



The power & necessity of prayer

As we continue our break from Life Groups we encourage you to spend the extra time in prayer. As an encouragement, here are a few inspiring quotes on the power and necessity of prayer:

"Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty." -E.M. Bounds

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" -Corrie ten Boom

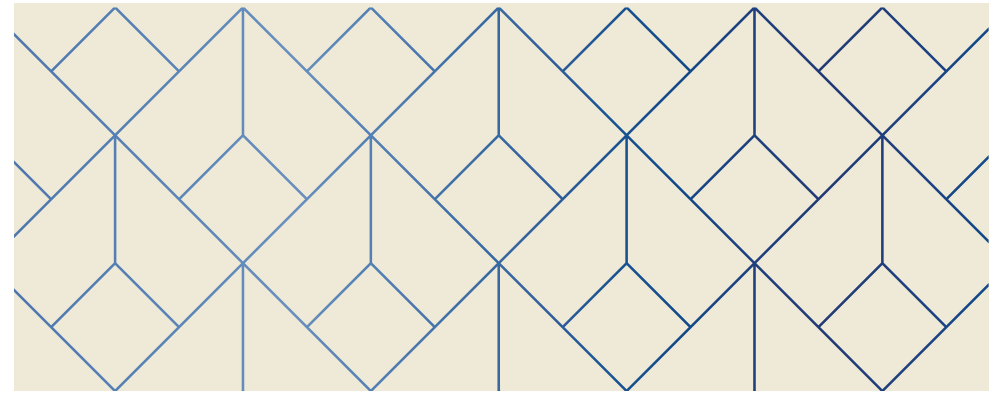
"Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life."
-Johnathan Edwards

"Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer." -Charles Finney

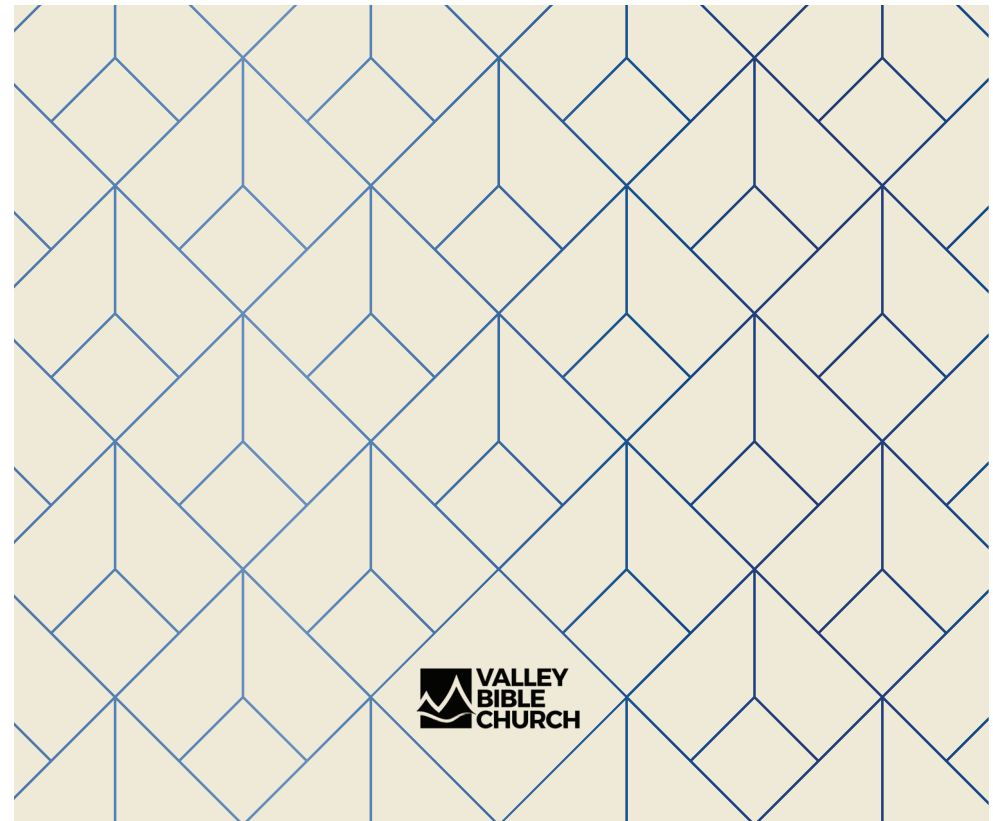
"Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers."
-J. Sidlow Baxter

"To desire revival... and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another." -A.W. Tozer

"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it tenderly in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour will be very well employed." -St. Francis de Sales



T H E G O S P E L O F J O H N



SCHISM THROUGH A PRISM

John 7:40-52 / Chris Martin / September 6, 2020

Two Shades of _____ Opinion (40-44)

Eagerly _____ (40-41a)

Eagerly _____ (41b-44)

Three Shades of _____ Opinion (45-52)

Unexpectedly _____ (45-46)

Unrelentingly _____ | (47—49)

Understandably _____ (50-52)

OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE NICS CONFERENCE

We are excited to have the opportunity to hear from E. D. Burns again as he brings us helpful insight into what is often a perplexing topic. What does God's Word teach us about the Holy Spirit and how He practically operates in our pursuit of God and our power for Gospel witness? How should we understand the many contradictory views of the work of the Holy Spirit today? How should we worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as we ought?

These questions and more will be discussed over a series of sessions from **Thursday, September 10th to Saturday, September 12th. Register now! Go to spokanevbc.org scroll down and click the link to register.** Thursday and Friday will feature sessions from 5:30-9:00 pm. For those able to attend, a Q&A session may also take place earlier Friday afternoon. Saturday will be an all-day conference from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Light refreshments will be provided, but each attendee is responsible to bring or acquire lunch on Saturday.

The conference itself is free, but there are two books each attendee is encouraged to purchase and read. We have 20 copies of each ordered and you can claim a copy during registration. Otherwise, please source your own copies of:

Baptism and Fullness: The Work of the Holy Spirit Today, by John Stott
Keep in Step with the Spirit, by J. I. Packer

You can also reserve one of 10 copies we have purchased of E. D. Burn's new book, *The Missionary-Theologian: Sent into the World, Sanctified by the Word*. This excellent book outlines a view of missionary work in which a passion for the lost is paired with rich biblical convictions to fuel faithful ministry over a lifetime. If you are unable to reserve one of our initial copies, you can find this book online at Amazon.com.

If you have any questions contact Chris Martin (chris@spokanevbc.org).

CHURCH CUSTODIAL REQUEST

The church is in need of more disinfectant spray and wipes for routine cleanings between services and throughout the week. If you are out shopping and are able to buy a few extra bottles for us, please bring them by the church office and we will happily reimburse you. Thank you!

CONTACT CHURCH FOR NEEDS

Please communicate with us if you have financial needs or know of someone in the community who does. Because of your generosity and faithfulness in giving, we have enough financial reserves to pay our staff, pay the bills, and help those who are in need. Many have given specifically to assist anyone in financial distress. Contact Stephani Wood (stephani@spokanevbc.org) for more information.

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GIVING REPORT

General: September \$73,959 / YTD \$ 609,032
Building Fund: Given \$1,092,578 / Loan Remaining Balance \$644,908