

“Private Prayer Reveals the Heart”
2 Samuel 7:18-29

“What a man is on his knees before God, that he is, and nothing more.”
(Robert Murray M’Cheyne)

“So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” (Colossians 1:10 cf. Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:11)

“Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.” (Psalm 19:13-14)

- Private Prayer: It is a blessing to see a Godly man’s prayer life!!
 - Humility:
 - David had a plan to build a house for God (2 Samuel 7:1-3), God had a plan to build David a house (2 Samuel 7:16).
 - **“Who am I”:**
 - 1) I don’t deserve anything from God.
 - 2) I am not more wise than God.
 - 3) God’s blessings toward me are abundant.
 - 4) What a privilege it is to serve God.
 - 5) What is hard or impossible for me is easy for God.
 - God’s Character:
 - *Eight things we discover about God in David’s prayer:*
 - 1) God does what He does based on His Word and His perfect will and desires.
 - 2) Yahweh is the only God. There is no other God.
 - 3) God does great and awesome things.
 - 4) God speaks to humanity through His Word.
 - 5) God’s Word is true and He does what He has promised.
 - 6) It pleases God to bless His people.
 - 7) We have a God that redeems us.
 - 8) God knows us.
 - God’s Faithfulness:
 - God is faithful for His Name’s sake, according to His promise, according to His wisdom, according to His power, through His people.
 - Walking Worthy:
 - We never assume that God will do what He is going to do without our participation. Though He has made us worthy, He expects us to walk worthy. Though He does what He does for His glory, He commands us to glorify Him. Though He is faithful to His promises, He commands us to pray and walk in His promises. He does not want us to presume on His goodness or to sin presumptuously because of what He has promised to do.

Announcements:

★**WOMEN'S FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Ladies, mark your calendars, we are having a Women's Fall Get-Together on Saturday, October 14th, at 3pm, here at the church Fellowship Hall! The church will provide coffee, tea, hot cider, and cookies. Feel free to bring a finger food or dessert to share! This is a great way to make new connections or just catch up with friends. Children are welcome, but no child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Fields.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending the men's breakfast on the 14th, please let Joel Decker know by Wednesday, October 11th.

★**LIGONIER CONFERENCE:** If you are interested in attending Ligonier's Columbus Conference on February 16th-17th, please see Emily Decker before October 20th for details or to add your name to the list of attendees. The conference starts at 6:30pm on Friday the 16th and you can see the full schedule at Ligonier.org. We have a group of 10 people, so we qualify for the group rate of \$98 per person.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** For anyone interested in becoming a church member, we are offering a 3 week New Members Class starting THIS Sunday, October 8th. This class will be held for 3 consecutive Sundays, from 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in this class. This class is also open to any current church members who are interested in learning more about our Church By-Laws.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service will be in TWO weeks, on Sunday, October 15th. If you have any questions about being baptized or are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey or one of the other elders.

★**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremey, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. These notes and gifts can be given to Elder Zach anytime throughout the month, he will collect them all and give them to Pastor Jeremey at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month, if you would like to give toward this gift, you can either use the giving box in the entryway, please make sure to use a giving envelope to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month, or by Venmo, again, making sure to note that the gift is for Pastor Appreciation Month.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, October 8th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list in the entryway, please make sure to sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!