



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



Hello Federated family!

God is good! Tony, Delinda and I returned safely from Africa and loved the mission trip. Serving God in different situations, especially missions, has been a highlight of my life. This trip was no different. To encourage the workers, the children and many others was a privilege for me. God is calling each of us to do His work every day. We are called to serve Him wherever we are. That could be in Chingola, Zambia or Kingfisher, USA. We just need to serve.

In this newsletter we have been looking at the Characteristics of a disciple. According to Matthew 28:19-20 a disciple is baptized, and a disciple keeps the Master's commands. A second passage addressing what a disciple of Christ should look like, is Acts 2:42. Here we find out what the disciples from the early church focused on. They were, "continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." This is an amazing set of characteristics which are attainable for anyone. It isn't as though we are talking about healing, speaking in tongues, prophesying or any other of a handful of characteristics that Christians could have. All people can do these four items listed in Acts 2:42. You can read your Bible, you can share meals with others, you can serve the fellowship of believers, and you can pray. These all are achievable by even the newest believer.

Prayer is a bit of paradox. Saying a prayer, at its essence, is simple. Prayer is just speaking to God. Anyone can do it at any time. Prayer is so simple that children can pray. Again, all prayer is, is talking to God. Yet we are so intimidated by prayer. This is because we are the ones who have complicated it. We often think it must be full of complicated sounding words or spiritual sounding phrases. It doesn't. Simple is better. Sometimes we think that someone more spiritual than us should give a prayer because God will hear them better. He doesn't. We have the same nature as other humans and God is available to listen to all people.

Then Adam, why does it seem that the Joneses get their prayers answered and we do not? Let us first define what it means to have answered prayer. Most often people view answered prayer to mean that they got what they wanted. This is not at all an accurate view of getting your prayers answered. Imagine instead that you invited people to your birthday party. After sending invitations out to your party, you get 98 people who respond, "Yes, I will be there," and 2 who respond, "No, I will not be there." We cannot say that those who responded with "no" were unanswered invitations, can we? It is clear that, though the answer was no, the invitation received a response. So it is with prayer. We always get a response from God, whether it is the one we wish for or not. Sometimes prayer is answered in the realm of patience. God may give you what you ask for, but you need to be patient.

A word from Pastor Adam (continued...)

Ok, you might say, what would it take for me to get what I ask for more often? Some may be wondering if we should even ask that question. Will God strike me down with lightning for asking it? Clearly prayer is a hallmark of a disciple of Jesus. We know we are allowed to pray. Matthew 21:22 says, “And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” How do we interpret this in the light of the fact that we know God says no sometimes? Didn’t Jesus use these words? If we can truly ask for anything, shouldn’t everyone be a billionaire, with perfect health and each of them living in a perfect world? How then do we rectify the incongruity in what we see, like prayers that don’t go the way we want, with asking for anything?

As always, using the Bible to shed light on itself is always the best way to understand it. James, as in the book of James, clears this up a little for us. James 4:1-10 says, “What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us?” But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”

In other words, it is our sinful desires and our sinful actions that lead us to “unanswered” prayer. We receive a “no” from God when we have been a source of sin. We receive a “no” from God when we are being selfish and asking things from wrong motives. Why would a good Father God give disobedient children everything they ask for? Isaiah points out a very similar thing in Isaiah 58. People are fasting and praying but God is ignoring them. Why? Because the children of Israel were worshipping false gods, oppressing their workers and up to a lot of other mischief. God refused to bless them, despite their prayers. He refused because He wanted them to do the right thing before blessing them with others. If you feel like God isn’t answering your prayers you might check for sin in your life. You might check to see if your prayers are motivated by sin, greed or other poor motivations and repent. Then you might see God give you the items you are praying over.

A note from Pastor Adam...

George Muller, a man whose prayer life I respect immensely, gave the written statement, “How to Ascertain the Will of God.” This list is very insightful on how to pray over a situation. It might help.

1. “I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people generally is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord’s will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.
2. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.
3. I seek the Will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and The Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.
4. Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God’s Will in connection with His Word and Spirit.
5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.
6. Thus, through prayer to God, the Study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgement according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.”

As you seek God in prayer in matters trivial or of great importance, write these down. How will you know that God has answered your prayer if you do not remember what you prayed? Be specific. If you are general in your prayers (God help Aunt Susan to get better) how will you know when it is answered? If you pray for your Aunt to get a clean bill of health from cancer, that is very specific. You will know if God answers that one yes or no.

The biggest thing is that we are to be spending time in prayer with God, daily. I recommend at least 5 minutes a day. That is good enough to build a habit around. You will almost assuredly spend more time than that, but it is a good starting place.

-Pastor Adam



AUGUST 2026
SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM

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the app



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THUR

FRI

SAT

1
**Free
Give
Away**

2
**Baptism
Sunday**

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Prayer Meeting
6:30pm

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YOUTH
Meal &
Bible Study
5:30

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**Board
Meeting**

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Prayer Meeting
6:30pm

12
YOUTH
Meal &
Bible Study
5:30

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15
**Simply Well
Women's Retreat**
10-2 pm
@
Federated

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**Child Dedication
Class
after service**

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Prayer Meeting
6:30pm

19
YOUTH
Meal &
Bible Study
5:30

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23 **Ice Cream
Social**

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Prayer Meeting
6:30pm

26
YOUTH
Meal &
Bible Study
5:30

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**Men's
Ministry
Meeting**
8am

August 2026



BAPTISM SUNDAY AUGUST 2

5:30pm @ The Stoudemire's



If you are interested in being baptized
please call or text Pastor Adam

Free GIVE AWAY



August 1
8-10am

Ice Cream Social



**AUGUST
23RD
6:30 PM**

AT THE CHURCH

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING
DESSERT OR ICE CREAM!

MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

August 29 @ 8am
at Mike Whitehead's



Baby & Child Dedication Class AUGUST 16 after service

Those who are interested
in dedicating their children (of all ages)
are welcome to attend this class.



LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME,
AND DO NOT STOP THEM,
BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF GOD
BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.



PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR:

- For the Gospel to be heard in our community
- For our children & youth
- For the growth of God's Kingdom in and through our church.
- For the broken and the lost to come to know the love of Christ in a life-changing way
- For an uprising of Prayer Warriors across the nation
- For the Spiritual Awakening of our nation

Prayer Concerns:

Max Yoder, Carol Neundorf, Nancy Cravens

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*19 - Joyce Stuteville, Jamae Frey
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