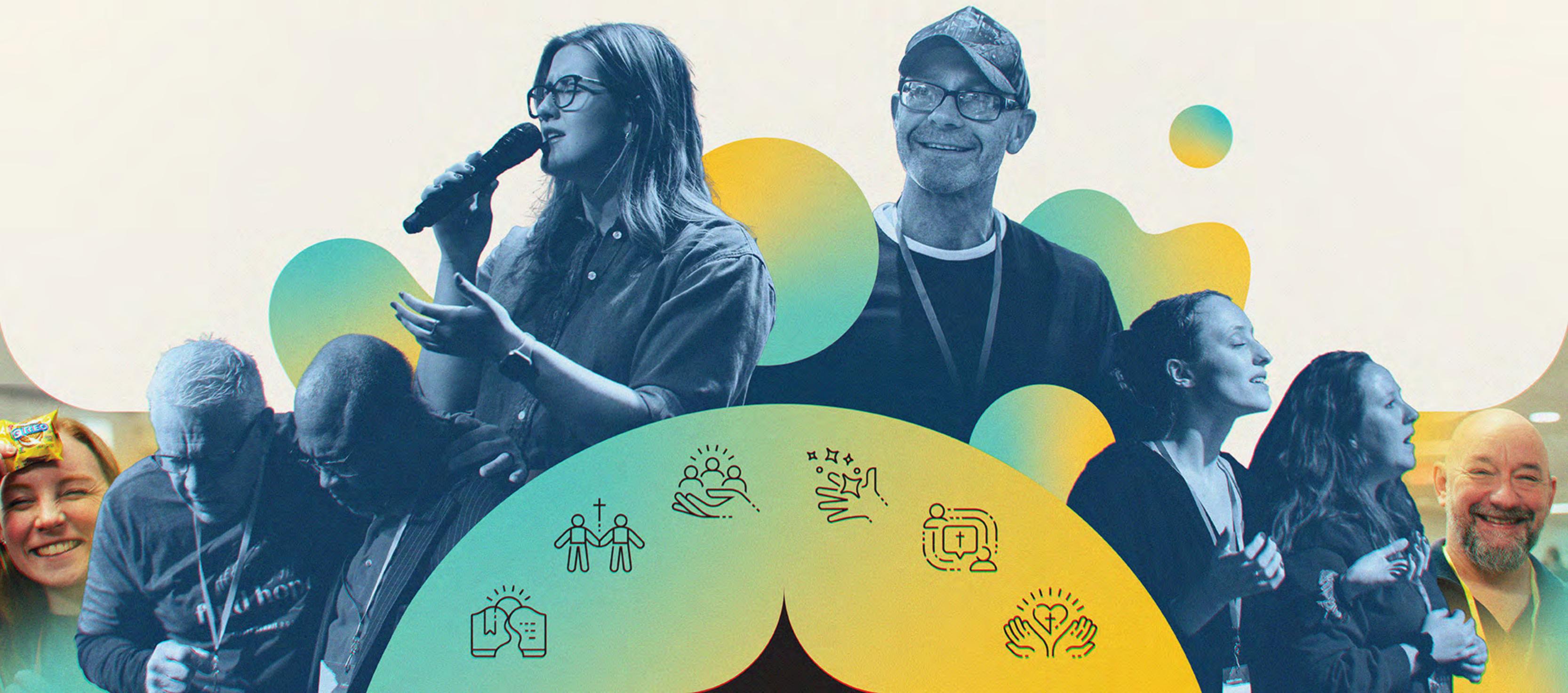
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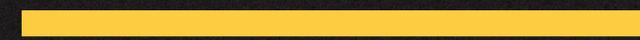
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Core

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus for you.

☐ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

**Do not be anxious about anything,
but in **everything** by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving
**let your requests be made known
to God.****

☞ PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Why prayer?

- Spiritual **revivals** always involve prayer.
- **Miracles** are the result of prayer.
- All **movements of God** throughout Church history began with prayer.
- Every **hero of faith** in Scripture lived by prayer.
- **Fairhaven Church was born** because 12 families stepped out and prayed.

I want to challenge us
to a **deeper** life of prayer
this year!

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Barriers to prayer for leaders

- Our skills, experience and knowledge
- Productivity or being results-driven
- Stubborn will
- Harboring sin
- Lack of faith

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**And the peace of God, which
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☒ PHILIPPIANS 4:7

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☒ JAMES 5:16

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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will **hear from heaven**, and I will **forgive their sin** and will **heal their land**.

☐ 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Let's become a church
characterized by prayer.

Leaders go first.

- Commit to a deeper prayer life.
- Pray specifically for other leaders.
- Pray with others.
- Use prayer prompts on the Leader Platform.
- Use the provided prayer cards.
- Sign up for prayer opportunities at your campus.

Church-wide emphasis

- Sermon series on prayer
- 28 days of prayer
- Prayer time during services
- Invite people to a “digital fast”
- Prayer opportunities on each campus
- Prayer groups of people in similar seasons of life