



If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

### **Small Group Ministry**

- Do you want to learn and grow in your prayer life? Join us for a 6-week study called When God's People Pray. The study starts on Wednesday evening on February 2, at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Campus. For more information or to sign-up, please visit the Information Table!
- If you are new or newer to Family Church, we welcome you to attend our Discover Family Church Luncheon at the Grace Campus on Sunday, February 6 at 12:00. This luncheon is for anyone who wants to learn more about the history and opportunities of Family Church. Please register at the Information Table.

### **Teens Ministry**

- Students, are you in need of a break? A break from school, from busy schedules? Freeze-Out at Lake Ann Camp is the perfect chance to step away and get that much-needed break! Freeze Out is a winter retreat designed for middle and high school students! Want more info? Email [keith@familychurch.app](mailto:keith@familychurch.app)

### **Outreach Ministry**

- The Life Team of Family Church is a group of women and men trained to come alongside and support women/couples who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy and may be considering abortion. The training for this team takes place once per week for 6 - 8 weeks. If you want more information or are interested in being a part of the team, fill out the Connection Card and write Life Team in the comments. You can also call the church at 616-741-0032, option 6, or email [LifeTeam@gracechapelzeeland.com](mailto:LifeTeam@gracechapelzeeland.com).
- Are you curious about foster care or adoption or how to come alongside foster care or adoptive families in our church and community? Join us on Sunday, January 30, from 3-5 pm at our Grace Campus for a social gathering to learn more about Family Church's Grafted in Grace Ministry. Contact Kamarah Sietsema at [kamarahls@gmail.com](mailto:kamarahls@gmail.com) with any questions. All are welcome - childcare available.

### **Women's Ministry**

- Ladies! Family Church will be hosting the IF: Gathering at our Ebenezer and Grace Campuses! Mark your calendars for Friday evening, March 4, and Saturday, March 5. At IF:2022, we're going to talk about how to live in this world right now and how to navigate a life that goes against culture. How do we build community in the middle of that? How do we tell people about Jesus? There's a reason we're still alive. There's a reason we're still here. Our lives matter in this time, and we will not waste it! Find more information at the Welcome Table or online at [FamilyChurch.App/Events](http://FamilyChurch.App/Events).

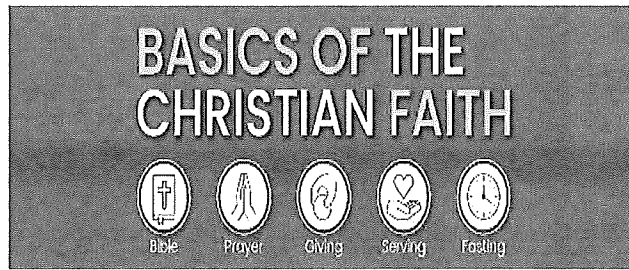
### **Family Church - Weekly Services**

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
- **Sunday at 9:30 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 10:45 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus

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*Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples*



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January 2022

Prayer Basics

**Luke 11:1**, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples'"

### **How Jesus Modeled Prayer**

1. **Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ praying for \_\_\_\_\_.** (Matthew 19: 13-15, John 17, Luke 22:32)

**Matthew 19:13**, "Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them."

**John 17:9**, "I [Jesus] pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given Me, for they are Yours."

2. **Jesus modeled praying with \_\_\_\_\_.** (Luke 9: 12-17 & 28, Acts 1:14)

**Luke 9:28**, "[Jesus] took Peter, John and James with Him and went up onto a mountain to pray."

**Acts 1:14**, "They all joined together constantly in prayer ..."

3. **Jesus modeled praying \_\_\_\_\_.** (Luke 5:16, 6:12, Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:23)

**Luke 5:16**, "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

**Psalms 46:10**, "Be still, and know that I am God."

**Psalms 19:1**, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

**Luke 6:12**, "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray ..."

4. **Jesus modeled praying over the long-haul.** (Luke 6:12, John 17)

**Luke 6:12**, "spent the night praying to God."

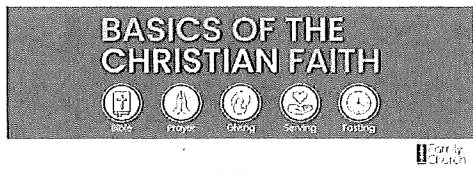
5. **Jesus knew that not all of his prayers would be answered as \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Matthew 26: 36-44)

**Matthew 26:36-44**, <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." <sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup>"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." <sup>43</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

### **Life Application**

Make a commitment today to pray MORE than you have in the past.



**January 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Prayer Basics

**READ: Luke 11:1**

1. Do family members and friends see you pray? Does it spark them to ask you to pray for them? Would you be known as a praying person in your family and friend groups... Christian and secular?
2. How many disciples asked Jesus about prayer? What should we take from that?
3. It sometimes seems like we; talk about prayer, say prayers over meals, study prayer. But how many of us earnestly seek God out to teach us how to pray?

**How Jesus Modeled Prayer**

1. **Jesus modeled praying for others.**

**READ: Matthew 19: 13-15, John 17, Luke 22:32**

4. What do these verses teach us about prayer? For whom do you pray?

**KEY POINT: Don't forget life not just about you!**

2. **Jesus modeled praying with others.**

**READ: Luke 9: 12-17 & 28, Acts 1:14**

5. Think about this small group, we pray as a group, are there other places you pray as a group?
6. Do you pray daily for your children and grandchildren? Do they know you pray for them? Why is this important?

3. **Jesus modeled praying alone.**

**READ: Luke 5:16, 6:12, Mark 1:35, Matthew 14:23**

7. As much as Jesus understood the value of praying with and for others, He also understood the need to pray alone. Do you have a time set aside for you and God to talk every day?
8. Do you talk with God throughout the day?
9. Are you '*still*' before the Lord every day?
10. Do you enjoy creation and just hanging out with God? Does it inspire you?

4. **Jesus modeled praying over the long-haul.**

**READ: Luke 6:12, John 17**

11. How are you in the long-haul of prayer life?
12. Are there any long-haul prayers this small group could pray with you?

5. **Jesus knew that not all of his prayers would be answered as expected.**

**READ: Matthew 26: 36-44**

13. This is a difficult prayer lesson to learn, but the fact of the matter is that not all our prayers are answered in ways we expect. Discuss this.
14. Prayer that is not answered the way we would like is a challenge to the Christian life until we learn the posture of Jesus.... "Yet not as I will, but as You will." How do you do with this attitude of submission to God's will?

**KEY POINT: God is in charge.**

15. Read this excerpt from Guerillas of Grace, Ted Loder.

**How shall I pray?**

**Are tears prayers, Lord?**

**Are screaming prayers?**

**Or groans or sighs or curses?**

**Can trembling hands be lifted to you, or clenched fists**

**Or the cold sweat that tricks down my back**

**Or the cramps that know my stomach?**

**Will you accept my prayers, Lord, my real prayers**

**Rooted in the muck and mud and rock of my life**

**And not just the pretty, cut flower, gracefully arranged bouquet of words?**

**Will you accept me, Lord, as I really am?**

**Messed up mixture of glory and grime?**

**KEY POINT: If we pray to remove all the pain, we will remove all the gain.**

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