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**PRAYER
MINISTRY**



CONNECT AND GROW
WITH FELLOW BROTHERS
IN CHRIST

@ THE
COMMUNITY
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Men's Study

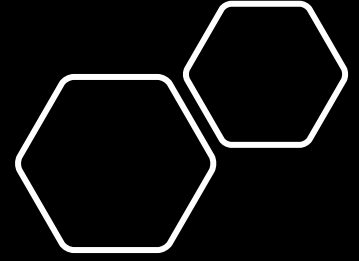
Thursday, October 3rd

@ 7 pm



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Pray for the Men's Weekend and the Upcoming Women's Weekend



The Importance and

The Power of Prayer



Modeling the Model Prayer

Remembering What We've Covered...

Be persistent in your prayers

Always have an attitude of prayer

Remember that when it comes to spiritual warfare, prayer is among your greatest offensive and defensive weapons

Open the hearts of those who hear the gospel

Personal and Christian community confession

That we'd be strong in the Lord's strength

Pray in the Holy Spirit

Matthew 6:5-8 (HCSB) ⁵ "Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. I assure you: They've got their reward! ⁶ But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ When you pray, don't babble like the idolaters, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words. ⁸ Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.

Check your motivation when praying.

God doesn't respond to the eloquence or the length of our prayers, but to the those who pray with hearts inclined toward Him.

When individually praying, do so with a pure heart in a private place.

Is your heart inclined toward God in prayer?

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV) ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And

do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

When we follow Christ, we become children of our Heavenly Father. We are to revere Him, seek His will and His Kingdom first.

The enemy's greatest tactic has always been temptation. Our only hope for deliverance is found in the One who has the Kingdom and the Power.

Our greatest needs are spiritual and physical. We can't live physically without food, and we can't live spiritually without forgiveness.

Whose will and whose kingdom do you regularly pray for?

Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV) ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

We have been given the priceless gift of grace (it cannot be earned). Forgiving those who have sinned against us shows we have God's heart and it's a small task compared to God forgiving us of all our sins.

Matthew 18:34-35 (NIV2011)

In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

Do you pray for those who have sinned against you?

Are you truly forgiven?