

## Dr. Terry Teykl

Since 1980, Dr. Teykl has been actively teaching and preaching on one topic – mobilizing the local church to pray and win the lost. Having begun a church with only eight people who were committed to prayer, Aldersgate United Methodist church grew to a membership of over 1,000 in 5 years. He firmly believes in prayer-evangelism as a lost practice, yet working principle for church growth. His first book, *Pray and Grow*, along with its companion, *Personal Prayer-Evangelism Guide*, speaks about this theme and he has conducted hundreds of seminars and workshops on the topic.

Because Dr. Teykl pastored several small, rural churches before starting Aldersgate United Methodist Church, he writes and speaks practical and specific help for the local church in their efforts to win the lost. He has a burden to produce quality prayer resources that teach people how to pray with purpose and understanding, and how to make prayer exciting. Out of this burden have come many resources to guide people as they pray.

Dr. Teykl also sparked an explosion of prayer rooms with his book, *Making Room to Pray*, which outlines a plan for building a prayer room in a local church. Hundreds of such rooms all over the country have become strategic prayer centers targeting cities for spiritual awakening. Dr. Teykl encourages churches to make prayer a priority by setting aside a special place for prayer and recruiting, training and encouraging people to pray. He published a corporate prayer plan entitled, *Acts:29*. He believes that the 28 chapters of Acts are merely blueprints for what God wants to do in the church today. His book, *Blueprint for the House of Prayer*, from the *Teach Us to Pray Series*, is a wonderful resource for groups or individuals to learn how to master an effective prayer life.

Having been a pastor for 27 years and having worked with pastors from all denominational backgrounds, Dr. Teykl is aware of both the joys and pressures of ministry. He knows that pastors and their families need a prayer hedge around them for protection and blessing in order to fulfill their calling. In his book, *Preyed On or Prayed For*, he asks, "Could the pastor be the least prayed for person in the local church today? He teaches congregations how to protect their shepherds from Satan's fiery darts.

Dr. Teykl has authored several books, including *Pray the Price*, *Blueprint for the House of Prayer*, *Acts:29*, *Preyed on or Prayed For*, *Making Room to Pray*, *How to Pray After You've Kicked the Dog*, and *Outside the Camp*. Whether writing on personal prayer or corporate prayer, the central purpose is to teach people to pray with power and confidence so that they might win this generation to Christ.

Dr. Teykl holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Sam Houston State University where he graduated summa cum laud. He earned his Master of Theology at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He earned his Doctorate of Ministry with honors from Oral Roberts University. He and his wife Kathleen live in Houston, Texas and they have, 2 grown sons , 2 grown daughters and several beautiful grandchildren.