



Fairfield Good News

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September 2021

This Month

Sept. 5

Worship

Sept. 12

Coffee Hour
Worship

Sept. 15

Bible Study

Sept. 19

Coffee Hour
Worship

Sept. 22

Bible Study

Sept. 26

Coffee Hour
Worship

Sept. 29

Bible Study

How to spend an hour in prayer... (by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson)

"An hour? How could I pray for an hour? I'd run out of things to say!"

Praying for an hour is like sitting down in a restaurant with a friend, rather than ordering a cheeseburger and chocolate shake at the drive-up window. Somehow, as you sip coffee together, you find a lot of things to say. And, it's a whole lot more satisfying than a wave and a "Hi-how-are-you?"

But if talking to God for that long seems intimidating, it's probably because we're still learning just to share ourselves with Him as we would with a friend.

The following suggestions are designed to help you take courage to try spending an hour with the Lord. After the hour, probably after the first 15 minutes, you won't need this outline. You'll find there's plenty to talk about without prompting.

Start by bringing along some things to discuss with Him: your Bible, a hymnal, a world map or globe, perhaps a church directory and yours or your church's current prayer list. Then find a place where the two of you won't be disturbed.

Preparation

1 min. Beginning Prayer. Ask God to help you spend this time profitably with Him. Ask His guidance. Give yourself to Him for this hour.

4 Min. Confession. Spend a couple of minutes going over with Him recent sins which weigh on you. But don't dredge up old ones. Read 1 John 1:9. Ask His cleansing, then accept it by faith and thank Him for it. He is far more willing to forgive than you are to ask.

Praise And Thanksgiving

9 Min. Adoration. Sing to the Lord using a hymnal or some choruses you know. Come on, lift up your voice in praise; there are just the two of you. Now start to thank Him for His goodness to you and your friends. There is a special sense in which God "inhabits" (KJV) and is "enthroned upon" (NIV) the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). As your heart begins to adore Him, you'll sense His presence more deeply.

Petition

9 Min. Pray About Life's Difficulties. Use this time to talk over with the Lord your own personal struggles. Discuss with Him your relationship with your special loved one or spouse, your family, your hang-ups, your financial needs, your studies or job. But don't stop here. Be sure you go on to praying for the needs of others.

Intercession

9 Min. Pray For Friends, Relatives, Neighbors, Fellow Workers. Don't just read a list of names to God, but talk to Him about their lives

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and needs. You can boldly ask Him for their salvation because Jesus died for them. Ask God to bring Christians into their lives, to alter circumstances, and to give you opportunities for witness and sharing in depth.

12 Min. Pray For Your Church and its needs. Call on Him for a deep renewal of love for God. Pray for your pastor and church leaders. Intercede for the families, the singles and the widows, the sick and shut-ins. Call on God for an increase in giving so the church doesn't have to struggle so much. Pray for the Christian organizations working with the college students, the children, the homeless in your community, with servicemen, and on college campuses. Then intercede for those you know in special need.

8 Min. Pray For Our Nation, that God will guide our president and legislators, our justices and judges, our governors and mayors, our police and firemen. Pray for righteousness in government and a public policy sensitive to the needs of the oppressed here and abroad.

8 Min. Pray For Other Nations, for the work of Christ throughout the world. Intercede for unreached peoples, call on God to send laborers into His harvest. Pray for missionaries, for third- world pastors and churches, for the people of God who are suffering persecution. Pray for peace. Ask God to give food, shelter and hope to the hungry.

A Few Suggestions

Here are some ideas that'll help you pray more freely. First, be yourself. Why wouldst thou pray like Brother So-and-So? Talk to God like you'd talk to your best friend.

Get comfortable. The stiffer you feel, the more formal your relationship will be. Sitting is fine. If kneeling helps, do it. You might want to take an hour's walk as you talk with your Friend.

Next, try praying out loud, though not loud enough to disturb others. Being able to hear yourself pray really helps. You'll find that your mind doesn't wander as easily and that you can pray more fervently.

But don't feel you have to do all the talking. Discuss something with the Lord, then be silent for a time. Sometimes God uses these times of listening to implant His answers in our minds. Gradually you'll find that prayer can be a conversation.

Finally, don't worry about keeping to the times suggested here. It's only to get you started, to help you believe you actually can spend sixty minutes in prayer. You'll find God will guide you in your prayer time. Its not a program, it's a growing relationship.

Now, go for it. Before you put this down, set a time when you will spend an hour with Him. You can't learn to pray from reading any more than you can learn to swim from a textbook. It's time to get into the water.

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Sept. 1 **Ron Watterston**

Sept. 17 **Val Ianco**

Sept. 27 **Charlie Peters**

September 6



September 2021

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
5 1:00 worship	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 
12 Noon  coffee hour 1:00 worship	13	14	15 7:00 PM Bible Study 	16	17	18
19 Noon  coffee hour 1:00 worship	20	21	22 7:00 PM Bible Study 	23	24	25
26 Noon  coffee hour 1:00 worship	27	28	29 7:00 PM Bible Study 	30		

We can make our plans but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9



September 11 Patriot Day National Day of Service and Remembrance

This is a time to reflect on freedom as well as the heroes who gave their lives saving others.

To read more about the ground zero chapel & the volunteers who served the 9/11 responders [click here](#).

We're BACK!

Starting September 12



We will be returning to church "as we knew it" before Covid:

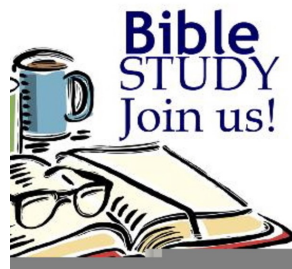
- 1. There will be a (light) coffee hour at noon.**
- 2. Ushers will collect the offering in person during worship*

**fellowship, coffee and light refreshments will be available for all who want to participate.*



Regarding mask use in our church:

1. Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask in church
2. Those not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in church
3. Those vaccinated who are more comfortable wearing a mask are welcome do so



September 15 at 7:00 pm

The **Bible Study** will meet in person in the Ivory Room every Wednesday evening. It will also be available online using Zoom. The study starts with the book of Genesis.

We thank Roberta for preparing and leading the Bible study.
(Roberta will email the Zoom link prior to Sept. 15th.)



Our **Prayer Meeting** will resume meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Ivory Room later this month to pray for our country, our church and the needs brought before the church.

Watch church bulletin for exact date.

Missions News



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The consensus of opinion about how to participate in OCC this year is to donate to The Greatest Journey, the Bible classes taught to recipients of OCC shoebox gifts. A special collection will be taken at worship services to help Samaritan's Purse with the cost of these classes.



You may be aware that Samaritan's Purse helps people in need all over the world while spreading the gospel.

They are currently working in Haiti, Afghanistan AND Louisiana/Mississippi. (in addition to other areas where they were already working). Check out their website to see all they do, [click here](#).



Good Shepherd Mission reached out regarding a financial need due to decrease in donations in past three yrs. GSM is budgeted for \$550 this year; consistory voted to send them that plus an extra \$250 for total of \$800.



Cru has received word that a matching gift for water wells has been increased. This means every donation Cru receives for this need will be matched by this other donor. We budgeted \$500 for Cru "special projects" this year and we have spent \$250 of that in March. Consistory voted to send them the remaining \$250 for this need of water wells, which, when matched will become \$500 for Cru.

In a letter to the church from Eddy Alemán, General secretary of the RCA, he said... "in the month leading up to General Synod on October 13-19, I'm asking people across the RCA to join in prayer for our denomination." "Next month, General Synod is meeting in Tucson, Arizona, to take part in important work of the church, including considering the recommendations in the report of the [Vision 2020 Team](#). . . . we're aware of the many challenges facing our world and our denomination. Please continue to pray with me during this difficult time."

Consistory encourages you to pray for the delegates as they discuss/make decisions that will affect our church and the whole denomination at this very important meeting.



Genesis Bible Word Search



- ABEL
- ABRAHAM
- ADAM
- ARK
- BABEL
- BEGINNING
- BENJAMIN
- BROTHERS
- CAIN
- COVENANT
- CREATION
- DREAMS
- EGYPT
- EVE
- FAMINE
- FLOOD
- GARDEN OF EDEN
- ISAAC
- ISRAEL
- JACOB
- JOSEPH
- LIGHT

- MAN
- MOON
- PHARAOH
- RAINBOW
- SABBATH
- SARAH
- SERPENT
- SEVEN DAYS



In honor of our first Bible Study in such a long time AND because we are starting with Genesis, why not brush up on some of the names, words and phrases found in this book. (Actually, the words are pretty easy to find in this puzzle.)