

“The Prayers of the Righteous”  
Proverbs 15:29

*“Prayer is an unfathomable privilege. We can always, at any time, day or night, cry out to and commune with the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.”*

- **Proverbs 15:29: “The LORD is far from the wicked”**
  - “God opposes **the proud** but gives grace to the humble.” (1 Peter 5:5)
  - “They did not **honor (glorify) Him** as God or **give thanks** to Him.” (Romans 1:21)
  - “For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and does not come to the light, lest his works **should be exposed.**” (John 3:20)
  - “So is the one who **lays up treasure for himself** and is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:21)
- **Proverbs 15:29: “But He hears the prayer of the righteous.”**
  - “So that in Him we might become **the righteousness of God.**” (2 Corinthians 5:21)
  - “**Submit yourselves therefore to God.** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)
  - “Let us then with confidence draw near to **the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in **time of need.**” (Hebrews 4:16)
- **Psalm 34:17-19:**
  - “When the righteous cry for help....the brokenhearted....the afflictions of the righteous.”
  - “The LORD hears.” and “The LORD is near.”
  - “The LORD delivers.” and “The LORD saves.”
- **1 Peter 3:7,10-12:**
  - “So that your prayers may not be hindered.”
    - All unrepented of sin, hinders our desire for prayer. Disobedience and lack of forgiveness keep us “far” from God.
  - “Whoever desires to love life and see good days....”
    - “To love life” is to desire to get a full reward in the life to come and to glorify God in this life.
  - “Let him seek peace and pursue it....”
    - When God and His people are not enjoyed, then prayer will hold little value to us.
- **Psalm 145:18-19:**
  - “To all who call on Him in truth”
    - We pray in accordance with the truth of God’s Word. We want what God wants.
    - We should have a humble confidence in God that He will do what is right.
- “Epaphras, who is one of you....always **struggling on your behalf in his prayers**, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.” (Colossians 4:12)

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Please see the June Newsletter for information about our Donation Collection for the Heartbeats Boutique.

★**MEN'S BOWLING BASH:** Men, join us THIS Saturday, June 20th, at 3:30pm, at Park Lanes, for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition for our Men's Bowling Bash! The cost: FREE! Your afternoon includes: two bowling games, bowling shoe rental, pizza, drinks, and dessert. Whether you are a seasoned bowler or have never picked up a bowling ball, all skill levels are welcome!

★**MARRIAGE/PARENTING CLASS:** On Sunday, July 26th, and Sunday, August 23rd, from 4-7pm, we will be offering a 2-course (6 hour) Marriage Class on having a healthy marriage, along with a Parenting Class on "Raising Your Children to Have a Biblical Worldview." So many parents and future parents feel unequipped to train and instruct their children in the Bible. As a Church, we want to offer parents and future parents the equipping they need to be able to honor the Lord in the home. If you are interested in this course, we ask that you clear out your schedule to be able to attend these incredibly important courses. The information learned in this course will be invaluable. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up if you are interested in participating! *There will not be childcare offered for the Parenting Class!*

★*For all other announcements, please see the June Newsletter!*