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PRAYER JOURNEY

# WEEK 1: PRAY FOR OUR NEW LOCATION

*“Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.” Acts 18:7-8 NIV*

## LOOKING FOR AN OPEN DOOR—LITERALLY.

Throughout Paul’s ministry, he used a couple of typical places to launch new churches. First, he would often go to a synagogue, which was the local Jewish place of worship. If he were in an area that didn’t have a strong Jewish presence, he would often go to the marketplace or to places used for political debate. Whether he went to the synagogue or the marketplace, Paul went to places where people were already gathering to reach them where they were.

After reaching a few, he would often organize new believers into smaller groups in local homes. They would move from a large group to a small group, and the church would grow from there. To make this work, there needed to be a public gathering place to teach in, and a private gathering place to grow in.

In many ways, this is how we still organize churches. We need a public place to gather a large number of people, and we need homes to disciple people in smaller groups.

In July, we will be moving worship to a new location at CA Backspace. We trust that God will use this location to help our community live into the calling he has placed on our lives.

Along with a worship location, like the Apostle Paul, we want to organize people into small groups in people’s homes. We know that, in general, people’s spiritual growth happens in circles—not rows.

In other words, we need a public gathering place for worship, and we also need homes for small groups.

This week, pray that God would use this new location for amazing breakthroughs in the lives of our community. Join us each day this week by praying for some component of our new location. Along with praying for our new location, we invite you to pray for the locations of our local missions, small groups, and meeting spaces.

## MONDAY, JUNE 11TH

Pray for the theater. Over the last year, we have been blessed to worship at the Grandview Theater. As we end our time there on Sunday mornings, would you take time to pray for God's blessing on this space? Pray for ways that we can continue to work with the theater and use the space for events. Pray for the staff, giving thanks for their willingness to show up early every Sunday to open their doors to us.

Consider taking time to write a short thank-you note to the theater for allowing us to meet in their space, and mail it to them at:

*The Grandview Theater and Drafthouse  
1247 Grandview Ave,  
Grandview Heights, OH 43212*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH

Pray for our new location. Pray for the worship space, entryway, children's space, and hospitality area. Pray that God uses this new location to reach new people for Christ.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH

Pray for the homes that our small groups meet in. Pray that God would protect these homes and the families that live in them. Pray that each group would allow more and more people to experience authentic, Christ-centered community.

We have two small groups in Grandview, one in Franklinton, one in Glen Echo, and a few more starting this fall. Take time to pray for each group.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH

Pray for our office spaces. We have office space at West Park UMC in Franklinton for our local missions staff, and office space at Trinity UMC in Marble Cliff for our Grandview operations. Pray that our office space would be a place where our staff and volunteers can grow in their faith, trust God more and more, and have the wisdom to lead our church in powerful directions

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

Pray for the Avondale Place. This old UMC church is currently be used by Women Crafting Change, The Coalition for the Homeless and a few small churches. Would you pray for each of these organizations, and for our work at Avondale? Pray that God would show us ways that we can use this space to serve the poor and hurting in Columbus.