Prayer Ministry vs. House of Prayer

Prayer Ministry	House of Prayer
Prayer is seen as good, but optional; a good resource.	Prayer is seen as essential, non-optional; our first resource.
Prayer fits in around other things.	Other things fit in around prayer.
Prayer is seen as foundational.	Prayer is seen as the foundation, fabric and force of all-ministry.
Prayer is seen as functional. We pray in order to see things happen.	Prayer is seen as relational. We pray in order to know the God who makes thing happen.
Prayer is seen as our duty because things need to be different.	Prayer is seen as a delight because we want to be different.
"We need to pray."	"We get to pray."
Seek to pray about what we do.	Seek to do things through prayer.
We ask God to bless what we do.	We ask God to help us do what He is blessing.
We attempt that which is within our means.	We attempt that which is within God's means.
Some in congregation are involved. The responsibility is put on a select few to "do the praying".	Entire congregation is involved. Everyone takes ownership for doing their "prayer share."
Only a few leaders attend prayer meetings with no regular commitment.	All leaders (staff and lay) have and live out a commitment to individual and corporate prayer.
There is an assumption that people know how to pray and are praying.	There are no assumptions that people know how or are praying.
Little or no regular emphasis or teaching on prayer from the pulpit.	High priority is placed on prayer by the pastor in private and public settings.
Few prayer opportunities.	Many regular and special prayer opportunities taking place.
Congregation prays limited styles of prayer.	Congregation prays and appreciates a variety of styles and expressions of prayer.
Vision for prayer is limited or stagnant.	Vision for growth of intimacy and impact through prayer is constantly growing.
Ministries takes place after discussions and decisions.	No ministry takes place without ongoing prayer for and during (and after) the ministry.
Groups open meetings with prayer as an agenda item.	Groups spend time praying together and set times of prayer in addition to regular meetings.
Any prayer ministry staff is not recognized as vital part of church staff.	Paid or volunteer prayer minister and staff are recognized as a vital part of the staff.

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