

PRAYER MATTERS

SUMMER 2017

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

On Sunday, June 11, Pastor Troy Walliser will begin a five part summer sermon series entitled *Prayer Matters*. During this series, we will journey the Gospel of Luke together, discovering the truths about the importance of prayer. Pastor Troy will show us what the Bible says specifically in reference

to Jesus' prayer life, the example He displayed for us, and His instructions to us on prayer.

More information about this powerful new sermon series can be found on page 2 in Pastor Troy's letter to the church body.

MEMBER'S MEETING

On Wednesday, July 19, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite you to join us at 5:45 pm, as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner (see July's bulletin for cost and menu). Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will

begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will discuss membership issues and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

An Ice Cream Social will follow our meeting, so be sure to bring your favorite homemade ice cream or summer dessert!

PRAYER MATTERS

JUNE 11

The PRAISE of Prayer
Luke 10:17-24

JUNE 18

The PRIORITY of Prayer
Luke 10:38-42

JUNE 25

The PATTERN of Prayer
Luke 11:1-6

JULY 2

The PERSISTENCY of Prayer
Luke 11:7-13

JULY 9

The POWER of Prayer
Luke 11:14-26

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

- 5-8 Youth Camp
- 6 WMU Meeting
- 13 Senior Adult Meeting
- 28 VBS Promotion Night

JULY

- 4 Fourth of July
(Church Office Closed)
- 5-8 VBS Set Up
- 9-13 VBS
- 18 Senior Adult Meeting
- 19 Member's Meeting
& Ice Cream Social
- 20-23 Youth Mission Trip

AUGUST

- 1 WMU Meeting
- 6 TN Aquarium Trip
(Children's Ministry)
- 8 Senior Adult Meeting
- 9 Back To School Party
(Youth Ministry)
- 13 Promotion Sunday
- 27 Newcomer's Lunch

A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

As a musician who is only average at best, I stand in awe when I am in the presence of a truly great musician. Particularly when that musician is playing one of the instruments I attempt to play. When I see an amazing drummer, or a guitar virtuoso, or a master pianist - because I happen to play those particular musical instruments - I listen intently. But I also watch. I watch what they do and how they do it. Why? Because I hope to learn some new trick, some technique, some riff, some new chops that I can incorporate into my playing. And if the opportunity affords itself, I have no hesitation in going up to that musician and asking him or her to teach me how they did what they did.

There was a point during the early ministry of Jesus when His disciples had the opportunity to do the same thing. They had the opportunity to ask the Master Teacher to teach them something. I can think of many things they could have asked Him to teach them. The disciples might have gone to Him and said, "Jesus, teach us how to turn water into wine." Or "Teach us how to walk on water." Or they even could have said, "Teach us how to raise people from the dead." But the New Testament tells us of a different request the disciples brought to Jesus. They came to Him on one occasion, as Luke records in his gospel, they asked this: "*Lord, teach us to pray*" (Luke 11:1). I find it fascinating that this was the burning question they brought to Jesus. They wanted to gain a special insight into prayer as a skill or an art.

Why did they ask Him this question? My guess is they saw the connection between Jesus' extraordinary prayer life and His power, His teaching, His character, His whole person. They must have noticed that after ministering to large crowds of people, Jesus often would withdraw by Himself. He must have felt drained from that ministry. During such times, Jesus would not simply withdraw for a half hour or so. Rather, He would go apart for long periods, and when He did so, He usually spent much of the time in intense seasons of prayer. Why? Because *Prayer Matters*.

Beginning June 11, we will embark on a five-week journey with Jesus Christ in the school of prayer. We will consider the example of how he prayed and his instructions on how we should pray. I believe with all my heart, as we become a more intentionally prayerful people, we will know God's presence and experience God's power in remarkable ways.

Pastor Troy

40 DAYS OF PRAYER BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Accompany us as we journey and grow together during 40-Days of Prayer

As followers of Jesus, we know that prayer is essential and valuable for our relationship with Him. We know we need to be praying more frequently, with more energy, and with greater persistence; but too often, we neglect this core component of our Christian walk. This summer, in conjunction with Pastor Troy's sermon Series *Prayer Matters*, we

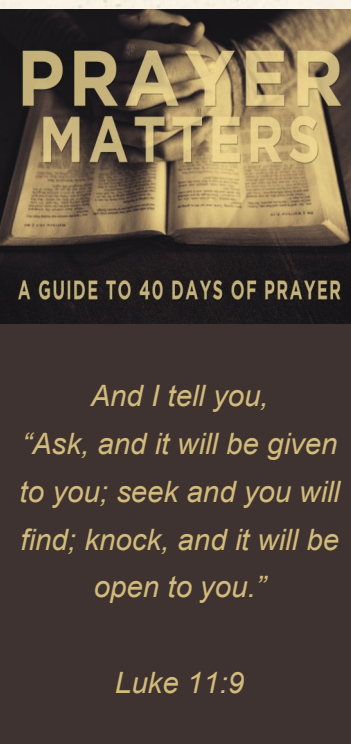
have assembled a 40-Day Prayer Guide that will aid and direct our prayer life - both as individuals and as a corporate body.

Our Elders, Staff, and various church members have written short entries that will help guide you to pray for certain aspects of our life in the body of Christ. Each day, there will be a scripture reference,

along with a short note of encouragement or exhortation, and several items for you to be praying about.

Use this guide to pray individually, as a family, or with your D-Group or Small Group. We anticipate the Holy Spirit to do great things in our midst as we, the corporate body of Christ, focus on praying for specific areas in our church's life. May the Lord work in and through his people here at LVBC!

Look for the guide in both print and online starting Sunday, June 11.



NEWCOMER'S LUNCH SET FOR AUGUST 27

Have you been visiting LVBC for a while? Would you like to know more about the church, our staff, and our ministry offerings? Then you won't want to miss the Newcomer's Luncheon on August 27!

Immediately following our Sunday Worship Service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall, where

you will enjoy a delicious lunch as you get to know our staff members and the ministries of LVBC.

If you are interested in attending this summer's lunch, contact the church office or Associate Pastor Wade Casey.

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CONTACT INFO

A special thank you to all who updated their contact information with us, both online and the forms found in the bulletin! We had a great response to our 2017 Contact Information Update. Now as we update our records, be on the

lookout for exciting new LVBC communications!

If you have yet to update your information, please visit the contact update link found on the home page of our website www.lookoutvalley.org.

VBS 2017 BLITZ 'N SPLITZ

Join us on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm, as we "Blitz" the community around LVBC with VBS Flyers, inviting our neighbors to attend a fun filled week learning about the creator of the universe! Immediately following, we will reward ourselves with some refreshing ice cream "Splitz."

Please make every effort to be here as we work together to make this year's VBS a galactic success!

For more information, please contact Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org).



JOIN US FOR A VBS OF COSMIC PROPORTIONS!

Sunday, July 9 through Thursday, July 13
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Vacation Bible School is always an exciting time in the life of LVBC, and this year will be no exception! We invite your children on a great adventure, as we turn our telescopes to the sky, searching the visible for the invisible, and focus upon the God of the universe. To register your child, visit www.lookoutvalley.org/vbs. Please remember that VBS is only open to children ages 5 through completed 5th Grade.

As a reminder to all of this year's VBS workers, please use the month of June to prepare and study for this busy, but exciting week.

WAYS TO HELP US PREPARE FOR VBS

PRAY:

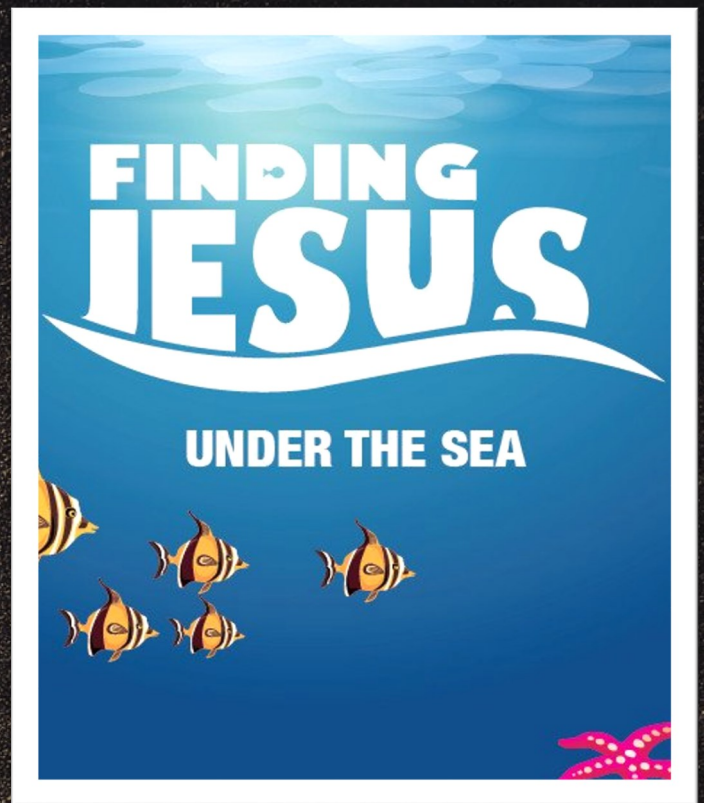
- Pray for the staff, teachers, and volunteers as they lead the children in their exploration of the God of the universe, teaching them about His desire for a personal relationship with each of one them.
- Pray for this year's attendance. It is our prayer that we will have high attendance each and every night.
- Pray for the children in attendance, specifically that the Lord will stir in their hearts and for each child come to know Christ.

INVITE:

- Call, text, or pass out flyers inviting the children in your life and neighborhood to attend VBS.

LEND A HAND:

- Pass out flyers in the community during the VBS Blitz 'N Splitz on June 28.
- Assist in decorating for VBS July 6-8.



FINDING JESUS: UNDER THE SEA

"Neither heights nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"

Romans 8:39

Your children (grades K-5) are invited to join our Kingdom Kids on Wednesday nights this summer as we continue to go under the sea and go deeper in our faith as we discover who Jesus is. By taking a closer look at the wondrous sights created by God, children will learn just how much the sea, and its creatures, can teach them about our Lord.

On Sunday, August 6, we will celebrate the conclusion of our series with a "field trip" to the Tennessee Aquarium. Our field trip will begin immediately following our regular Sunday Worship Service. Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall before children depart LVBC. Parents may pick up their children upon our arrival back to LVBC at 4:00 pm.

To register your child for this field trip, please contact Tiffany Morrison by July 16.

If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone or bus driver, please contact Tiffany Morrison at (423) 802-7528 or tiffany@lookoutvalley.org

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

PASSION CAMP - JUNE 5-8

During the week of June 5, a group of 19 LVBC students will gather together with thousands of other Middle and High Schoolers in Daytona Beach, FL, for Passion Camp, where they will spend four fun-filled days worshipping, learning, and building community. We ask you to pray along with us for this special time in our students' lives, especially that they will be challenged and encouraged to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.

BRAVES GAME & NEEDTOBREATH CONCERT - JULY 16

Students are invited to join us as we head to SunTrust Park to watch the Atlanta Braves take on the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday, July 16. Following the game, we will stick around to see NeedToBreathe take the field for a post game concert. Cost is \$25, plus the cost of food. Please contact Christina Wilson (christina@lookoutvalley.org) for more information and/or to register for this trip.

MISSION TRIP TO ATLANTA - JULY 20-23

Our students will be returning to Atlanta, GA, July 20-23, to continue their work with The Family Heritage Foundation, where they will serve the refugees in the Clarkston, GA area. During this time, students will have the opportunity to lead a mini VBS, as well as host a community block party. Cost of this trip is \$50. If you would like more information or to register for this trip, please contact Christina Wilson.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MONDAYS

Calling all current 6th-8th Grade Students!! Join us as we kick off this summer's *Middle School Mondays*! As a dedicated time specifically for Middle School Students to grow together, *Middle School Mondays* is a great way to make your summer a little more exciting. We will meet at 10:00 am on June 19, July 3, and August 7, for Bible Study, followed by lunch and a group activity. Cost and locations will be announced at a later date. Contact Christina Wilson for more information.

YOU GOT SERVED - JUNE 28 & JULY 26

This summer, the youth of LVBC are invited to participate in *You Got Served*. During this 2-part service project partnering with the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, students will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children as they lead VBS style activities designed to share God's great love for us.

We will meet both dates at LVBC at 8:15 am and travel together to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, where we will serve from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Lunch and a debriefing time will follow. Students will need to bring money for their meal. Please contact Christina Wilson to sign up for this exciting project!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR MEETINGS

Join the Seniors of LVBC as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food.

Summer Meetings are scheduled for June 13, July 18, and August 8 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Our Annual Promotion Sunday is August 13. We ask that you please make every effort to attend, as we enter into a new year of Small Group Classes.





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