

Ponderings From the Pastor

The Power of Prayer

By Brad Taylor

For many believers, the act of prayer has slowly devolved into a mere tradition that has no lasting impact on their lives. Prayer is supposed to be so much more. Prayer is relational communication with God that establishes the goal of making heaven visible on earth. Prayer should not be treated like an ordinary ordeal in your life because of its power to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth.

In fact, prayer and the smallest amount of faith in Jesus can set you free from the mountains that hold you hostage in life.

We've all faced mountains throughout our lives, situations that loom so large you can't find a way over or through it. Jesus tells us we have the power to move these mountains, but many Christians wind up placing their faith in the wrong things.

The fact is that we all have mountains in need to be moved or a crisis that is looming ahead. Finding yourself face-to-face with a crisis and dealing with a mountain is the kind of unwelcome experience no-

body wants to be in. But in the midst of it, ask yourself this very important question: "How can my crisis or mountain bring God glory?" Remember God has the power and ability to turn even the darkest circumstances into that which will bring Him praise

like you never could have imagined.

Don't treat prayer like a spare tire in the back of your car. You know it's only kept there for when something goes flat. Scripture says to pray at all times so you're preparing yourself for the inevitable occurrence of anything that may

happen in life whether good or bad. Without prayer you become significantly less capable of doing what we are designed to do. Much like a lamp removed from electricity.

As a Christian, God has given us a link called prayer to tap into the power He has provided. Utilize the power of prayer the way God intended. Don't treat prayer as tradition or a spare tire. Pray continually, stay plugged into the source of God's power.



OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard

We unfortunately have not been able to meet for several weeks now! But we will start youth group back up on Feb. 2 (6:30-8:00 p.m.). We are planning a youth event on Sunday after church on Feb.13! More details to follow.

Please be in prayer for our youth students as they try to live a life for God in this everchanging world.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com

February Sermon Calendar

- Feb. 6 — Praying Through a Crisis
- Feb. 13 — Praying to Move Mountains
- Feb. 20 — Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
- Feb. 27 — The Kingdom Power of Prayer



February Daily Bible Reading plan to read the Bible through in 2022

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day. The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year. The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year. To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

February	Feb. 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-37	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	Feb. 19	----- Reflection -----
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exodus	Feb. 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 38-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	Feb. 20	----- Reflection -----
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Feb. 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-17	Feb. 11	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> 9	Feb. 22	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-25 <input type="checkbox"/> 13:1-12
Feb. 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-20	Feb. 12	----- Reflection -----	Feb. 23	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-28 <input type="checkbox"/> 13:13-25
Feb. 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-24	Feb. 13	----- Reflection -----		Leviticus
Feb. 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-27	Feb. 14	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-6 <input type="checkbox"/> 10:1-16	Feb. 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 14:1-18
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Feb. 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 32-34	Feb. 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-18 <input type="checkbox"/> 12:1-14	Feb. 28	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> 15:1-17

February 2022

Sun

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Sat

		1	2 Shayla Perez bday	3	4 Dawn Benson bday; No Adult Game Day	5
6 Chris Gutierrez bday	7	8	9	10	11 Alma Bradford, Jason Collier & Mike Hill bdays	12 Ellie Benton & Charlene Goodwin bdays
13 Laura Holloway bday	14 Michelle Hill bday	15 Madison DeVore bday	16	17	18 Brenda Drabenstott & Sean McGee bdays	19
20 Tim Russell bday; Church Council meeting 6pm	21	22 Rebecca Schoen bday	23 Dewayne Pierce bday	24	25 Steve Tomas bday	26
27 Business Meeting following Morning Service	28 Sandra Rowe bday					



Let's Pray Together!

Submitted by Mindy Taylor



Matthew 6:9-13

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

This is the example Christ wants us to pray. Many people have sung this as a song, including Stuart Townend, Shane & Shane, Hillsong Worship, Andrea Bocelli, Johnny Mathis, Sandi Patty, The Gaithers, Connie Francis and many more. So, turn one of these on and sing with them.

I don't know about you but when I'm down I pray and listen to music; it lifts me up every time, and it will you!

God wants us to talk to him throughout the day and night. Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus to communicate and have fellowship with God.

February the theme will be about Prayer. Please make every effort to be in person on Sunday morning with other believers so we can learn together, pray together and encourage one another. In these confusing and dark days ahead, I don't know what I would do if I didn't have my church family. So, Come, Now Is the Time to Worship!

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