



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Spread of the Gospel (Mark 16:15)

Our purpose is to build people to become role models of the Great Commandment and Great Commission, as commanded in Matthew Chapters 22 and 28; which are:

- “To Love The Lord Our God With All Our Heart, Soul and Mind... and Our Neighbor As Ourselves.”
Matthew 22:35-38
- “And To Go Out Into The World As His Witnesses and Make Disciples Until He Returns For the Church.” *Matthew 28:20*

Night Walk Teams

Night Walk Team utilizes specific strategies to get individuals who are “drivers of violence” off the streets through outreach, ministry, love and direct communication; introducing them to an alternative lifestyle and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Night Walks and other strategies are important pieces of the puzzle that has the potential to significantly reduce violence in Chicago.

Bringing the Church to the Community (Mt. 5:14-16)

Inviting individuals to various church services are part of what we do. However, the main goal and vision of this work is to reduce violence and bring the church of Jesus Christ and all it has to offer to the people who need it. It is our strong belief that the blessings of God should not be confined inside the walls of a church building.

To touch people in their time of need so that they may feel the caring arms of God and to reach out in a manner that plants seeds and ultimately leads them to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Consistency will lead individuals to Christ.

Deliver a Positive Message (I Cor. 2:2)

We speak, preach, and communicate the positive message of Jesus Christ with love. We understand that some individuals may not be ready to accept the Gospel with open arms and some may even reject our efforts. We are there to demonstrate love and compassion. As ambassadors for Christ we realize that forcing people to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior is not always the most effective way to open people's hearts and minds to receive the message of Jesus Christ. It is important that we are viewed as **credible messengers**. We must remember the 3 second rule. We have seconds to be sure that we present ourselves as trusted individuals.

A Servant's Heart (Mt. 10:42)

We must do all our works as unto the Lord whether offering kind words and giving encouragement, we should always consider that it is a great opportunity and a privilege for we are laborers together with God. Doing our works this way will always bring glory to Christ and make us the greatest light in a dark world that we can possibly be.

Harmful Conversation (James 4:11)

Backbiting, rumors, speaking evil of one another, and gossip are tools of the devil to bring divisions, and must be exposed and eliminated immediately. Complete love and respect must be shown to all who work in this ministry, as well as to the people to whom we minister. Our basic principle will be, "If you would not say the words in the person's presence, do not say them in their absence."

This is not an opportunity to neither exchange numbers with people for “hook up” nor use language that is not appropriate for Kingdom business.

NIGHT WALK MISSION STATEMENT

100 Blocks 100 Churches Night Walk Outreach will enable the process of actively reaching and winning lives for Christ while reducing shootings in the Austin area of Chicago by targeting youth, young adults, and individuals impacted and engaging in gun violence. The purpose of the Night Walks is to touch and transform lives for Christ to the Glory of God through witnessing, evangelism, and discipleship.



PURPOSE

Congregations in Austin have organized night walks in collaboration with faith Leaders.

GOALS

- Develop relationships within the community
- Remain present in 15th District “Hot Spots / Trouble Areas”
- Engage residents into the work

POLICIES

In order to be effective, 100 Blocks / 100 Churches Prayer Night Walks must be CONSISTENT and be performed in a Spirit of Excellency.

- Each team is to select a unified color for team shirts and be consistent is wearing the selected color on each Prayer Night Walk.
- Meeting site walks will be conduct weekly on Wednesdays. Pre-meetings will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Walks will take place from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Debriefing will be conducted thereafter and concluded by 7:50 pm.
 - **TEAM ROUTE:**
 - Each site will develop routes according to desired opportunity
- Team Members should understand that this is a serious endeavor; walking and engaging the community with a purpose. DO NOT GET OFF TRACK [i.e. yelling, screaming, complaining, doing ‘extra’].
- No one should ever be alone during a Prayer Night Walk. Team members are to be paired into groups of two (at a minimum). Each group should have a designated speaker and a designated recorder. The speaker is responsible for the verbal communication [i.e. conversation with residents]. The recorder is responsible for filling in the 100 Block / 100 Churches Contact Cards as needed.
- Children are permitted to participate. However, for safety precautions, children must be with a parent or guardian at all times.
- Team Members are advised not to hand out money. If a team member wants to give aid or help, it is better to ask the person what they need and direct them to appropriate resources. Handing out cash is not generally conducive to building healthy relationships with the people we are connecting with and ministering to.

- Team Members are to neither exchange numbers with people for “hook up” nor use language that is not appropriate for Kingdom business.
- Remember, our goal is not to offer unsolicited prayers. Our goal is to develop relationships. Through consistency, care, and love we will win them over to Christ and be instrumental in saving lives.
- Be relational. Develop relationships with people. Gather information. Pass out literature with contact info. Try to limit conversations to 2-5 minutes.
- Stay aware. The most effective way to ensure safety is to simply stay aware. If you are vigilant you can often spot things like loose dogs or a car that is driving too fast down the street. Thus, recognize the potential for danger and proceed with caution.
- Don’t argue or be confrontational. On occasion, we will come in contact with individuals who are unreceptive to our presence. This can get worse if, for instance, you run into someone who is intoxicated and/or having a bad day. When you encounter someone who is combative, simply end the conversation, wish them well, and proceed on.
- Don't go inside. Never enter someone’s home, even when invited. Always stay on the sidewalk, porch, or doorstep.
- Trust your instinct. Don’t knock on a door or enter a yard you feel uneasy about. If something seems suspicious, or should you feel uncomfortable at any point during a Prayer Night Walk, notify your walk partner and/or team captain; identify and proceed to a safe location (i.e. original meeting site).
- If encountering a situation that seems criminal or dangerous protect your personal safety and that of the other team members. Personal safety is paramount. There is no need to endanger yourself EVER.
- Travel light. Only the essentials should be taken when canvassing. Valuables should be left at a secure location or hidden from sight.
- Carry a cell phone. In the event of an emergency, Team Members should always carry a cell phone. However, phones [and other valuables] should not be displayed unless emergency use is needed.
- Neighbors are often curious about what Prayer Night Walkers are doing. As long as the neighbors seem safe, be open and friendly. You are forming potential alliances with people who might want to join the Foot Patrol or help your cause in some other way. Likewise, be friendly towards kids you may encounter. It’s valuable for them to see that theirs is a community that cares about safety and livability and is hopeful for the future.
- Use discretion when approaching vehicles.
- Use discretion when approaching a group of people.
- Use discernment in prayer (avoid inappropriate touching; at least one team member should keep their eyes open throughout prayer).
- Prayer should only be offered if there is an established relationship or if requested.

ATTIRE

Teams are to be uniformed in RED shirts. Comfortable walking shoes are suggested.

RESPECT OF PRIVACY

Total respect of privacy must be given to everyone we come in contact with. Team Members will not discuss the following with anyone except the Team Captains or other certified personnel and/or volunteers, after securing the permission:

- Contact Information (phone number, email, social network, or physical address)
- Gang Affiliation Information
- Any other information deemed personal.
- The only exception is if a confidentiality release form has been signed by the Person.

STRUCTURE OF WEEKLY MEETINGS

Adhering to weekly meeting structures provides consistency and allow participants the ability to adapt to Prayer Walk policies and procedures.

MEETING STRUCTURES:

- Pre-Walk Meetings should start promptly at 6:00 pm.
- Team Members are to be encourage to meet at the designated meeting site at 6pm in order to receive specific instructions for the current walk. Team Members unable to meet at the designated site should be informed where to join team along walk route.
- The 100 Blocks / 100 Churches Prayer Night Walks Purpose Statement along with the team's walk route should be reviewed at each meeting.
- Ten [10] minutes of each meeting should be dedicated to providing instructions for the current walk.
- Following each Prayer Night Walk, a fifteen to twenty [15-20] minute Debriefing Meeting should be conducted upon returning to the designated meeting site. This meeting is to discuss what took place, issues addressed, issues that require follow-up, and what things need to be complete for the team's next walk.
- Both Pre-Walk Meetings and Debriefing Meetings are to be opened and closed in prayer.

DUTIES OF TEAM CAPTAINS

1. Know Your Team

- Maintain a team list. This ensures that you have the ability to notify Team Members of schedule changes or cancelations.
- Exchange contact numbers with co-captains and provide your contact information to your team members. This allows for accountability and for notification in the event of an emergency.

2. Secure Location

- Ensure that your teams meeting site is open and accessible at the selected time of meetings and remains accessible for the duration of the walk.

3. Provide Instructions

- Ensure that your team has a clear understanding of their purpose prior to each Prayer Walk.

4. Be Prepared

- Ensure that your team has ample supplies to make canvassing easier [i.e. pens, contact cards, resource cards, clipboards, etc.] Having a clipboard to write on may make recording the results of conversations much easier.

5. Prayer

- Begin and conclude each pre-walk meeting and debriefing meeting in prayer, praying for your team, the community, and the Kingdom.

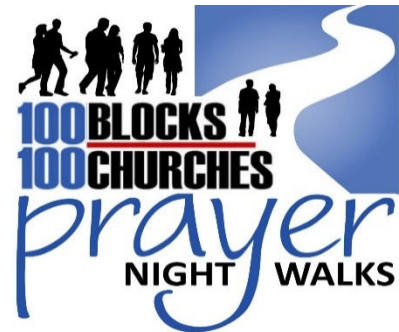
6. Be Consistent

- Ensure that walks are organized and properly conducted on a regularly scheduled basis.

7. Reporting

Following each Prayer Walk Debriefing Meeting, Captains are to report on the following:

- Number of participating team members
- Number of prayers performed
- Number of needs addressed
- Issues / items requiring follow-up



DETAILED PRE-WALK MEETING STRUCTURE

6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

6:00 Opening Prayer

6:03 Introductions

Be sure to make sure that everyone knows who is in the group and understands that we are to keep our eyes on each other. Everyone should sign in if they have not. Captains should report number of participants to the designated person or email information.

6:08 Purpose of 100 Blocks / 100 Churches Night Walks

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6:10 Review Route

Map out the blocks that you will walk. (This is pre-work for captains) Divide the blocks up by teams and this depends on the amount of people).

6:15 Provide Walk Instructions

- Quickly break into pairs
- Assign roles [i.e. speaker, recorder]
- Provide walk materials [i.e. contact cards, resource information, etc.]
- Emphasize the need to stay alert and stay together. Never argue or press someone to talk with you.

6:25 Prayer

6:30 Begin Walk

- 30 minute walk out
- 30 Minutes Back

7:30 Debriefing Meeting

- One word Feeling
- What went well?
- What could have gone better?
- Suggestions for next walk?

Submit Material (contact cards, resources cards, etc.)

7:45 Closing Prayer

SAMPLE PRAYER WALK RESPONSES

Scenario 1

Team Member: Hello, my name is Thomas. How are you today?
Response: I'm good but I don't want to talk.
Team Member: No problem. We'll be back out next week. I hope to see you then.

Scenario 2

Team Member: Hello, how are you today?
Response: I'm good. What are you all doing?
Team Member: We walk our community each week to show love, pray with our neighbors, and hopefully identify some ways to support the community. What are your thoughts about the gun violence in our area?
Response: We need to do something about it.
Team Member: The best thing that we can do is love each other and be present. Are you interested in learning more about the community led strategies that's being using to reduce the shootings? Our kids need all the support that our community can give.
Response: Yes
Team Member: Can you give me your information (*fill out contact card*)? Thanks (use name)! I will be in contact and I hope to see you next week.

Remember...

- *Always remind them on when you will be back.*
- *Keep the conversations brief.*
- *Do not offer unsolicited prayers.*
- *Do not use this as an opportunity to promote church services. Again consistency will win them over.*
- *Listen. Be sure to take notes and gather the needed information. **Don't ask for the information we are not detectives but gather what you hear.***
- *Are there any feuds currently occurring? Did you hear of any house or people that may be engaging in violence (we want to develop relationships with these individuals not submit their names to the police)?*
- *Did you make any observations?*