



Welcome!

August 12, 2018

"If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!"

-John 8:36

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

Our Worship Gathering

Call to Worship

Worship

Open the Eyes of My Heart

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Hungry

Special Music

****Dismiss for Kids Korner****

Preparatory Worship

Jesus Messiah

Prayer

Message: "Basics of the Christian Life: Prayer & Devotion"

Pastor Scott

Closing Song

I Surrender All

Prayer

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Prayer Matters

*Your eternal word, O Lord,
stands firm in heaven.
Your faithfulness extends to every generation,
as enduring as the earth you created.*
Psalm 119:89-90 (NLT)

Families

Sadie

Brian & Tammy

Berean Church

Brady Community Church (Robert & Beth Litzenberger)

LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry,
Ted & Judy

*Stewardship team is meeting this week to pray and plan.

Other

Officer Cem Duzel of the CSPD.

Recovery from hail storm

Students going back to school.

Announcements:

*Fellowship Dinner is NEXT Week! Please bring something to share

*Offering box is located on the information table. You can also give online
(www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com) or through the FC mobile app (App Store &
Google Play)

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“Basics of the Christian Life” | #2: Prayer & Devotions

The follower of Christ is encouraged to “live a life worthy of the calling you have received” (Ephesians 4:1).

Upcoming topics: assurance, baptism, prayer, devotions, Bible study, God, church, spiritual disciplines, outreach, and discipleship.

Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:5-13

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is a profound mystery.

Prayer is a necessity, like breathing.

Prayer is rooted in a personal relationship with God and its purpose is to strengthen and deepen your intimacy with Him.

Two Extremes:

1. God’s will is going to be done, so why pray?
2. It’s all up to us, so why pray?

Balancing the two: God is sovereign, and we have responsibilities.

Two Warnings:

1. Hypocrites (Matthew 6:5-6)

2. Heathens (vv. 7-8):

Pattern

Praise (v. 9) “Holy/Hallowed”

When we approach God, we must embrace the fact that we are interacting with the Almighty, our Lord, Maker, King, Mighty Warrior, Redeemer, and faithful High Priest

Priorities (v. 10) “Your Kingdom/Your Will”

Petitions (vv. 11-13a) “Give, forgive, rescue”

Give us food (daily bread)

Meets our need day-by-day (physical, financial, spiritual, emotional, relational)

Philippians 4:6-7 – “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then

you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Forgive us our sins

Forgiven = Cancelled debt

Rescue us from the evil one

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – "We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."

Promise (v. 13b: "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.)

Examples of God-centered Prayers:

1. Failing Marriage.

"For their sake, Lord, please heal their marriage."

vs.

"God, how can they focus on Your kingdom when their marriage is in such bad shape? How can they tell others about You and represent You when their lives are filled with such pain? How can their marriage be compared to Your relationship with us when they can't get along? O God, make Your name famous by revealing Your mercy in their lives. Cause each of them to both show and see You in each other. For Your name's sake, work in them what needs to be done to show Your glory to them and to those who are looking on..."

2. Healing

"Lord, heal _____ so she can have strength and energy, so she can live a full, energetic life without such a handicap."

vs.

"Lord, _____ is a subject within Your kingdom, and You've purposed her to assist in the establishment of it. But how can she be thoroughly involved and actively participating when she is sick and has no energy? For the sake of Your great and holy name, for the sake of her help in establishing Your kingdom, we ask that You heal her so she can work to make You famous."

WHY AREN'T PRAYERS ANSWERED?

Prayer is not about answers, but the relationship.

1. Sin

Psalm 66:17 – “If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.”

2. Asking outside of God's Will

1 John 5:14-15: “And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.”

3. When “No” results in more of God's glory than “yes”

4. Selfish prayers

James 4:3 – “And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.”

5. Lack of Compassion

Proverbs 21:13 – “Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.”

6. Special not to husbands... Love your wife.

1 Peter 3:7 – “In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.”

WHAT ARE DEVOTIONS?

Mark 1:35 – “Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.”;

Matthew 14:23 – “After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.”

Quiet Time: Periods of interaction with the Father when no one else is around.

Psalms 1:1-3

Unhurried, Undistracted, Uninterrupted, Deliberate

Three Components of Devotional Life:

1. Reading.
2. Meditate.
3. Prayer.

Now What?

1. PRAY!

2. Prayer Lists.

2 Timothy 2:1-4 – “I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” -These prayers are rooted in His Kingdom (to be saved) and His Glory (the truth).

3. Join our Prayer Team

Resources:

David Jeremiah, Basics of the Christian Faith

Bob Sjogren & Gerald Robison, Cat & Dog Prayer

Gil Stieglitz, Going Deep in Prayer

Charles Stanley, The Ultimate Conversation

Operation World