



The Baptist Bulletin

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How to Pray

On March 17, we studied Exodus 30:1-10. This is the passage in which Moses was commanded to have the Altar of Incense built. This altar had only one purpose: for incense to always be burned on it. The priests were always to make sure that there was incense in the altar being burned twenty-four hours a day.

As we studied the purpose of the altar, from looking at Psalm 141:1-2 and Revelation 8:3-4, we learned that incense represents the prayers of the saints of the Lord. The saints are all who believe in the Lord as their God. This is the only part of the Tabernacle which represented what the people can offer for relationship with the Lord. Prayer.

Prayer is a unique, often overlooked, and at times viewed as the most difficult part of the Christian life. Prayer is a spiritual discipline, meaning that it is something that we are to practice in our lives regularly. The reality about many Christians is that prayer seems strange and difficult. In prayer the believer is to communicate with the Lord, to talk to Him and to listen to Him. We know that God is not human. He is Spirit. So, we don't see the Lord when we talk to Him. Then we are expected to be quiet before Him and wait for His still small voice (1 Kings 19:12-13). So, how do we do this?

If you have ever asked this question, you are not alone. Even Jesus' Disciples, the men who followed Him the closest, had to be taught how to pray by Jesus. In Luke 11:1, the Disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. He didn't just tell them to go and talk with the Lord. We find the model of prayer that Jesus shared with His followers in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:8-13.

"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil."

So, how do we simplify this to make it easy to do. According to this model there are five parts of prayer.

1. Worship. Acknowledging the closeness of our relationship with the Lord by calling Him Father and giving Him the glory He alone deserves.

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Missionary of the Month ~ Paul & Janet Harkness (AWANA)

As Child Discipleship Missionaries, Paul and Janet seek to engage with churches around making child discipleship through Awana a priority throughout the region of Nebraska, South Dakota and even into Iowa and Kansas.

Thank you so much for being a part of our team to raise up the next generation of resilient disciples! Meeting with pastors is part of our missionary experience. It is great to hear how churches are reaching out to the kids in their communities.



Our ministry goals include more prayer and financial ministry partners and more contacts with existing Awana/ Brite churches

Prayer requested for my health concerning the neurological issues recently faced. We feel we have turned a corner, but it will still take time.

Looking forward to sharing with your church on June 2nd.

Paul

Missionaries Dave & Beth Roberts Will Visit April 27-28

After arriving home from Uruguay in March the Robert's family is busy visiting supporting churches and will spend the last weekend of April in Gothenburg.

Dave will speak during the morning service and they will share during Sunday School with the adult classes. We will have a Potluck Dinner at noon to give everyone a chance to visit with them.

Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$172,415.00
Fiscal Year ends 2/28/25
Offerings Received for 1 months:
\$ 9,716.41
Expenditures Paid for 1 months:
\$10,162.32

Greeters ~ ~ ~

1st week Jim Flesch
2nd week Marsha Weeks / Joyce Sabin
3rd week Kim Crisman / Kelli Beck
4th week Val Parsons / Connie Sitorius
(See Kelli Beck or Marsha Weeks to volunteer)

Birthdays ~ ~ ~

April 6 Jane Wahl
April 22 Velma Schriver
April 26 Larry Schweitzer
April 26 Tucker Keith

Nursery ~ ~ ~

April 7 Dawn Urman
April 14 Kelly Peterson
April 21 Cor Peterson
April 28 Jody Nelson
(See Kelly Peterson to volunteer)

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- 2. Surrender. We seek the Lord's will above all else.
- 3. Provision. God will provide every single one of our needs.
- 4. Forgiveness. We confess our sins to the Lord and we seek to forgive all who have sinned against us.
- 5. Protection. Learning to live by trusting the Lord at His Word that He will protect us and deliver us.

This was the model of prayer that Jesus provided for His Disciples. The model is not very complicated. In fact, there are five parts and we have five fingers. We can just pray through this on our fingers, with taking time to be quiet before the Lord in seeking His will as we pray. Prayer can be very simple. We shouldn't compare our prayers to how others pray. We should simply talk to the Lord. If you don't know where to start or what to say, then here you go. Follow the wisdom of Jesus and pray through the model of the Lord's prayer.

New Church Directories Being Prepared

Please fill out the information update form inserted in the bulletin and at the Welcome Center. Place the completed form in the basket by April 14th. New directories will be printed and in your mailbox the following week.

1 Corinthians 1: 18 (NIV)

*The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

April 4 Women's Council—1:30 pm Sun.
April 7 Christian Ed meeting—12pm
April 8 Management Finance 7:30pm
April 8 Elder Board - 8 pm
April 20 Ladies Spring Event—9:30 am Mon
April 21 Worship Watchcare—12 pm
April 28 Fellowship Outreach Wed.
April 27-28 Missionary Visit—Roberts
April 28 Potluck Dinner—noon

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun. Worship Service—9:45 am
Sunday School—11:00 am
Youth Gathering—6:00 pm
Mon Ladies Bible Study—6:30 pm
Wed. Men's Bible Study—6 am at Hospital
Moms in Prayer—9 am
Ladies Bible Study—1:30 pm
Awana Sparks—6:30—8 pm (Ends April 10)
Thurs Prayer meeting—5:15 pm

Ladies Spring Brunch
Saturday, April 20
9:30 a. m.



“BEE Happy” is the theme for our spring event.
Karman Keith will be speaking on peace, love and
happiness.

Come enjoy a brunch of biscuits and honey.

Invite some ladies from the community come
with you for this morning of fellowship!

Coming Saturday, June 1st

To First Baptist Church

9 a.m.—Noon

Livin' Light Revisited

Margaret Ashmore, from Denton, TX, will be returning to NE to speak to the women in our area. Margaret was the first speaker to kick off what became the Livin' Light Conference held in Cozad sponsored by many area churches including First Baptist.

The women who worked together from those churches are once again working together to bring you the opportunity to hear Margaret teach on the cross in two sessions with a fellowship time in between.

Come be blessed Ladies!