

Food for Thought

- ❖ Arrogance is when we are presumptuous enough to believe whatever suits our tastes and preferences and those of modern people who we imagine are smarter and cooler than they really are. ~ Randy Alcorn
- ❖ If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself. ~ Augustine
- ❖ We should seek the truth without hesitation; and, if we refuse it, we show that we value the esteem of men more than the search for truth. ~ Blaise Pascal
- ❖ Without the way, there is no going; without the truth, there is no knowing; without the life, there is no living. ~ Thomas à Kempis
- ❖ I plead with God: "Purify my perceptions of Your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync with the truth." ~ John Piper
- ❖ You are required to believe, to preach, and to teach what the Bible says is true, not what you want the Bible to say is true. ~ R C Sproul

mission

The mission of our church is to
glorify Christ,
proclaim the Gospel,
reach the lost,
and train and instruct
Christians in the faith
for service and daily living.

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A Culture of Prayer

by Pastor Kevin Dick

I just returned from this year's Interim Pastor's Summit Conference. The central theme was prayer. The speaker was Daniel Henderson who leads a ministry called 6:4 Fellowship. Reverend Henderson's passion is to see churches enhance their effectiveness in prayer. He offered many helpful ideas, but I would like to specifically focus on three of them.

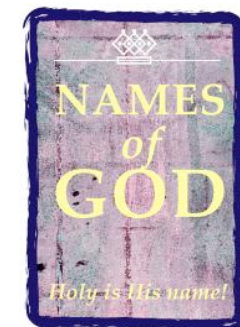
The first one is that **prayer should be worship-focused rather than request-focused**. So often, corporate prayer times begin by taking prayer requests. Nothing is inherently wrong with bringing the needs of life before God. But usually that is where we begin. Instead, worship in prayer through adoration and praise creates the mindset which God desires of his people. We ought to begin with worship of God in prayer because then our dependence upon God is clearly revealed.

Second, **prayer in the New Testament church takes place in the community of believers**. In our way of thinking, we often think prayer is an individual action, like going into our own personal prayer closet. This way of looking at prayer as primarily a private discipline of the Christian life leaves us unconnected to the larger body of Christ.

Perhaps a person might say, "I don't feel comfortable praying out loud in a small group, much less a large group." But beginning by coming together with one other person with whom you can learn, will build confidence for praying with more people present. The idea of praying only by yourself is counter to examples we have in the book of Acts.

Third, **a culture of prayer begins with the church leaders who seriously see prayer as vital to the work of God within the hearts of his people**. We do not want to be a church with only "zipper prayers" where we just open and close each meeting or service with a simple prayer. If we wish to see the supernatural work of God take place among us, then we must invite his presence and allow him to do his work in us and through us.

I came away from the conference challenged and convicted that my prayer life is not where it should be. As I continue to serve at Faith Community Church, I want to improve in each of these three areas. Beginning this Sunday, I will begin a short series of messages on prayer. I am sure all of us need to be encouraged in our consistency of meeting with the Lord. May God help us improve our daily communication with him in our personal devotional lives and in a larger setting where we corporately pray in larger groups.



Elohim Shama

The God Who Hears
...truly God has listened;
He has attended to the
voice of my prayer.

Psalms 66:19 ESV



My Desire
by Dorothea Horsfall

I want people to see You when they look at me
I want people to feel You when they are around me.
I want people to know You when I speak for I am Your hands, Your voice,
Your heart.
You, O Lord, are all around
searching for the lost and lonely
never giving up
Your eyes are upon the hurting children
arms ready to encircle with love
welcoming them back
clothing them with Your glory
celebrating and calling them Yours
I want to shine
to lead them on the path to Home
for I am Your hands, Your voice,
Your heart

Editor's note: Dear Dorothea entered her home in Heaven the morning of March 15. We will continue to publish her work through the end of this year as a tribute to this great woman of generosity, faith, love, and courage. Please pray for her family as they grieve her loss.



Prison Ministry Meeting
Sunday, July 1, 12:15 p.m.



If I were to title this it would read: **Empowered, Enabled, Equipped.** Does this describe you? Do you 'feel' empowered, enabled, and equipped for (fill in the blank) ... basically, your life? If not – what is it that you need? Not want, need. And if you had what you felt you needed, then what? Would you do or say whatever is inhibiting or stopping you from...

What happens for you when things don't go as planned (your plan)? How do you handle the hiccups in life? They always seem to be lurking around the edges of life. Are you aware, or do you simply choose to ignore them? Why? Don't you believe you have the power to defeat obstacles... or are you not confident that you can, or should? Or maybe it's that thought in the recesses of your mind that questions IF you've made the best plan?

When it comes to the bottom line, do you distinguish between a check in your spirit and a question? They are not the same. The most critical is a 'check'. I have regretted far too often not listening to what the Spirit is telling me. Doesn't need to be this way. Part of this dilemma is our lack of confidence in us. Yes? Remember, even if you don't 'feel' it, if the Lord calls you to 'it', then He will empower/enable/equip you for 'it'. I don't ever read that He calls us to what we can't do. If you act and are wrong? Then ask the Lord to help you in and through this. You can always learn from mistakes.

Be encouraged!

You can read more of Carolyn's thoughts at
<http://yourthoughtsandbeliefs.blogspot.com/>



Please pray for the
United States
of America.

COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC



September 29, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Located at

Faith Community Church

(also known as Faith

Evangelical Free Church)

1110 E Cass St, Prairie du Chien

Contact: Diane Slotman

608-326-6688

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET

**Free services we hope to provide
if we have enough volunteers:**

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| * Free Lunch (12:00-1:00) | * Oil changes by appointment |
| * Professional haircuts | * Winter clothing |
| * Massage therapy | * Manicures |
| * Child care for those using the clinic | * Family photos |
| * Bibles and prayer available | * Face painting |
| | * Blood pressure checks |

----- Tear along line; put in offering plate -----

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Please check areas in which you are willing to serve. Thank you.

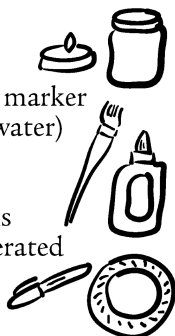
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil changes/car inspections | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood pressure checks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen (set up, cooking, serving, clean-up) | <input type="checkbox"/> Floater (wherever needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care (nursery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration/scheduling | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervise/coordinate activities for workers' children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host (answer questions, guide families) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bouncy house attendant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator for spa area | <input type="checkbox"/> Face painting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair cuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manicures | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with clothes sorting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Massage therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up church for clinic (Thursday/Friday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take family photos/selection & printing | <input type="checkbox"/> Church clean up |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer team |



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

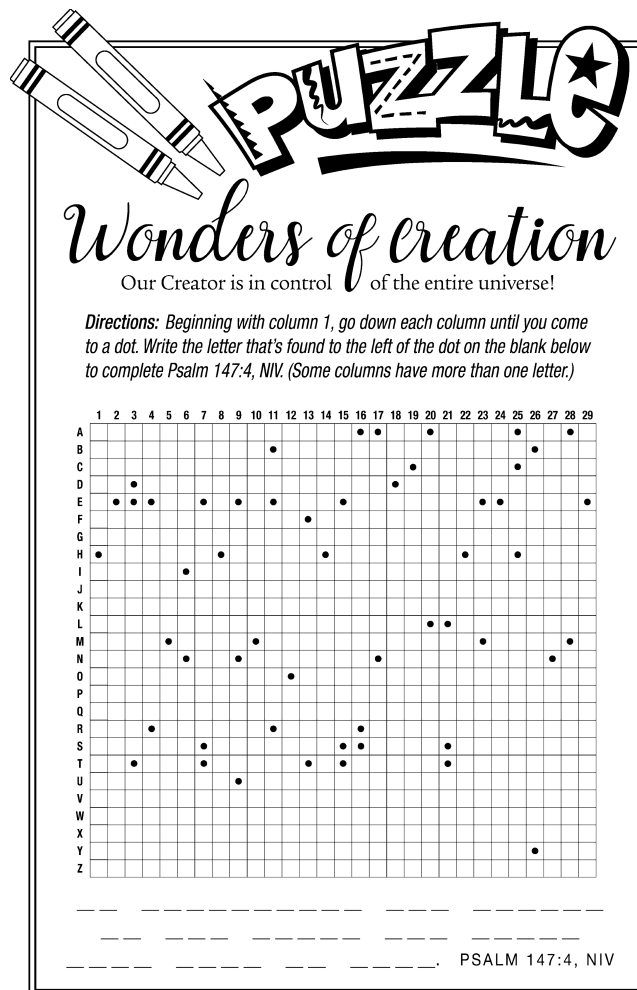
What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV

Faith Kids' BIRTHDAYS!



JULY
17 Mia Olson
23 Cason Miller
24 Avi Olson



Saturday, July 21

5:30 - 8:30 at the church

A **Guys Night Out** is a monthly event for men who want to get together with other men and have a great time eating, playing, studying God's Word. The study is on the **Names of God** as presented by Tony Evans via DVD.

Fresh Start Fitness



Sessions are on Monday and Thursday mornings beginning at 8:15. Bring a mat, towel, water, and hand weights if you would like.

In July, we hope to be outside when the weather permits.
Contact person: Carrie Lessard
Hope to see you here!



Sunday, July 29, at noon
followed by a potluck lunch



This congregation was privileged and blessed to bear witness as five believers followed the Lord's example and commandment by being baptized on Sunday, June 10. They are Dennis Cota, Rick Knight, Nick Johnson, Allison Miller, and Cody Saylor. They have proclaimed Jesus Christ as their Savior and made commitments to love and obey Him to the best of their abilities for the rest of their lives.





Come share your time and talents with Faith Kids on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings. One Way Club/Bridge will begin in October, but Children's Church is ongoing throughout the summer. As we grow in our numbers of children attending children's church, we would like to separate into two age groups. Children's Church has openings for teachers and One Way Club/Bridge has opportunities to serve as group leaders, game leader and in the sound room. If you are interested in teaching but not sure if you could commit to every week, you may want to consider teaching every other week or once a month. Maybe you would like to team teach with someone else. We are open to many possibilities. Contact Jane Collins if you are interested. (563-380-8354)

Desire that your life count for something great! Long for your life to have eternal significance. Want this! Don't coast through life without a passion.

~ John Piper

Faith Community Church

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Community Needs Fund Communion 10:15 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Prison Ministry Meeting	2 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness 6:30 PM Prayer Time 7:30 PM Elder Board meeting	3	4 Independence Day Bulletin Deadline 	5 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness	6	7
8 10:15 AM Worship Service	9 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness 6:30 PM Prayer Time	10 6:30 PM Trustee Board Meeting	11 Bulletin Deadline	12 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness	13	14
15 Newsletter Deadline 10:15 AM Worship Service	16 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness 6:30 PM Prayer Time	17	18 Bulletin Deadline	19 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness	20	21 5:30 PM Guys Night Out 
22 10:15 AM Worship Service	23 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness 6:30 PM Prayer Time	24	25 Bulletin Deadline	26 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness	27	28
29 Food Pantry Sunday 10:15 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Quarterly Meeting 1:00 PM Potluck Lunch	30 8:15 AM Fresh Start Fitness 6:30 PM Prayer Time	31	Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life; Those who come to Me will never go hungry..." John 6:35			



July 2018

Date	Church Cleaning	Fellowship Time	Greeters	Mowing	Ministry Highlight	Nursery	Trustee Duties	Ushers
1	Part One: Meier Part Two: Jones	Donna Lorenz	Erv & Mary Jones	Chuck Mansfield	None	Amy Olson Peggy Dick	Rob Irish	John Goree Cody Saylor Alan Olson ?
8	Part One: Mathre & Fish Part Two: Saylor	Bob & Sharon Meier	Erv & Mary Jones	Steven Hyer	Children	Shelly Gruber Caleb Gruber	Rob Irish	John Goree Cody Saylor Alan Olson ?
15	Part One: Grob Part Two: Schneider	Peggy Dick	Erv & Mary Jones	Howard Slotman	Men	Diane Slotman Jacob Meigosa	Rob Irish	John Goree Cody Saylor Alan Olson ?
22	Part One: Goree Part Two: Collins	Chad & Shelly Gruber	Erv & Mary Jones	Erv Jones	Seniors	Sue Mathre Heather Saylor	Rob Irish	John Goree Cody Saylor Alan Olson ?
29	Part One: Irish Part Two: Mathre*	Kelli Barrette/ Cong. Mtg.	Erv & Mary Jones	Bob Meier	Missions	Allison Miller Bob Meier	Rob Irish	John Goree Cody Saylor Alan Olson ?