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Sunday, January 12, 2020

The Westworth Word



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have come to worship the Lord with us today. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. Prayer requests can also be made on the other side of the card.



For us communion isn't only about his death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of the hope we have that God will one day fulfill; eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

We invite all who believe and are baptized in Jesus to share the Lord's Supper with us in remembrance of his great sacrifice and triumph on our behalf.

Plug In For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." - Matt. 18:20
Worship Services: Sundays 10AM & 1PM Wednesdays 7PM
Domino Group: Every Tuesday 10 AM.
Sharing Center: 1st Saturday of every month. 10AM - Noon
Women's Study: Paused
Men's Bible Study - Paused until January 2020
Prayer Meeting: 2nd & 4th Sunday's 9:15AM
GEM Committee: 2nd & 4th Sundays after 1st service

Effective Prayer

Both in example and in word, Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Some of His parables deal specifically with prayer, teaching us some of the qualities we must have in order to pray effectively.

Our Lord told the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8) specifically to make the point "that men ought always to pray and not lose heart" (v. 1). In the parable, an unjust judge finally vindicated a poor widow, not because it was right, but because he was weary of her pleadings. If an unjust judge would help someone about whom he cared nothing, simply because she kept asking, how much more will our loving, righteous Heavenly Father help those "who cry out day and night to Him" (v. 7)? When we become discouraged because it seems that God doesn't hear our prayers, we ought to remember this parable and keep praying. Though we may not understand why God doesn't answer our prayers right away, we must trust Him. In prayer, as in many other activities, persistence pays!

At the end of that same parable, Jesus asked a perplexing question: "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (18:18). This points out a second quality needed in prayer. It takes faith to pray acceptably (James 1:6); and it takes even stronger faith to persevere in prayer. Jesus seems to be saying that faith may become a rare commodity on earth before His return. May it not be so with us! Let us cultivate a stronger faith so that we do not grow weary in prayer.

After the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus spoke the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). Here we find a third quality necessary for prayer: humility. The proud Pharisee boasted about his personal goodness to God, while the tax collector humbly begged for mercy. So arrogant was the Pharisee that Jesus said he "prayed thus with himself" (v. 11). His prayer went no higher than the ceiling! On the other hand, the lowly tax collector "went down to his house justified" (v. 14).

Persistence, Faith, and Humility – while these are not the only qualities we need to have in order to pray effectively, they certainly are crucial ones. Keep on praying; keep trusting God to answer according to His will; and humble yourself before Him so that he may lift you up. **-David Williams**



Wednesday – Join us on Wednesdays as we go through Matthew. This next week we look at the birth story of Jesus.

AM – Next week we will see how we experience God's Grace through failure.

PM – We'll begin looking at Micah's idolatry, in Judges 17 &18, and how it begins to affect all of Israel.

Jan. 12 - Prayer Service 9:15am / GEM meeting after first service

Jan. 13 - Elder/Deacon Meeting 7:00 pm.**

Jan. 19 - Third Sunday Lunch

Jan. 25 - Game Night 7:00pm - more info to come

Jan. 26 - Prayer Service 9:15am/ GEM Meeting

Feb.1 - Sharing Center open 10am-Noon

Feb. 2 - Super Chili Bowl!! - Chili cook-off and watching the big game on the big screen. No PM Service.



Feb. 9 - Prayer Service 9:15am / GEM Meeting after first service

<u>January Birthdays</u>

1-02
1-04
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1-21
1-22
1-23
1-25



<u>January Anniversaries</u>

John & LaVelta Williams1-04Brian & Susan Flaherty1-08Joe & Melva Campbell1-23

If you have any additions or corrections to our Member Address list please inform the church office. Lists are in the entry foyer on the first table or in the Library on the center table.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****All scheduled are requested to meet 7 minutes before each service, in the library****

	Usher	Open	Songs	Prayer	Table	Serve	Serve	Serve	Serve	Read	Preach
Jan. 12 10 AM	-	David Williams	Hudson Flaherty	David Keller	Curtis Thomp- son	Richard Reeves	Stanley Williams	Samuel Flaherty	Bill Jones	Tom Reyn- olds Rev.19: 4-10 NKJV	Nathan Keller
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Jan. 19 1PM		Corder	Mike Lisle	James Kreger	Stanley Williams	Samuel Flaherty		(M) Westy		Elijah Keller	Keller

The January schedule is posted on our website, <u>www.westworthcoc.org.</u> If you cannot serve please contact the **Usher in charge**.