

PRAY BOLDLY

“The Language of Prayer”: Hebrews 4:16
February 12, 15-16: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

I. De-mythologize Prayer.

The biblical wisdom on prayer is simple: if you're sincere – there's no way to do this wrong.

Two reasons we feel inadequate:

- We struggle with prayer because of spiritual warfare. *1 Peter 5:8-9*
- We struggle with prayer because of unrealistic expectations.

At it's core, prayer is a conversation in which we enter into God's world and invite Him to enter into our world.

Some of the myths you have to get over while you're learning to pray:

- Having a satisfying prayer life is easy. *Colossians 4:2*
- I don't need anyone to teach me to pray, if I love the Lord, it should come natural. *Luke 11:1*
- When I become spiritually mature, prayer will be easy for me.
- When I'm really paying attention...I won't get distracted! *1 Peter 4:7*
- There is one right way to pray.
- The more words the better! *Matthew 6:7*
- FOR MEN ONLY: I can't be a spiritual leader for my wife unless I can pray better. *Galatians 6:4*

II. Explore a Menu of Prayer Options.

There are 650 prayers included in the Bible – some short, some long, all reflecting many circumstances and moods.

1. Pray By a Plan.

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name:” This prayer plan begins with an expression of praise to God.

“Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Commit yourself to God's agenda.

“Give us today our daily bread.” This is where we make our requests to God.

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” This is a confession of sin and need for forgiveness.

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” This is a prayer for protection. *Matthew 6:9-13*

2. Pray the Bible! *Colossians 1:9-10*

3. Pray a Breath Prayer. *Nehemiah 2:4-5*

The language of Heaven is prayer. If you want the power of Heaven in your life...you MUST learn to speak the language of Heaven.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. When do you find it most difficult to pray?
2. Is praying hard or easy for you? Are your prayers timid or bold? Why?
3. When you pray, how much time do you spend on God's agenda? Personal Request? Forgiveness? Protection?
4. What do you think God wants your prayer life to look like 90 days from now?
5. What is one step you can take to improve your prayer life?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Military Appreciation Luncheon

1 – 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

The Link across the lake

Our Military Ministry would like to thank active-duty military members and their spouses for all of the sacrifices you make on our behalf. Let us treat you to a special luncheon. Sign up at a Connection Kiosk, at Connecting Pointe or by contacting Krystal at kdurant@savannahchristian.com by Monday, Feb. 17. If you require childcare, please request this when you sign up.

Father-Daughter Banquet

6:30 – 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 27 & 28

Savannah Station, 601 Cohen Street

Fathers, you don't want to miss our Father-Daughter Banquet, a special evening out to share dinner, dancing and fun with your daughter. Tickets are \$38 for fathers; daughters are free. Get your ticket from The Source bookstore soon, as in the past they have sold out quickly! For more information, contact Sarah at ssereff@savannahchristian.com.

Camp in the City

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday, June 9 – Friday, June 13

Henderson Campus

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday, July 28 – Friday, Aug. 1

East Campus

Registration is open for Camp in the City, a summer day camp for children entering grades 1-5 in the fall. They will enjoy teaching and worship sessions as well as Bible study times led by Small Group leaders. A wide range of activities and games will be available. Book your child's place at SavannahChristian.com. Use the promotion code 'CITYSAVANNAH' for a \$15 discount. We are also looking for people willing to host camp counselors during camp. For more information about camp or hosting a camp counselor, pick up a flyer from the Drop Zone.

Blitz and Element Summer Camps

Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11

Camp Kulaqua in High Spring, FL

Blitz and Element camps are open to all middle and high school students. Join us for an exciting week of fellowship, games, teaching and going deeper in your relationship with Jesus. Come expecting Jesus to change your life! The cost is \$325. Register at SavannahChristian.com.