

"My house will be called a house of prayer"

~Jesus~

As our prayer team meets weekly to pray over the needs of the church and for those who have turned in prayer requests via our comment cards or on the web page, Bro Bob Ingalls says,

"I pray more than anything that our church be known as a praying church; that God would show up and that people would wonder what is going on at CCC because we are so different, and that they show up because God is here"

In order to be a praying church, we need to know what prayer is and how to pray. Over the next few weeks we will have a prayer points sheet in the bulletin. If you are interested in more in depth study of what is presented, there will be studies that go with the prayer points in the lobby each week.

WEEK ONE: Ask God to begin to prepare your heart to become a praying heart. Ask Him to make your heart open to hearing Him speak and to the Light of Truth that is Jesus Christ Himself. If you have not been saved (admitted your sin and need for Jesus to save you and represent you in front of a Holy God), pray for God to show you your need for Jesus. Jesus is our Savior, but if we are to walk in relationship with Him we need to spend time with Him and learn to recognize and obey His voice also, because it is then that He is truly our Lord. When we have given up all other pursuits but Jesus, He is then Lord of us. Pray for God to show you things you need to let go of in order to spend more time getting to know Him and in prayer, and then begin to let them go. We make our commitment to prayer and then when we fail ask God to forgive us and pick back up where we left off. We never fail so many times that He forsakes us. As with any relationship we need to spend time with Jesus and that means being in His Word, learning what He said and what He did and how He responded to others in His path. Here are passages where Jesus taught the importance of prayer. Please take time this week to read these asking Jesus to show you how He wants you to respond to these verses. Keep a journal so that you can see how far you've come in your relationship with Jesus and others and in prayer.

[\(Mt 21:22\)](#)[\(Mk 11:24-26\)](#)[\(Mt 7:7-11\)](#)[\(Lk 11:9-13\)](#)[\(Jn 14:13-14\)](#)[\(Jn 15:7,16\)](#)[\(Jn 16:23-24\)](#)[\(Mt 5:44\)](#)[\(Lk 6:27-28\)](#)[\(Mt 6:5-15: including the Lord's Prayer\)](#)[\(Lk 11:2-4\)](#)