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# The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

## Commentary from a common Terry

### Let us pray

If you grew up in a church environment, then you heard those three words regularly. Quite often, the man standing before the church, assigned to lead the congregation in prayer, would preface his first words toward God with, "Let us pray."

It was a call to focus. And maybe to action. While it was certainly a traditional statement, it was by no means empty. "Let us pray." It was the entire group, listening to the leader's words and, hopefully, adding their own in their hearts, silently reaching the lofty heights that can only happen when we are in the presence of God in His throne room.

The Bible has an abundant supply of prayer scriptures, teachings, reference, and examples. It is a major theological theme of God's Book.

- ⇒ If we put together all the different forms and actions that represent prayer in the Bible, it comes to 600+ times.
- ⇒ The gospels tell of Jesus praying 25 times.
- ⇒ The first mention of the action of prayer in the Bible is Genesis 4:26. Adam and Eve had a son named Seth. Seth had a son named Enosh. It was during the time of Enosh that "people began to call upon the name of the LORD."
- ⇒ This doesn't mean there was no communication between man and God. We know God and Adam and Eve had a direct dialogue in chapter three following their sin.
- ⇒ There was also the blood of Abel, following his murder at the hands of his brother, Cain, after which his blood cried to God from the ground. At least that's how God described it. A prayer? Maybe. It expands our understanding of how our existence and life (and death) on this planet connect to God in intimate ways. (Genesis 4:10)
- ⇒ Abram, later called Abraham, called on the name of the Lord in Genesis 12, building an altar after the first stage of his long journey.

- ⇒ Prayers in the Bible were not about saying to God what is believed He *wants* to hear, but speaking the heart honestly.
- ⇒ There are several postures for prayer mentioned in the Bible.
  - Kneeling (Luke 22:41; Dan. 6:10; Eph. 3:14)
  - Sitting (II Samuel 7:18)
  - Hands lifted (I Timothy 2:8)
  - Face down on the ground (Matthew 26:39)
  - Standing (Mark 11:25)
- ⇒ Bible people spoke their prayers. They shouted their prayers. They prayed silently. They sang their prayers. They cried their prayers
- ⇒ The longest prayer in the Bible is Psalm 119, some 176 verses long, speaking to God in praise for the wonder of His Word.
- ⇒ There are various kinds of prayers in the Bible:
  - Praying by agreement with others (Acts 1:14)
  - Request/supplication (Philippians 4:6)
  - Thanksgiving (also Philippians 4:6)
  - Intercession (I Timothy 2:1)
  - Consecration (setting ourselves aside for God's own purpose (Mathew 26:29)
  - Worship (Acts 13:2-3)
  - The prayer of faith (James 5:15)
  - Imprecatory prayers (Psalms 7, 55, 69)
- ⇒ Paul mentions prayer 41 times.
- ⇒ The word "amen" is first written in the Bible in Numbers 5:22. In the Hebrew Old Testament, the word is pronounced "amen," which is where we get the word. It means "so be it."
- ⇒ The ultimate prayer: "Your will be done." (Matthew 26:39)

Love one another,

*Terry*

## Women's Bible Study on Tuesday

The *Women's Bible Study* group will meet this coming Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. You will meet in the home of Barb Henderson (check with the church office for the address. All the ladies are invited to join us.

## Westview Mom's Group meets this coming Thursday

The *Westview Mom's Group* will meet this coming Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship room. Snacks, childcare, and activities for the kids are provided. Spread the word to all the moms you know! It's a great opportunity for encouragement and growth. If you would like to help or need more info, please check with Amber Odle.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

### What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

*The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God. (~~C.S. Lewis~~)*

## Today's Order of Worship

*Great Are You, Lord*  
*In Moments Like These*

### Meet & Greet

### Announcements & Reminders

*Be Unto Your Name*

### Prayer

### Scripture Reading:

**Matthew 26:26-30**

*Nothing But the Blood*

### We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

### Contribution Collected

*Jesus Loves Me*

### Elder blessing and prayer

*We Will Worship the Lamb of Glory*

### Sermon

**The Invasion:**

**"I hear voices"**

*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

### Unison Reading:

**II Corinthians 5:6-9**

*Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims*

## Servers for Worship today

Scripture Reading Karl Tankersley  
Prayer Troy Wallace

Todd Zwetzig (communion prayers)  
Taylor Wikum (contribution prayers)  
Ian Sebold  
Tyler Wade  
Tyler Wallace  
Dean Weber

## Next Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Scripture Reading: Taylor Wikum  
Prayer: Todd Zwetzig

Communion and contribution:

Troy Wallace (communion prayers)  
Karl Tankersley (contribution prayers)  
Ian Sebold  
Tyler Wade  
Tyler Wallace  
Dean Weber



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries:

3/15 – Wanda Giles

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

The March Daily Bible Reading plan is in the lobby.

Registration for camp (NCCC) is now open.

Go to: [www.meadowlarkchurch.org](http://www.meadowlarkchurch.org)

Click on ministries.

Click on the camp link.

Click on the "register here!" link.

Check with Terry for more info.

The Wednesday night Bible study group meets each week at 6:30 in the fellowship room. All are invited to join us. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

Mark your calendar—a congregational fellowship on Sunday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 in the fellowship room. More details next week.

The plan is for *The Kitchen* to be OPEN this coming Wednesday, preparing food and delivering it to the homeless. 11 a.m.

## The MSCH spring food drive is underway

Details for the spring food drive for the Mountain States Children's Home is on the counter in the lobby. There is a list of specific needs, both food items and non-food items. There is also a list of items that MSCH *does not* need. You can leave your donation in the lobby in the collection bin just inside the front doors. Or, if you want, you can donate a gift card from WalMart, King Sooper, Safeway, etc. You can leave that card with Terry. This drive goes through April 26<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to contribute to the Westview coat drive, you can leave your donation in the collection bin in the lobby. We will continue this through the end of the month.

## National Federation of the Blind Expo on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>

The Westview building will be the site of the annual *National Federation of the Blind Expo* on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. It will go throughout the morning and will continue into the afternoon as long as visitors are attending. This event presents the latest technology and innovations to assist those who have vision problems or are blind.



## Prayer reminders

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.