



March 5, 2023

Pastor Note:

Jesus, while teaching on praying, gave us an incredible prayer promise anchored in God's goodness and power, **"I say to you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened"** Luke 11:9-10 (HCSB). But let's face it, we are extremely good at messing things up, even very good things, like drugs, vaccines, peace, marriage, family, an inheritance, liberty, the internet, ..., and prayer is no different. Here are a few prayer mess-ups to avoid:

- Not praying  
**"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God"** James 4:1-2 (NIV). The most foolish thing to do in life is to cut God out of the picture (Psalm 14:1, Proverbs 9:10), for the creature to dismiss the Creator, to think there is a proper and healthy order to life aside from God. Prayerlessness fosters foolishness, self-reliance, and conflict.
- Self-centered praying  
**"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures"** James 4:3-4 (NIV). Prayer is by definition a God-centered activity, it helps us to adjust ourselves to God, His kingdom, His will, His ways, and His timing. Pleasing and glorifying God is the right motivational backdrop to right praying. Making God the supply line for what we want, what pleases us, for what accomplishes our will, reduces God to our servant. God does not respond to self-centered praying.
- World-centered praying  
**"You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God"** James 4:4 (NIV). World-centered praying is related to self-centered praying, its goal is to have all the best this world has to offer, wealth, ease, comfort, and being free to do whatever we want, including the godless, the ungodly, the

idolatrous, and the immoral. World-centered praying is steeped in the temporal and actually pits us against God because it doesn't value what God values most.

- Double-minded praying  
**"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does"** James 1:5-8 (NIV). This is the kind of praying that reduces God to a second opinion, one expert among others, with the person praying being the final arbiter. Double-minded praying leads to an unstable life, constantly bouncing around between different sources, never allowing God to become the bedrock of our life and decisions.
- Unrepentant praying  
**"For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened"** Psalm 66:17-18 (NLT2). Prayer is coming into the presence of Holy God, there is no room for being casual with, codling, or continuing in sin. Part of praying is confessing and dealing with our sins, seeking forgiveness, pleading for mercy, and desiring to clean up our lives. Paraphrasing the Apostle Peter, "Husbands you can't dishonor or even abuse your wives and think your prayers make it past the ceiling (1 Peter 3:7). Undealt with sin undermines the holiness and sincerity of prayer.
- Proud praying  
**"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"** James 4:6 (NIV). Pride corrodes, blinds, exalts ourselves, and brims with self-righteousness (Luke 18:9-14). It hinders every aspect of our spiritual lives including prayer. Coming before God dressed in pride instead of humility is a sure way of causing prayer disasters. **"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up"** James 4:10 (NIV).

Now, pray, pray, and pray some more.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans

# Lord Hear Our Prayers

## PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger,  
Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Jim & Gabi Cox, Sue Hankemeier,  
Rickie Jeffers, Barb Deibler  
Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries,

## SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,  
Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy,  
Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

## Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland,	
Noah Martin, Rebekah	Wilhelmy, John
Michael Chavez,	
Chris Kelly, Austin	Kroeker, Dylan
Werner, Brian Sula,	
Michael Thomasson,	Thomas Hoffman,
Joel Thelen,	

For those wanting to send cards & flowers to *Genevieve* see her new address below:

### **Brandel Manor**

C/O Genevieve Alldrin  
1801 North Olive Ave.  
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Prayers:

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**Order of Service**  
**03-05-23**

**“Goodness of God”**  
**“God you’re so Good”**  
**“Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Prayer - Welcome

Offering // **“This is the Day”**

Sermon

Response // **“Change my Heart oh God”**

**“God You’re So Good” (Chorus)**

Closing Prayer

A Bit of  
Humor  
Corner



## Being a Church that Cares Well

Training coming soon...

Why?

“The American church is facing an abuse crisis. Is your church doing all it can to be safe for survivors and safe from abuse? Churches should be a refuge for those who have experienced abuse. But, too often, survivors haven't found the protection they deserve and the care they need from the church. Are you ready to join us in changing that?”

Yes. We are committed to being a safe place for everyone from babies to elderly and we will continue to keep ourselves educated and trained in order to be able to love, love, love. In order for that we will have once-a-month trainings for 4 months for our church staff, Deacons, Board, Children and Youth Leaders, Women's Leaders, Men's Leader, and Food Basket Leaders, and any other adult that may be interested in attending. Each meeting will be at the church from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Meeting 1: 2/13/23

**Meeting 2: 3/13/23**

Meeting 3: 4/10/23

Meeting 4: 5/08/23

The videos are survivor stories, educational training, and explaining why the church's response to abuse is a Gospel issue (meeting #1).

In addition to providing these monthly meetings, our leaders and administration will commit to protecting our children and church by training as Mandated Reporters and have a live scan background check.

If you would like to join our monthly meetings, please let Susie Frei know so there is a seat for you ([skfrei@gmail.com](mailto:skfrei@gmail.com) or 209-247-9234) or let Jannett know.

# March Announcements

## Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.**
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Communion Sunday - March 26th  
(Deacon Fund Offering going toward the Food Bank Ministry)

Fellowship Time Snacks  
were provided

By - *Hans' class & Youth*

**Thank you**

*Next week Dan's Class is up!!*

## **Caring Well Training - March 13 @ 6 pm**

For all *adults* in Church leadership positions, training will include:

- Survivor Story: Megan Lively
- Abuse and Mental Health - Understanding the Long-Term Effects of Trauma: Kay Warren
- Walking with the Broken: Caring Well for Friends and Family who Have Experienced Abuse: Jamie Ivey

Please understand these stories can trigger trauma in those who have suffered abuse or have loved ones who have suffered abuse. We invite you to come but understand if you opt-out. Please pray that God gives us unity, empathy, and love to serve as a church that cares well.

Susie Frei, Bible School Director

**Giving**

*February 26, 2023*

**Offering:**  
\$1,809.00

**Food:**  
\$90.00

**Facilities:**  
\$50.00

**Books/Material:**  
\$25.00

**Attendance:**  
**80**

**Weekly Events**

**Sunday School/Small Groups:**

9:00 AM

**Sunday Morning Worship Service:**

10:30 AM

**Sunday Evening Worship Service:**

6:00 PM

**Tuesday:** Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

**1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday**

**Food Ministry:**

9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**Wednesday:**

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM  
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM  
Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

**Thursday:** Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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**S H A R E**



*1 Timothy 6:18*



**March 6th thru March 12h**

DAY 1 - James 3  
(Proverbs 6)

DAY 2 - James 4  
(Proverbs 7)

DAY 3 - James 5  
(Proverbs 8)

DAY 4 - Luke 1  
(Proverbs 9)

DAY 5 - Luke 2  
(Proverbs 10)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 11)

DAY 7 - (Proverbs 12)

**Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.**