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Welcome to There is Hope Radio.

In this broadcast, I'll be talking about Standing in the Gap. As you heard in the intro of this broadcast, There is Hope Radio is being sponsored by Standing in the Gap. I'll be answering the following questions, who, what is Standing in the Gap? Why Standing in the Gap? How does Standing in the Gap work?

So who, what is Standing in the Gap? Standing in the Gap is the intercessory prayer ministry of Creating Futures. I know it's not much of an answer because now you want to know what or who is Creating Futures. Creating Futures is the ministry of myself, Preacher Rich D., and my wife, Carmi Dover. It entails a variety of ministries, which includes Standing in the Gap, this radio show, There is Hope Radio, Saturate Arkansas, which focuses on getting the gospel into every home in Arkansas. And it covers other things, but this does not get sidetracked. This broadcast is focused on Standing in the Gap. Like I said, Standing in the Gap is the intercessory prayer ministry of Creating Futures.

What is intercessory prayer? Intercessory prayer is the act of praying to God on behalf of others, also known as praying for someone else's needs. It's a form of prayer where you intervene or mediate between God and another person, seeking God's blessings, healing, and intervention for that individual. It can also be the act of praying on behalf of a situation, a community, or a nation. The focus is praying for others rather than for ourselves.

So the purpose of Standing in the Gap as a ministry is to mediate, intervene through prayer. Thus, the main focus is prayer, but not just prayer. Worship and praise is involved. We worship and praise the God who answers our prayers as we Stand in the Gap. So why Standing in the Gap?

Why was it started? What is the reason for its existence? Because of time restraints, I will share the short version of why Standing in the Gap was started by my wife, Carmi and I. Maybe sometime I will share the full story of what led us to starting Standing in the Gap. It is actually a very interesting story. Based upon the name, it should be clear that we became aware of some things that we believed needed prayer. Not just prayer, but intercessory prayer, serious prayer, prayer that moves mountains.

The main focus of Standing in the Gap is the city of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, but our prayer time is not just praying for Fairfield Bay. I will explain that a little bit later on. The reason the

main focus of Standing in the Gap is Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, is because of all the drama in Fairfield Bay. There is much turmoil, unproductive conflicts, ungodly mindsets and behavior, divisiveness, a refusal to find common ground and work on solutions. There is much pettiness and unhealthy ways of trying to find solutions to various problems in Fairfield Bay. Now it isn't all that, I don't want to sound too negative, but there is enough of that going around that has created a lot of problems.

Praise God, we believe God is answering our prayers because we are seeing improvements in all that is going on in Fairfield Bay. And by the way, the truth is Fairfield Bay is like a microcosm of what is taking place across America. Maybe what is taking place in your own city.

As a ministry, Standing in the Gap believes in the power of intercessory prayer. We believe that through prayer, hearts can be changed, situations and circumstances can be changed. We believe a community can be transformed through prayer. The reason we have faith in the power of intercessory prayer is because we have seen the results from prayer for people and situations. I could do several radio shows just on answered prayer.

Standing in the Gap not only prays for the city of Fairfield Bay, but also for individuals, businesses and America. We pray for whatever the Lord brings up at the time of prayer. So I have answered who, what is Standing in the Gap. I have answered why Standing in the Gap.

So the next question to answer is, how does Standing in the Gap work? The simple answer is we pray. We don't talk about praying, but actually pray. Prayer that includes times of worship.

Officially we meet on Tuesdays at 4.45pm to 5.30pm and Saturdays at 5.30pm to 6.30pm. We meet at 130 Village Place, Suite 1F in the Town Center, Fairfield Bay. I'll give you the address again, but just to make it easy, if you know where the Village Market is in the Town Center, Fairfield Bay, we're in the lower level behind them, right next door to ATV Encounters. Everyone and anyone is invited to join with us in prayer. We usually start out with some worship songs, then take prayer requests, and then pray. We pray about all kinds of things. Our focus is Fairfield Bay, but our prayer time is not limited to Fairfield Bay.

I think the best way to answer the question of how does Standing in the Gap work, is to do what we do, pray. So in just a moment, my wife Carmi and I will pray, but first I'll repeat the times we meet, our meeting location, and share some goals we have for the future. Officially we meet on Tuesdays at 4.45pm to 5.30pm and Saturdays at 5.30pm to 6.30pm. We meet at 130 Village Place, Suite 1F in the Town Center, Fairfield Bay. Our office is located at the lower level behind Village Market in the Town Center. We are next door to ATV Encounters. If you have a burden for prayer, a burden for Fairfield Bay, a burden for someone who needs prayer, feel free to come join us in intercessory prayer.

We also meet at the Springs Retirement Center on Tuesday at 6pm. We have a time of worship and prayer with the residents at the Springs. You're more than welcome to come join with us to minister to the residents.

In regards to goals, one of our goals is to establish a prayer walk or drive times. What is that? It's taking time to walk or drive in various areas of Fairfield Bay and having times of

worship and prayer. We also would like to have a time of worship and prayer at the Fairfield Bay Campground.

One of our challenges is my wife Carmi and I are not musicians. We could use some volunteers to help with the music side of things. If you have a burden for prayer or have some musical talent, would you consider joining with us in our prayer walks and ministering at the campground? For details, give me a call at 1-866-926-8463. Again, that number is 1-866-926-8463. I'll give it to you one more time. You can call me at 1-866-926-8463.

Well, the best way to show you how Standing the Gap works is to do it. So, for the next few minutes, my wife Carmi and I are going to Stand in the Gap. Before we pray, I need to mention that it's decision time for There is Hope Radio, the broadcast you're listening to on Timeless Radio KFFB 106.1 FM. We need to decide if we continue to pay for airtime or go off the air starting in July. We need to hear from our listeners. Do you want us to stay on the air? We really need to receive feedback from you. You can give feedback by going to our website. That web address is creatingfutures.org/thereishope. Again, creatingfutures.org/thereishope. Or you can leave a message at our toll free number 1-866-926-8463. That is 1-866-926-8463. One more time. 1-866-926-8463.

As my wife Carmi and I pray, we want you to know we put aside every agenda we may have and we ask for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we pray. So, this prayer is not pre-planned whatsoever. We're just going to pray whatever God lays on our heart. Something we do every Tuesday and Saturday. Let's pray, Carmi.

Heavenly Father, we come to you right now. First off, we want to thank you for the opportunity to be able to pray. We thank you that we have the freedom to pray in our country.

We thank you, Lord God, that you answer prayers. So, as we stand in the gap in the next few minutes that we have, we are asking you to lead and guide us in our prayers. And so, Heavenly Father, the first thing I would ask for is that, Lord God, that you'd work and move and intervene on behalf of the citizens of Fairfield Bay, the citizens of every city in America, in the land of America, that, Father God, that you would pour out your Spirit upon our land.

We need you desperately. And so, we ask that you pour out your Spirit, that, Lord God, that your will would be accomplished in our communities across America. Father, I lift up to you the leaders of Fairfield Bay. I pray for the public servants of Father God in Fairfield Bay and throughout the land, that you will give our leaders wisdom and discernment. Father God, that they will lead your people in the fear of God. Give them the fear of God. Give them wisdom and understanding, and know the importance of leading the communities and the nation in the fear of the Lord. And, Father God, I pray for peace in the community. I pray, God, for prosperity. God, that you will bring forth businesses in this community, Father. You know, God, the need, Lord, for businesses. You know the need for peace in this community.

You know the need for unity among the people. So, God, I pray that it is only through your Spirit that all this will be done. And, Lord, I would really pray that there would be unity, that there would be the working together.

There are those who are concerned about different things that take place in Fairfield Bay and other cities, concerned about where there may be corruption. They're concerned about where there may be mishandling of circumstances, situations, unholy alliances, whatever it may be, Lord. And so we ask, Father God, that you work on those issues, that you work on those issues, that you bring conviction in the hearts of those who are doing things that are wrong.

But I also pray you work in the hearts of those who are confronting these things, that they find a way to do it in a healthy manner, a godly manner, a way that ultimately can bring healing to a community instead of division and disunity. I pray, Father God, that there would be a change of heart, that there would be a coming together, working together, that there would be such a change take place that everybody would know it. They would say, wow, I cannot believe how much change is taking place in this individual or that individual because of the work of God in their life. Because you're doing something, Lord. For the community to change, each of us need to change. So, Lord, fine-tune us, mold us, shape us into your image.

I pray, Father God, that we would be a reflection of Jesus instead of so many times a reflection of the other side. Father God, I pray that you rule and reign in this community. We invite the move of your Spirit.

We give you the liberty to rule and reign in this community, oh, Father God. We thank you, Lord, because we know that you answer our prayers. We know that you hear our prayers, and when you hear our prayers, you said you're going to answer.

We thank you and give you praise for that, Father. And, Lord, I pray that you would raise up others that are committed to prayer, raise up others that are committed to bring positive change in this community and other communities across America. I pray for a boldness for those who claim the name of Jesus to not be behind the scenes but interact, intervene in situations and circumstances in a godly way, a loving way, a caring way, that you would burden into individuals to make a positive difference instead of sitting on the sidelines and doing nothing.

And that, Father God, that you would lead others to us that can join with us in prayer. As we meet on prayer, that, Lord, there would be others that join with us to do prayer walks and prayer drives. That, Lord, that we could ultimately be able to have worship and praise and ministry going on at the Fairfield Bay Campground.

That, Lord, that there would be public times of worship and praise. Yes, Lord, we want you to intervene in Fairfield Bay. Father God, I pray, Lord, we ask because you said ask and you will receive.

Father God, we invite your mighty presence in this community that you will bring light into the darkness, Father God. You will bring peace into the chaos, the places that are chaotic of Father God that you will just pour out your peace. I pray all these things in Jesus' name.

This just gives you an example of what goes on on Tuesdays at 4.30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 5.30 p.m. when we have a variety of individuals that come and join us. Some people pray

out loud, some do not. And so, again, this is just some insight about what we do with Standing in the Gap.

Thank you for tuning in. You've been listening to PreacherRichD, the radio host of *There is Hope Radio* and the founder of *Creating Futures*.

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