

IN THE LOOP

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A PUBLICATION OF WESTMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 2022

Fri, June 3rd

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Student Open Gym

Sun, June 5th

8:30 am - WMU Breakfast

Wed, June 8th

6:00 pm - Business Meeting

Thurs, June 16th

SonShiners Trip to New Site, AL

Fri, June 17th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Student Open Gym

Sun, June 19th

Father's Day

No Evening Services

Sun, June 26th

11:00 am - Lord's Supper



Church Family,

What should the church be and do?

Part 5: Devoted to the Prayers

Throughout Scripture, the people of God have always gathered for times of united corporate prayer (2 Chr 20:4, Ezra 8:21, Esther 4:16, Acts 12:12). Often, these times of corporate prayer were in response to a crisis, but in the book of Psalms, we see that prayer was a part of the regular worship of the gathered people of God (Ps 122:6, 123:3-4, 125:4). In Acts 2:42, we see that one of the primary things the church is to do when it comes together is to pray. In these biblical instances of corporate prayer, prayer is not a thirty-second afterthought at the end of a sermon. It is a primary, and on certain occasions the singular, purpose of the gathering. As churches, we ought to consider this when incorporating prayer into the services of the church.

Placing an emphasis on corporate prayer in our church also reiterates on a practical level what the Bible teaches us about the church. We believe the church is dependent on God. Prayer communicates our dependence on God for knowing and doing His will (Col 1:9-11), for perseverance in the face of spiritual warfare (Eph 6:18), and for richer and fuller worship (Eph 3:17-19). When we pray corporately, we communicate through our action that we believe we cannot function as a church apart from the sustaining grace of our Lord.

In a time where churches struggle to get members to attend more than once a month, the vitality of a separate prayer service may seem like the least of our concerns. Because of this trend, many churches have retired prayer meeting as a relic of the past. But scripture shows us a clear model to be followed and benefit to be gained when the body devotes itself to seeking its Head in prayer. May we take advantage of this incredible benefit to our church and may we cultivate a continuing and growing desire for it, so that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ might never cease to pray!

Pastor Landon

*Adapted from my original article at <https://radical.net/article/redeeming-prayer-meeting/>

Amen!

JUNE
 Birthdays

- 1 Genesis Chinchilla
- 6 Jamie Shivers
- 7 Suzanna Aldarghme
 Zaid Aldarghme
 Braxton Freeman
- 8 Barry Blackwell
 Leila Busby
- 10 Theresa Maharrey
- 12 Tommy Crumpton
- 15 Terry Isom
- 16 Doug Self
- 20 Betty Duncan
- 23 Melissa Stephenson
- 24 Skylar Swann
- 25 Kristina Hennard
- 27 Bobby Davis

STAFF
 ANNIVERSARY

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 ★ TIM SHIVERS ★
 ★ JUNE 18, 2000 ★
 ★ 22 YEARS ★
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COMING SOON

VBS

JULY 10-14

Budget Report
 (through May 29, 2022)

Receipts

Month - \$20,056.99
 YTD - \$73,461.85

Budget

Month - \$16,838.92
 YTD - \$84,194.60

DAILY BIBLE READING

JUNE 2022



Year 2		Adults/Youth	Children
Week 40	Sunday	Psalm 117	Psalm 117
5/29-6/4	Monday	Deuteronomy 11-12	Deuteronomy 11:1-12
	Tuesday	Acts 17-19	Acts 17:1-15
	Wednesday	2 Kings 12	2 Kings 12:4-18
	Thursday	1 Peter 4-5	1 Peter 3:1-7
	Friday	Ezekiel 29-30	Ezekiel 30:20-26
	Saturday	Psalm 118	Psalm 118:10-18
Week 41	Sunday	Psalm 119:1-40	Psalm 119:9-16
6/5-6/11	Monday	Deuteronomy 13-14	Deuteronomy 13:1-11
	Tuesday	Acts 20-22	Acts 21:27-30
	Wednesday	2 Kings 13	2 Kings 13:14-25
	Thursday	2 Peter 1-3	2 Peter 1:16-2:10
	Friday	Ezekiel 31-32	Ezekiel 32:1-12
	Saturday	Psalm 119:41-88	Psalm 119:57-64
Week 42	Sunday	Psalm 119:89-136	Psalm 119:105-112
6/12-6/18	Monday	Deuteronomy 15-16	Deuteronomy 16:1-8
	Tuesday	Acts 23-25	Acts 25:1-12
	Wednesday	2 Kings 14	2 Kings 14:23-29
	Thursday	1 John 1-2	1 John 2:1-14
	Friday	Ezekiel 33	Ezekiel 33:10-20
	Saturday	Psalm 119:137-176	Psalm 119:145-152
Week 43	Sunday	Psalm 120-121	Psalm 120
6/19-6/25	Monday	Deuteronomy 17-18	Deuteronomy 17:14-20
	Tuesday	Acts 26-28	Acts 27:39-28:10
	Wednesday	2 Kings 15	2 Kings 15:1-12
	Thursday	1 John 3-5	1 John 3:11-24
	Friday	Ezekiel 34-35	Ezekiel 34:20-31
	Saturday	Psalm 122	Psalm 122
Week 44	Sunday	Psalm 123-124	Psalm 124
6/26-7/2	Monday	Deuteronomy 19	Deuteronomy 18:15-22
	Tuesday	John 1-2	John 1:29-42
	Wednesday	2 Kings 16-17	2 Kings 17:6-23
	Thursday	2 and 3 John, Jude	3 John
	Friday	Ezekiel 36	Ezekiel 36:16-32
	Saturday	Psalm 125	Psalm 125