Prayer This Week

Our focus this week is: **Our Congregation**

| A. I praise God this morning for His work in our congregation: | | | | | | | |
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| | 1. | People: | | | | | |
| | 2. | Ministries: | <u> </u> | | | | |
| | 3. | Answered Pi | rayers: | | | | |
| B. I draw near to God this morning, asking for His power and will at FBC: | | | | | | | |
| | | for: | · | | | | |
| | 2. | for: | | | | | |
| | 3. | for: | | | | | |
| C. The Cry of my heart this morning for our congregation is: | | | | | | | |
| D. Praying for one another: | | | | | | | |
| Healing & Strength: | | & Strength: | Pat Robson, Constance McEwan, Bernie Smith, Rachel Dunkerley-Underwood, Pastor John Teibe, Mary Richmond, Bill Dyck, Dennis Ripley | | | | |

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Nation we are in prayer for this week

Egypt - Africa



| Geography | Religion | P | ор % | Ann Gr |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------|--------|
| Area: 997,739 | Christians | 10,838,069 | 12.83 | 1.4 |
| sq km | Evangelicals | 3,282,646 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Mostly desert; | Muslim | 73,213,986 | 86.67 | |

arable land – along the banks and delta of the Nile River and

Population: 84,474,427 Annual Growth: 1.83% Capital: Cairo

Challenges for Prayer

The Coptic Church is by far the largest body of Christians in the Middle East and is a strategic key for the evangelization of the region. Pray for:

around the Western Desert oases.

- **a)** Church leaders, especially the Coptic Pope. Wisdom, grace and confidence are needed in handling the Muslim authorities, Islamist persecution and the questioning world. A close walk with God is essential to be both a bridge between communities and an example to their flock.
- **b)** A spiritual awakening Church-wide in the midst of mounting pressures and communal tensions. Many Copts are very nominal. The responses to Muslim agitation need to be humble and loving but strong, and only those walking in faith are capable of this.
- c) The biblically based renewal movement in the Coptic Church, which has steadily gained momentum since 1930. It strongly emphasizes Bible study and personal faith, and many are fervent witnesses for the Lord. Monasticism sees a rejuvenation as well. Pray for the growth and effectiveness of this movement of the Spirit.
- **d)** Christians are numerous in business, the professions and health services, but overall the Coptic influence within Egypt is much less than their large numbers warrant. Pray that Copts might have a positive and transforming effect in the nation, just as Joseph did millennia ago.