

Welcome to Fannin United Methodist Church January 20, 2019

Gathering

Chimes

Prelude

Greeting

Invocation

Hymns:

"Blessed Assurance"

Cel. #572

"The Solid Rock" Cel. #526

Vs. 1, 2, & 4

Pass the Peace

Children's Church

Hymn:

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Cel. #575

Prayers of the People

Calvin Cosnahan, Pastor

Offering

Special Music

"His Strength Is Perfect"

Robert Harris, Worship Leader

"Doxology"

Cel. #815

Sermon Scripture

Genesis 37:1-11

Message --

Calvin Cosnahan, Pastor

"When Life Goes to Hell in a Handbasket"

Prayer Time

Benediction

Going Forth

"The Family Prayer Song"

Cel. #454

Projectionists: Ron Grissom Gerrie Harris Lance Wilson Musicians: John Barnts Tina Cosnahan Tommy Hunter Judi Martinez Vicki Parnell Dusty Welch

6 Ways to Develop a More Powerful Prayer Life

- 1. Know to whom you are speaking Prayer is a conversation with God, and every conversation begins by addressing the person to whom you are speaking by name. Jesus begins with "Our Father in heaven." He focuses on a distinct person the Heavenly Father with whom he has a personal relationship. We share the same right to call God "Father," and there are times when we need to talk with our Abba Father, Daddy God. But God is three distinct persons in One: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Thank him A heartfelt thank you is always a great conversation starter. Like any parent, God loves to see that we have grateful hearts. But more importantly, as we take the time to praise God for all He has done in the past the answered prayers, the impossible situations overcome, the healings and grace our faith to believe for even greater answers to prayer grows stronger and more confident. Praise opens the gates of heaven and should always be part of our alone time with God.
- 3. Say what you need In Jesus' time, bread was a staple one of the most basic needs of life and he did not hesitate to ask God to provide it. But we often hesitate to bother God with the little things we need, thinking he shouldn't be bothered. And when the big problems come, we try everything we can to solve the problem before we think to pray. The Bible says, "You do not have because you do not ask God." So never hesitate to ask God for what you need. Your Father in heaven delights to give you good gifts.
- 4. Ask for God's will The Lord's Prayer is not the only place where Jesus role-modeled a heart of obedience and submission to the will of God over his own desires and needs. In the Garden of Gethsemane, only hours before Jesus' crucifixion, he would once again pray, "not my will, but yours be done." In a world where right and wrong are frequently confused and the future is so uncertain, it can be hard to know how to pray or what to ask for when difficult circumstances arise. But the one thing we can know with absolute certainty is that God's plan for those who love him is good, and the safest place we can be is in the center of his divine will.
- 5. Ask for forgiveness James 5:16 reminds us that if we want our prayers to be heard, our hearts need to be right with God and with one another. If you feel your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling, take some time to check your heart
- 6. Memorize Scripture The most important key to a vibrant prayer life is to understand our spiritual authority in Christ as explained in the Scriptures. The only way to do that is to become intimately familiar with the Bible. Even a few minutes a day in the Word of God will add strength and authority to your prayers.