

June 22, 2018

Hello Church Family,

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Luke 11:1 (NIV) One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." The disciples must have noticed a connection between the prayers of Jesus and the powerful influence of the Spirit in His ministry. That's why they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. In Jesus' response you will find that He repeated the Lord's prayer as given in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus here stresses that the subject matter for prayer was already effectively covered in the Lord's prayer. That's why He repeated it. But remember it is not intended as a word-for-word prayer but rather as headings for topics to pray about. However, Jesus adds the important point the disciples were apparently missing: *persistence*. This lesson is given in the parable of Luke 11:1-8; the parable of the neighbor begging for bread to give his visiting friend. Jesus stresses the man's *"shameless persistence,"* (Luke 8 NLT) and urges his disciples (and us) to follow his example: *"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." --Luke 11:9 (NLT).*

In Luke 18 Jesus gives another parable about a woman who was persistent in seeking justice from a judge. *"Save me from my enemy!"* She kept pleading, (Luke 18:3) and she didn't stop until she got action. This is how we are to pray according to Jesus. Some requests we make to the Lord may not really be in our best interest, or His, so we pray in a trusting way that even if He doesn't answer in the way we desire, we know He still has our good in mind. But in Luke 11 and Luke 18 there are three very specific requests that Jesus gave us in these Scriptures that deserve persistence and we can be certain God's answer is "Yes!" First, requests for the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13). Second, the physical and spiritual needs of others around us (Luke 11:5, 6). Third, deliverance from our adversary (the devil, the corrupting influences of an evil world, and our old selfish nature--"the flesh"). Remember, however, that persistence is urged not because we need to overcome reluctance on God's part but rather because the faith that receives answers weakens without persistence in prayer. *"... when the Son of Man[a] returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?" Luke 18:8 (NLT).* The antidote to discouragement is prayer. *"Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. Luke 18:1 (CEB).*

See you soon,
Mike

Here's a quick look at a lot of Chapel Oaks information. Have a fabulous Friday and a satisfying Sabbath!

SABBATH, June 23

9:30 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service. Sermon “*Persist*” on Luke 18:1 “*Persist*” with Pastor Mike Fenton

7:00 p.m. – Reach KC City-Wide event at KC Central (Details below)

SUNDAY, June 24

9:00 a.m. – VBX tear-down begins

9:00 a.m. – Golf Tournament at Deer Creek

No Lay Bible Worker Training at SMH today

Next Sabbath June 30, Communion Service



Take Jesus' Message Seriously:

“Yeah, I think the goal for our church is not really effectiveness with young people but serving and following Jesus. And young people like me are attracted to churches that want to do that.”

--Adam, age 26

Powell, Kara. *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* (p. 126). Baker Publishing Group.



Personal Evangelism Training...

...previously scheduled for Sunday, June 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at SMMC Rogers Conference Center has been **CANCELLED** until further notice due to presenter scheduling conflict.

Refugee Awareness Day

Plan to join us at 7:00 p.m. *tonight* for the Reach KC city-wide event and concert at KC Central Church (14651 Peterson Road in Kansas City, Missouri,) as we join our fellow Reach KC churches to celebrate World Refugee Day.



Discoveries in Daniel Seminar

Chapel Oaks: Tuesday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike will lead a chapter by chapter study of the book of Daniel each Tuesday night. Our next study will be over Daniel chapter 7 on June 26.

Praying Together with H.O.P.E. (House Of Prayer Everywhere)

Join us for H.O.P.E. on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and each first Sabbath after potluck. The Wednesday night format has changed. We spend several minutes in Bible study before we pray.

“Prayer brings Jesus to our side, and gives to the fainting, perplexed soul new strength to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. Prayer turns aside the attacks of Satan.”
--Christ's Object Lessons, 250.



Next Steps for Your Circle of 8 you are praying for:
Ask them if they have any prayer requests you can pray about.

Adventist Radio for Kansas City: *Reach KC Radio*
102.9 FM from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. nightly

You can tune in from the Web here: <http://www.kcxl.com/>. There is the possibility of purchase of FM 99.3 with the major dollars coming from outside of our conference. Please pray about this! You can now give to support *Reach KC Radio* through Chapel Oaks. Just mark your donations *Reach KC Radio*.

Please keep us updated on your contact information! We want to keep you informed through email, texts or calling-posts. The easiest way to keep us updated is to click on this link: chapelooks.org Then click “Member Info. Update”

Would you be willing to give a penny for someone to come to Jesus and be saved? Would you be willing to give a penny out of every dollar you earn for that purpose? That's what “Give One to Win One” is all about. This is how we fund outreach and evangelism at Chapel Oaks. Simply mark your donations “Give One to Win One”. Your pennies are multiplied when you donate to this because the KS-NE Conference matches by various percentages what we invest in outreach and evangelism.

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Note: Tithes do not support our local church budget, but God’s message continues to be proclaimed and our world church exists and is growing because of tithes!

Did you know you can return your tithes and offerings online?

Click this link: chapeloaks.org, then click on the tab “Offerings (Adventist Giving)”.

“Adventist Giving” App

You can find it at the Google Play store or the App Store on your Apple device. Simply type “Adventist Giving” into the search bar.

Adventist Giving blog provides giving information to members. You can check it out at: AdventistGivingNews.com.

Need More Information?

Bulletin Attached

Visit the Chapel Oaks website at: chapeloaks.org

Firearms at Chapel Oaks

If you conceal and carry a firearm, the same state laws apply inside our church as any other public building. However, if you are an employee or elected officer of the church

you are completely independent in your liability for use of your weapon. Conference policy explicitly states that you are not covered under their policy for liability.