

Pastor's Update, Saturday, April 25, 2020

Happy Saturday WFMC Family,

As usual, here are the links to tomorrows "gatherings:"

Sunday Worship (all links will be live by 6:00 a.m., Sunday)

[WFMC YouTube Channel video service](#)

[WFMC Truthcasting/podcast message only audio](#)

[WFMC Facebook page, for you Facebook users](#)

ABF Meetings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

[Click here for the current list of ABFs meeting online, their times of meeting and links to meeting sites.](#)

Note that the following ABFs are meeting via Zoom and welcome new members: Explorers, Café Berea, Young Families, Upper Room and Homebuilders.

YBF (Youth Bible Fellowships) 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

Note that tomorrow we're also offering a middle school class (grades 6-8) and a high school class (grades 9-12.)

[Click here for those links.](#)

Attached you'll also find an invitation to prayer in conjunction with the upcoming National Day of Prayer.

And then finally today, a prayer offered by Glen Ellwood:

Lord Jesus, as we gather around our laptops, iPhones, computers, and iPads we are so grateful to be yours. We are so grateful to be connected to one another by the precious shed blood of Jesus Christ. We rejoice in the knowledge that "if God is for us who can be against us." We eagerly confess our need for you and our reliance on you. Thank you that you are our shelter in the time of storm, our rock, our fortress, and our mighty tower. There is none besides you.

Thank you, Lord, for our church, our pastoral team as they lead us through some very difficult and frustrating times. We pray our teachers, our workers, our caregivers and for each one that claims you as their Lord and Savior. Thank you for our body of believers. Although we are scattered, we are one because you have made us one.

We pray for those who are suffering today, whatever the reason. You, Lord, are their healer and restorer. We ask for a touch on them that only you can give. There are several we could name but you know them Lord, and you love them, and you care for them. Restore their bodies, their minds, and their emotions, Jesus. Help us to show your love and your care where we are able.

Lord, Jesus, we ask that a quick end to the virus would come. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. You are the great Comforter and our trust is in you. We pray for those on the front lines. We ask for protection for them as they serve and care.

We pray that peace would overtake panic and fear. The peace that only comes from Jesus. We rest on your power to see us through and bring to the other side full of faith and strengthened in you.

We celebrate this season of remembrance of the greatest gifts the world has known. The gifts of hope and life in death and resurrection. We thank you for the newness of life we are seeing outdoors that points us to the newness of life so freely given to us. We rejoice.

Jesus, we thank you for being our intercessor to our Father. We thank you that you are unchanged in bringing us to him. We love you; we worship you; we adore you.

In the strong and mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Blessings upon you, Wilmore family.

Pastor Daryl

Finding Wisdom in Prayer
By Kathy Branzell – National Day of Prayer

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. ~ Proverbs 3:13-18

The National Day of Prayer is only two weeks away! Together, we will “Pray God’s Glory Across the Earth.” Until then, we continue to pray for you in these challenging days, as well as asking God to reveal what He is challenging each of us to do with these days. We have said that we want to steward and not squander the opportunities and lessons that God has purposed for us in this pandemic. He did not allow us to go into a “holy pause” without filling it with purpose. If asked to give an account for what you have done with your time at home, what would you say?

I have seen many friends posting pictures of clean closets and remodeled or redecorated spaces in their homes. They are beautiful and it feels so good to do something that has been a dream or at least a “Honey-do” with some unexpected time on your hands, but have you started any new habits? To drill down deeper, have you started any spiritual habits that could have an eternal impact?

Claude King, co-author of Experiencing God, has put together a simple prayer guide to get families praying together for the eight days leading up to the National Day of Prayer, or the week following and beyond. This guide steers you through praying for one of the “seven mountains of Influence” each night of the week. It is easy and makes prayer personal in order to have a deeper understanding and practice of prayer together.

Prayer helps us find wisdom. Wisdom is only found in God, from God. If you have children, you pray that they will be healthy and make good, godly choices. That does not happen magically. You must, “Train up a child...” and despite Benjamin Franklin’s well-known quote: “Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise” one does not become wise by sleeping, but rather by studying Scripture and praying. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Walking with God in prayer increases wisdom that cannot be stolen or overcome. We have recently seen health, wealth and peace diminished in a day into pandemic, poverty and panic. But, according to Scripture, wisdom is ours to keep and is more profitable, precious and pleasant than anything else we could desire or acquire. Prayer will serve as a path for your family members to run to God in times of temptation, fear, rejoicing, looking for protection, provision, in expressing thankfulness, making decisions and everyday occasions where their habit is to turn to the Lord for wisdom and in wisdom.

The National Day of Prayer is just two weeks away on May 7, 2020. We hope that you will join us in preparing in prayer for all of the possibilities to participate as individuals, families, and small groups where permissible. You may also join us at 8:00 PM (eastern time) in a national observance that can be seen on GodTV, Daystar, Enlace, TLN, on the National Day of Prayer website, Facebook stream or heard on Moody and Bott radio. In preparation, we encourage you to begin or extend your family time of prayer to include praying through the family prayer guide. [Click here to download this simple plan.](#)

Let’s pray even now:

Lord, Jesus, we ask that you help us to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding. In the fear of the Lord, we live in awe-filled reverence of You that spurs us to love and obedience, as we begin to walk in wisdom. Draw us and our families nearer to you. Help us to teach our children to pray. Teach us to be comfortable in conversing with You in prayer throughout the day, in all we see, feel, need and celebrate. In all circumstances, decision-making, needs and victory we want to give praise and thanks and knowing Your wisdom walks us through life when we walk with You.