

Fair Grove Church of Christ

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O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.
You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways. (Psalm
139:1-3 NKJV)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday July 26, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

Article

Prayer is Powerful - Isaac Helterbrand

Prayer is a powerful thing. A lot of the time the immense power and opportunity that we tap into when we pray is overlooked because of the ease and simplicity of the act. It is easy to bow your head, close your eyes, and spout off some thanksgiving or praise and ask God for a few favors. But that's just it, we get to *ask God*. What a thought, bringing our needs before the attention of the only all-powerful being in the entirety of creation! "Thoughts and prayers" often gets tossed around as a band-aid for suffering. But, when prayer is not taken for granted, it has the power to bring about immense change.

1. Prayer is powerful because God is powerful AND good.

- "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:11). Jesus tells us here that God has the power and the desire to fulfill the needs and wants of His children. We also need to make sure that our needs and wants are within the bounds of His will.

2. Prayer is powerful because it is an outgrowth of love.

- Communication is the foundation of a relationship in which love can grow. If we love the Lord, we will desire to communicate with Him. Likewise, if we love each other, we will be confessing our sins to one another and praying to the Lord on each other's behalf. "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16).

3. Prayer is powerful because it gives us a way to endure temptation.

- Enduring temptation is difficult at times. However, God never allows us to be tested beyond what we can endure. What a comforting thought! "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:14). Consider when Jesus was in the garden of gethsemane. He took with Him a few disciples and gave them the admonition, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41). Truly prayer is a helpful tool against Satan's devices and the call of our own desires. Utilize it!

4. Prayer is powerful because it gives us a way to endure suffering.

- Each one of us has ups and downs in our lives. During the hardest times, it is important to rely on consistent communication with God. The emotional turmoil and physical suffering that Christ went through on the earth is immeasurable. Notice that the gospels record Him constantly finding time to pray, even sometimes praying all the way through the night! We ought to take our hardships before God as well, He alone has the ability to give us true comfort and help us endure.

About Us

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

Invitation

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Church of Christ!

Visit our website!
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Meeting Times

Sunday

- **10:00AM Bible Study**
- **11:00AM Worship Service**

Wednesday

- **7:00PM Bible Study**

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