



MENTORSHIP BEGINS WITH PRAYER.

Last Sunday, we heard Paul back up his extremely exclusive claim that *the foundation for our faith is being rooted in Christ*. We looked at his reasoning for making such a claim—that *Christ is preeminent in everything*. We heard him back up this extremely exclusive claim by showing us how Christ is supreme in the church and supreme in all creation.

This week, we head back to the beginning of Colossians 1. This mentor/discipleship letter to the church started with a very specific prayer from Paul and Timothy. Over the next three weeks, we will study this prayer and prayerfully gain insights from this prayer for discipleship and mentorship.

Since prayer is the focus of our text over the next few weeks, this Colossians 1 prayer will also bleed over into our Sunday night church wide prayer time at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As we pray, sing hymns, share praises and testimony, we will also reflect on the specific things we discussed in the morning worship.

I am excited about all of this. I love you church family.

Pastor Mark

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Experiencing God is a time-tested Bible study that guides you to experience the kind of relationship with God through which you come to know and do His will. In this study, you will explore seven realities or biblical truths that will change your life. ***Experiencing God*** is a 13-week Bible study that **begins on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm in Room 105**. The cost of the course study guide is \$15. [Please sign up in the Foyer this morning.](#)



If you know a friend, neighbor or relative that would benefit from this study, prayerfully invite them to attend. This is an amazing way to love on our families and community.

We will **begin a GriefShare group on Wednesday, August 13th at 6 pm in Room 101**. All other sessions begin at 6:30 pm. **You can get more information and sign up at the Welcome Desk this morning**. The cost of the 13-week class and Participant Workbook is \$20. [Please sign up in the Foyer this morning!](#)

If you're grieving over the death of a family member or close friend, you can find help at GriefShare. Each week GriefShare groups begin with a video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. Their insights and experiences will help you manage your emotions, gain clarity, and find answers to your questions as you walk through the grief process.



Summer Wednesday Nights

**Summer Kids and
Adult Bible Study Schedule**
6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Please Note:
our Family Supper will
resume **Wednesday,**
August 20th, 5 pm - 6 pm

TODAY! CHURCHWIDE PRAYER - 6 pm

Men's Prayer

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

MEN'S / WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY: NATURE AND FORM OF SCRIPTURE

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

MEN'S GOLF OUTING - SANLAN GOLF COURSE

Thursdays, 9 am –Text Darrel Rusnell if interested. (210-643-5537)

OFFICE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, July 27th following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

WOW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS GAME NIGHT

Monday, July 28th, 6:30 - 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall

EMBRACE WIDOWS' MINISTRY POT LUCK LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, July 29th, 11:30 am - 1 pm in Room 101

GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

Begins Wednesday, August 13th at 6 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

EXPERIENCING GOD BIBLE STUDY

Begins Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm. Sign up in the Foyer.

**upcoming
& events
discipleship
opportunities**

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Office volunteers are needed.

Do you have the gift of
administration?

Do you enjoy talking to new
people?

Do you have a flexible
schedule?



COME TO AN INFORMATION
MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 27TH,
FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

We are looking for dedicated members to join our office volunteer staff on a weekly or as you are available basis. Duties include answering the phone, accepting packages, greeting visitors, stuffing the worship guide with inserts and other office duties as they arise. We will meet on **Sunday, July 27th in the Fellowship Hall** after the morning service, with more information. **Please sign up in the Foyer.**

Thank you. The meeting will be brief and a we look forward to sharing with you this need.

VOLUNTEER IN THE OFFICE



Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	17,010.66
Missions	463.00
Total	17,473.66

MENTOR ME: WEEK THREE

July 20, 2025 Colossians 1:9

sermon notes

Prayer Part 1: The Overview

And so, **from the day we heard...** (1:9)

Heard **what?** (1:4-8)

We have **not ceased** to pray for you...(1:9)

Pray **what?** (1:3; 1:9-14)



Where was Paul? **What** did he hear? **How** did he hear? **Who** told him? **How** did he respond?

Colossians 4:18; Colossians 1:3-8

According to **Colossians 1:4-5**, how does hope **influence** love and faith?

What significant **truths** do we learn **about the gospel** in **Colossians 1:5-6**?

How did the church **learn the gospel** according to **Colossians 1:7**?

Describe Epaphras based upon **Colossians 1:7-8**.

What **principles** can we learn about **how** Paul and Timothy prayed according to **Colossians 1:3-9**?

In preparation for next week, what did they **ask God for** in the prayer according to **Colossians 1:9-11**?

In preparation for two weeks, what did they **thank God for** in the prayer according to **Colossians 1:3;12-14**?