

CKCC

## Get Involved

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- Men's Fellowship- Friday @ 6:00 AM
  - Ladies Bible Study - Sunday @ 8:30 AM
  - Worship Team practice-Wednesday @ 6:30
  - Men Bible Study @ Daryl McGhee's - Mondays @ 7 PM
  - Ladies Bible Study - Wed. @ 7:00 pm @ CKCC
  - 4th -6th Grade "Edge" - Wednesday @ 4:00-5:00 PM-Church
  - Jr. & Sr. High "Edge" - Wednesday @ 7:00 PM-Comm. Center
  - Ladies Prayer Group-Wednesday @ 10:00 AM @ Church
  - Food Pantry
- 8:00-10:00 AM & 7:00-8:00 PM on the 1st & 3rd Thursday

## Be in Prayer for...

**Prayers: Healing for Amanda Jesson a young girl with heart problems, Eric on his road to recovery from past addictions, Lisa Hohenstein for complete healing from blood clot in leg.**

**For our local, state and National leaders. Praise Reports: God's faithfulness through the summer at CKCC, for a healthy, safe and blessed school year, and for the grace and mercy of God that has been on all our lives this year.**

**Need us to Pray?  
Email us!**

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### Monthly Needs

\$15,916.67

### Last Month

\$27,096.09

### Average for 2021

\$20,673.35

### Attend. last month

363

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## LEADERSHIP

- Pastor Jeff Peters
- Don Taylor
- Tom Walsh
- Reed McGill
- Seth Taylor
- Stan McAfee
- Doug Spring

## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

Gage McGill  
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## Partner In Prayer

Pastor Jeff Peters

**James 4:8** *Come near to God and He will come near to you.* Think of your relationship with God as being similar to a marriage. A deep relationship with the Lord takes time and effort. It cannot be formed in just a few fleeting mechanical moments. It can't be built on an emergency basis. E.M. Bounds wrote, "God's acquaintance is not made hurriedly. He does not bestow His gifts on the casual or hasty comer and goer. To be alone with God is the secret of knowing Him and of influence with Him." I want to explore five guidelines that will help you have the right attitude toward prayer.

First, be spontaneous and tell God everything—both good and bad—with an attitude of openness. Spontaneity in prayer requires a willingness to abandon your own agenda and adopt God's. It means being flexible, looking for good opportunities no matter what comes your way. Spontaneity and creativity in prayer go hand in hand. Some of the best times I've experienced in and out of prayer have come when I was willing to do something spontaneous in situations that otherwise might of have been boring or negative.

Next we need to be specific. **Matthew 6:7** *And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.* It's not the number of words you say or how eloquent you are that counts with God. When praying be direct with God as much as you know how. When praying specifically you know when God gives you the answer. The more specific you are in your request, the more alert you will be to answers when they come—and the more specific you can be with your thanks and praises to God later on.

Following being specific we need to be asking in the right way. Part of any good relationship is a sensitivity to the other person and their needs. In our relationship with God, it's obvious that He already knows our needs. Jesus said in **Matthew 6:8** *"Your Father know what you need before you ask."* But how well do we know what God wants for us? Too many of us want what we don't need and need what we don't want. God has many incredible, wonderful things for us, if only we ask for them in the right way.

In partnering with God in prayer the fourth guideline is pray with all your heart. **James 1:6** *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.* We need to come to prayer with the right attitude and with the desire to give the Lord all of our attention, just as Jesus suggests in **Matthew 6:6**. Praying throughout the day is good, but we also need to set aside some time every day where we can focus on the Lord and give Him our full attention. In all honesty, most people battle with this problem. Ours is a world of distractions, many of which try to divide our attention and it's a battle we need to continue fighting. When we approach the Lord, we must strive to give Him all of our heart, not just a part of it.

The last guideline I want to explore is that we must pray continually. In **1 Thessalonians 5:15**, Paul tells believers to "pray continually." This means that we should maintain an almost continuous conversation with the Lord throughout the day—like breathing, constant and life giving. Once our relationship with the Lord begins to deepen, that becomes easier to do. We need to praise the Lord when something good happens; ask Him questions when we are confused; cry to Him when we are hurt; and thank Him when we are blessed. Developing a strong relationship with the Lord through prayer is not something that happens overnight. It can happen if a person approaches it with the right attitude and willingness to give it the time and energy it requires.

Partners with Christ!



## CALENDAR

Summer Service 9:00 AM through Sept. 5th

Ladies Prayer Group—Every Wed. @ 10 AM

Aug. 8 @ 6 PM—Weenie roast at Pastor Jeff and Marilyn's house, please bring a lawn chair

Aug. 15—Sunday School Resumes

Aug. 15—PJ Sunday

EDGE Resumes—Sept. 8th

Men's Fellowship Resumes—Sept. 10

## For Updates

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## BIRTHDAYS

Alexis Davis-2  
Dan Ronning-7  
Halle Stark-8  
Deric Anderson-8  
Brock Walsh-8  
Cara Watchorn-12  
Emily Lahm-14  
Paige Lahm-17  
Ava Kingsbury-24  
Killian Greer-27  
Dax Benson-28  
Cheryl Lund-30

## ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Joni Dohma-2  
Ron and Brenda McGill-5  
Marv & Carla Swick-14  
Reed and Amy McGill-17  
Tom and Holly Walsh-25