

GAPnotes

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Pastor's Corner

Prayer makes the church work. If you ever doubted that, consider the early Christian church in the book of Acts. It says in chapter 1 that they were praying together in the upper room and then in the next chapter we find them filled with the Holy Spirit, working for Jesus.

"With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." (Acts 4:33). Under their labors were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the word of truth, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that filled their hearts with peace and joy. They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them, and as they went from place to place, the poor had the gospel preached to them, and miracles of divine grace were wrought. (Acts of the Apostles, p. 48.)

Now if prayer made the early church work, why wouldn't it make the church of today work? Believe it or not, the same Holy Spirit Power is available to us. "If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit" (Acts of the Apostles, p. 50).

Wow! What a promise! Will you join me this month in praying for the power of the Holy Spirit? You can pray privately or with your family at home or at church on Wednesday evening and Sabbath morning. You can even call someone on the way home from work or school and pray with them. Just remember to keep your eyes open if you are driving. We don't want to lose you because of prayer.

Blessings to you,

Mickey Mallory

Pastor

P.S. Our Prayer Ministries Coordinator, Chad Mejeur, is looking for Prayer Warriors for our church. If you are interested, please give him a call at (616) 550-3418.

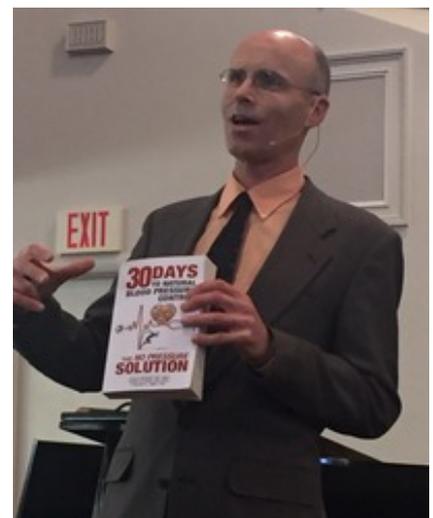
Lord, Teach Us to Pray

While reading in the gospels, we find the disciples asking Jesus to teach them how to pray in the gospel of Luke (11:1). This request makes a lot of sense because

Photo Gallery



Chris shares a testimony.



who better to ask about the proper way to make a request than from the One granting the requests. The prayer Jesus gave them in response is what we call "The Lord's Prayer." The format and the process Jesus gave them was not designed to be the ultimate prayer that when used allows Christians to receive whatever they ask for in prayer. Jesus in all His wisdom was helping the disciples to relate more to the Heavenly Father.

Before going to the Georgia-Cumberland Prayer Conference (Feb. 17-19), I have to admit that my prayer life had become somewhat lifeless and filled with requests for God to grant me the things that I wanted, and what I felt was best for me. It was not on my radar that my prayers were part of the reason my requests were not being answered. Allow me to explain.

The prayer conference was like most, filled with gems of insight into having a more fulfilling and powerful prayer life and tools to use in our local churches. The most profound thing I learned, that has transformed my spiritual life along with the way I pray, is this important point the speaker presented: "Prayer is not merely a means for us to get God to give us what we want. Instead prayer is a way for us to learn to allow God to give us what He wants for us."

Take a moment and reflect on this. God wants to give us many things, even more than a sinful, earthly parent wants to give gifts to their children (Matthew 7:11). The problem often is we think we know what is best for us, and we pray as if we are trying to convince God to give us what we ask. However, when we pray with an open heart asking God to transform us to be more like Him, we are more ready to receive what God has ready to give us at the right time.

I highly recommend attending the prayer conference next year. You will be amazed what God wants to teach you even if you don't ask for it.

-Chad Mejeur

School Happenings

We are having fun at Standifer Gap School. Many of our church members, parents, and students attended the Home and School "You are Loved" dinner and variety show. A few years have passed since we had our last Valentine's dinner. With over 200 people in attendance, it was the largest and most successful dinner in well over a decade. A big thank you to our wonderful Home and School leader, Becky Daugherty, and her team of volunteers. The delicious meal was prepared by Cohutta Springs Conference Center executive chef, Steve Barber, who is also the father of second grader Christopher and seventh grader Carmen. Steve is also the husband of our secretary, Wanda. We had a wide variety of participants for our entertainment. From the beautiful musical numbers to the comedy skits, everyone enjoyed the show.

We are excited to announce that we are now offering more opportunities for students to learn music while at school. In addition to the tone chimes and the private



Dr. DeRose shares about healthful living.



Prayer for Pastor Mallory.



Special music



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In addition to the song classes and the private piano lessons taught each week, we now offer group instrument lessons as well. We have officially started our new orchestra program with lessons on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. We look forward to hearing them perform as their skills increase. To help kick-off this program, our new orchestra teacher brought the Chattanooga Community Orchestra, which he conducts, to the school on February 21 to perform for us. Students are anxious to learn how to play their chosen instrument like the musicians in the orchestra.



School talent show

We are starting the last quarter of the year and we have much to do and accomplish before summer break. Until next time, we ask for your prayers as we move forward with this most important evangelistic emphasis of our church.

-Joel R. McQuistan

Coming Soon!

FIT60 Exercise Class

An upcoming Vibrant U class has been designed to get members and community guests moving! Church member and Standifer Gap School alumnus Cassie White, together with her friend Taylor, will offer FIT60, an exercise class designed for all genders, fitness levels, and body weights.

Cassie and Taylor created FIT60, named partly for the 60 days it encompasses, as well as the results expected as participants practice exercises that they can do at home following the class. Exercises will be completely body weight, with no need for free weights or added equipment.

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from March 14 through May 4 at the Standifer Gap School Gym, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Questions may be directed to Vibrant U, 423.402.0211.

One Call Now

A new notification system for Standifer Gap members will be rolled out in March. One Call Now is a service that offers voice, text, and email messaging. Members with a phone number and or email listed in the directory will be subscribed for timely alerts and important church communications. Please contact Cheryl Craven with any questions.

Community Fun Day!

Personal Ministries is hosting a Community Fun Day on Sunday, March 19, from 3-5 pm at the Standifer Gap School Gym. Flyers will be distributed to neighboring communities, inviting all to come out for an afternoon of fun activity and connection.

While several have signed up to lead stations such as a nerf arena, popcorn stand and various games, Personal Ministries Director, Pam Knechtal, shares that there is a need for more volunteers. Those interested in connecting with our community through this exciting friendship evangelism opportunity can learn more by calling



School talent show

Please submit any announcements and stories for GapNotes by the 20th: cherylcraven14@gmail.com.

423.892.6013.

TWRA Boating Safety Class

Charity Garey, daughter of Steve and Becky Daugherty, is hosting a free boating class at her marina in Chattanooga.

The Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron (CSPS) will be teaching the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's (TWRA) boating safety course on Sunday, March 5, 10 am-4 pm. Participants in this class will receive the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) boating safety book. Following the class, the CSPS will administer the TWRA boating safety exam (participants desiring a certificate will need a permit.)

THE LAW - Tennessee residents born after January 1, 1989 must have in their possession a TWRA issued boating safety education card showing proof of successful completion of the TWRA administered boating safety exam if operating a boat or personal watercraft alone. Non-Tennessee residents, born after January 1, 1989, must show a certificate from any course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

There is no charge for the class. However, if a participant wishes to take the TWRA exam, they must purchase a \$10 boating safety exam permit prior to class at a business selling hunting and fishing licenses (e.g. Walmart).

Anyone 12 years or older is invited to attend the class. The location is Lakeshore Marina, 5600 Lake Resort Terrace, Chattanooga, TN 37415. For additional information or to sign up, email Bob R. at csps.signup@gmail.com. Please include your name, age, phone, and the date (March 5).

Announcements

Beginning March 2017, Gap Notes will be posted on the church website so that readers can be acquainted with the ministries and happenings of the Standifer Gap Church. Personal information such as birthdays and anniversaries will no longer be included in the newsletter, but will be available under the Resources page of the website, accessible to those who have registered for the site.

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