

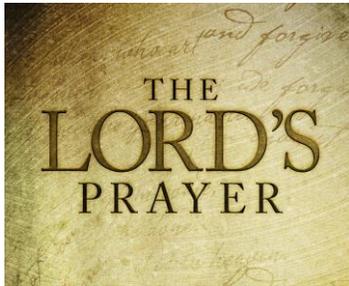


The Foothills Flyer: *Keeping the Church on Mission*

God's Aspect of Prayer

By Joe Eastman **Values: Holistic Discipleship, Christ the Head**

Prayer. It's the third spiritual discipline we're focusing on this year as a church. It's been said that prayer is both the easiest, and the hardest thing to do. In one poll I saw, it is estimated that over 90% of everyone "prays." It makes no difference what a person's faith background is; even many atheists will pray from time to time! The fact is, prayer is a very human and natural thing to do. What's difficult is praying the way the Bible describes.



The Bible describes prayer as a labor (Romans 15:30). It tells us to persevere in prayer, and reminds us to be patient (Luke 18:1-8). While prayer can be difficult, the Bible also affirms that it is very powerful. Prayer is meant to connect us with God and change us from the inside out. It is meant to be one of the primary methods used to conform us to the image of Christ. I don't want to oversimplify this, but we can break prayer down into 3 aspects. *God's aspect*, *our aspect*, and the *practical aspect* of prayer. Over this quarter I want to spend some time breaking down these three aspects in the hope that we can all get a better understanding of the importance of prayer.

This month, I want to tell you a bit about **God's aspect of prayer** is found in the first few verses of the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:9-10. Here, we are reminded of the relationship we have with God, His holiness, and the sovereignty of God. Furthermore, we are reminded that prayer is primarily about God. In the very first line, "Our father, who is in heaven" we are reminded of the relationship we have with God, despite the separation which is inherent between us. Due to that separation, we come to realize that any relationship with God is only possible because of the mediating work of Christ. Primarily, this should remind us that prayer is a huge privilege. Too often, we find ourselves taking the availability of God for granted. When in reality the availability of God came at a terribly high price. In Christ, we are free to talk to God whenever and about whatever we wish. However, we should remember the price of that freedom.

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The line “hallowed be your name” is an unflinching reminder of the holiness of God. Likewise, we cannot downplay the need for our own personal holiness. We are called to holiness because God himself is holy (1 Peter 1:16). In verse 10 we are told by Jesus to pray for “God’s kingdom to come and for His will to be done” here on Earth. This is a reminder that prayer isn’t about getting God to do what I want, but is about changing me to become more like God. It is about the process of abandoning my kingdom and entering into God’s. In other words, prayer is one of the ways in which I am changed to be more like Jesus.

Prayer is an indispensable part of our lives. We use prayer to claim God’s promises. We pray to ask for mercy. We are to pray in triumph, in adversity, in thanksgiving, and when we are broken hearted. During this quarter let’s take some time to refresh our prayer lives and reconnect with the very foundation of our faith.

Worshipping God Through Prayer

By Steve Radigan, Deacon of Prayer **Values: Holistic Discipleship, Christ the Head**

Have you ever considered how men of the Bible approached God? Psalm 104 is one example. David came before the Lord making a joyful noise. He had gladness in his heart and he was singing! David remembered that God had made him and that he belonged to the Almighty! David remembered that he was a sheep of God’s pasture. David continued with thanksgiving, praising His name and blessing God! David remembered that God is good, that His mercy is everlasting and that His truth endures forever. Do you remember how Paul and Silas sang unto God when imprisoned at Thyatira? Did not they have needs? And yet, they were worshipping God! I would submit that before we begin making our requests known to God [He already knows our needs] that we remember David, Paul and Silas and how they approached our heavenly Father.

Take time to worship Him. Lift your hands. Raise your voice. Get on your knees. Be silent before Him. Remind yourself of who He is and what He has done for you. You will then be to discern that peace that passes all understanding. You will be encouraged. You will hear His still, small voice. He may give you direction for your day, if not for your life. And to think, you had such a list of needs!

The one real need you have...that we all have...is to worship Him. Bless Him. Remind Him of who He is and all He has done. In so doing, we will receive of Him and the simple remembrance of our requests will be heard!



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY IMPORTANT DATES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7: Graduation Party During “My Message”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10: New 5th Graders Join the Mid-High Youth Ministry @ 6:45PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14: Children move up to next grade. New 5th graders stay in the service.

Men's Ministry Upcoming Events

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 13: **Men's Hike** @ Pino Canyon. Meet at the church at 7AM. Pack a lunch and PLENTY of water. It's a 6-mile round-trip hike. For more information, contact Shannon Koons @ (303) 416-0579.
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24: **Men's Theological Discussion** @ the church from 6:30-8:30PM. The topic will be *Soteriology: The doctrine of salvation*. Pastor Joe will send out some reading on the topic prior to the discussion.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 27: **Men's Breakfast** @ the church from 8-10AM. This is for men 18 years and older. We'll eat together and Pastor Mike will speak on a relevant and important topic for men.

Women's Ministry Upcoming Events

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 **Women's Hike** @ Tree Spring Trail. Meet at the church at 7AM. Bring snacks and PLENTY of water. It's a 4-mile round-trip hike. For more information, contact Melissa Eastman @ (505) 440-9482.
- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2 **Women's Bible Study** @ the church from 10AM-Noon. The study is called, "Knowing God's Covenant" (11 sessions). Nursery will be provided. Sign up at welcome center. For more information, contact Kerry Smith @ (505) 702-2228.

Upcoming Adult Fall Classes

- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 **Faith Defenders**. Sunday mornings @ 9AM in Room 102. This is an 8-week apologetics course taught by Dan Rodgers using the Scriptures to test the Jehovah Witnesses (and the Watchtower Society) and Mormon religions in order to distinguish truth from error. Also, you will be given the tools needed so that you are fully equipped to give an account for what you believe.
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 **Church Plant 101**. Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM in the International District. If you are curious about the church plant, considering joining the church plant, or already committed to the church plant, then join Pastor Jesse for this 10-week course. This course is required if you plan to be a part of the plant. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Jesse and let him know if you'll be coming. Call him at (505) 350-4562 or email him at jx4harden@gmail.com.

The Wolves Ready for Another Year in North Africa!

By Mike Potter [Value: Global Missions](#)



I just spent a week in Michigan with the Wolf family as they are in the U.S. for a brief break and for visits with family. They have been living and working in North Africa for 10 years now! I found them in good spirits and ready to return for another year of work among the “Bean” people. Charles will continue his relationship building there (which he is a pro at!), Judy will continue her work in relief and development (which she is a pro at!), and Noah and Solomon will start another year of schooling.

Noah is beginning his junior year at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, and Solomon will begin 8th grade at home. Pray for them as they say “goodbye” to family and begin the long journey back this month. Pray that they settle back into life there and that God uses them mightily this coming year.

Our New “Family Room” Is Open!



As part of our sanctuary renovation, we have added a room in the back corner of the sanctuary that we are calling the “Family Room.” This room is designed to be a place where parents can still engage with the service while being able to be with a child that is having a hard time sitting still or being quiet. There is a changing table in it and a corner where moms can nurse their babies with a bit of privacy (not complete privacy but more than in the service should she desire some privacy). It's a room where quiet conversations from parent to child can take place if necessary, but it's not a room where parents should visit with one another. The foyer and/or cafe is that place. It's a space where parents can still listen-in to the service but where their children can have a little more freedom to express themselves than in the sanctuary!

So, parents...please feel free to use the room as necessary, and feel free to return to the sanctuary if things have settled down a bit! Let us know if there is anything we can do to improve the space.

The Foothills Flyer is a monthly newsletter under the oversight of Pastor Joe Eastman that is aimed at keeping Foothills on mission and keeping us committed to our 9 Core Values.

OUR MISSION: Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshipping community of God’s people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God’s kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.

OUR CORE VALUES: 1) Jesus Christ, the Head 2) Biblical Leadership 3) Everyone A Minister 4) Ancient/Future Worship 5) Hospitality Without Exception 6) Unity in Community 7) Intentional Families 8) Global Missions 9) Holistic Discipleship