

Living Gospel Church

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Devote Yourselves: A Call to Bold, Kingdom-Shaping Prayer

Colossians 4:2 ESV Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

In the past months I have had a nudge on my heart to instill a greater urgency and devotion to prayer for us as God's Church. The kind of prayer God is calling us to is one of devotion to Him, His Word as our truth, confidence in His promises, surrender to His plans, and a desire to see His will fulfilled and His Kingdom expanded. God is calling His set-apart, redeemed children to move beyond a casual prayer life. He is calling us to a lifestyle anchored in His Word, confident in His promises, surrendered to His plans, and consumed by a desire to see His Kingdom expand. He invites us to long for what He longs for.

Because His thoughts and ways are higher than ours, we must seek Him with a willingness to listen. We must ask: *"Lord, what is on Your heart that You want to burden mine with? How do You want to use me to bring Your purposes about?"*

Please hear me: God cares for His children and always listens to our personal needs. Keep lifting up those prayer lists! Your intercession for the sick and hurting is vital, and God absolutely uses those prayers to move hearts.

But let's not stop there.

Let's linger in His presence and allow the Holy Spirit to align our hearts with God's Kingdom purposes. When those God-given prayers bubble up inside us, let us pray them with confident hope, knowing His promises are "Yes and Amen" in Christ Jesus. I am not asking you to carry the burden of a broken world—Jesus already did that. I am simply asking each of us to sit before our Father, ask what He desires to bring about, and pray in agreement with Him.

Through the Holy Spirit, we have access to far more power, wisdom, and discernment than we realize—if we will only quiet ourselves to listen. In His grace, God has invited us into His plans and shared His authority with us. We exercise this incredible gift through prayer. Let us lay down our own agendas, timelines, and expected outcomes, and truly pray: *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

To begin this journey together, we are launching a monthly evening of prayer. Our first gathering will be on **Monday, October 26th from 6:30–7:30 PM.**

Come, let us pray together. Let us boldly invite God to move as only He can.



October Birthdays

October 1 Dakota Sugden
October 5 Jon Landsverk
October 8 John Moll
October 10 Rylee Houk
October 14 Lonnie Martinez
October 25 *Charlie Biddle* ♥
October 26 Laikyn Henriksen
October 29 Karen Breneman
October 30 Al Sugden

October Anniversaries

Oct. 7 Kelsey and Mitch Houk
Oct. 11 Courtney and Blake Brandner
Oct. 13 Karrie and Jon Landsverk
Oct. 16 PJ and Bob Lentz
Oct. 19 Jena and Jeremy Bladl
Oct. 20 Jessica and Lloyd Buchmeier
Oct. 21 Joan and John Theel

Quarterly Mission Giving Updates

**Luke 6:38 NIV "Give, and it will be given to you...
For with the measure you use, it will be measured
to you."**

In the month of July we gave to a local effort to fill backpacks with needed school supplies for the Rio Community schools. We sent a gift of \$150 through this church.

In September we gave to a global effort through the World Harvest Offering through IMA. This ministry disperses a monthly stipend to vetted missionaries all over the world and our gift of \$1000 will be part of what God is doing in these ministries.

Thank you so very much for your generosity and faithful giving to share the hope and love of Christ through our mission efforts. *Every gift is multiplied!*

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Upcoming Events

October 7- Youth Group 6-7:30 pm. At church. Invite a friend!
October 17- 10th Annual Dear Daughter of Mine Conference. 9 am-2 pm.
October 21- Ladies' Prayer Group. 9 am. Please join us!
October 24- Memorial Service for Charlie Biddle. Visitation at 10 am, service at 11 with lunch to follow at church.
October 26- Evening of Prayer. All are welcome. 6:30-7:30. Come let us pray as the Body of Christ.