

The Carpenter's Christian Church  
Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Scriptures and Questions for Reflection:**

**Scripture:** Mark 1: 35; Acts 1: 14

- Why do you think Jesus prayed?
- Do you think prayer plays a big enough role in the church today? If not, what suggestions do you have?

**Scripture:** Matthew 6: 9 – 13

- What are the different elements of prayer found in the model prayer Jesus gave us?

**Scripture:** Luke 6: 12 – 13; James 1 : 5

- When you are praying over a decision, how do you believe you “hear from God?”

**Scripture:** Psalm 66: 18; 1 Peter 3: 12

- What do the verses above suggest can hinder our prayers?

**Scripture:** James 5: 13 – 18

- Have you or anyone you know ever had the elders pray over them?
- What is the significance of anointing someone with oil?

**Scripture:** Luke 11: 5 – 8

- What was Jesus' point in telling this story?

**Scripture:** Luke 11: 9 – 10

- Differentiate between the following steps in the process of prayer (asking, seeking, knocking).

**Scripture:** Mark 11: 24 ; 1 John 5: 14 ; John 15 : 7

- How can we be confident that we will receive what we ask for in prayer?

**“Habit # 2 - Prayer”**

I. Why pray ?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ was committed to prayer.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ were devoted to prayer.
- c. Prayer is a means of \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. We should pray the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- e. Prayer is a means of accessing God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Prayer is a way to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Prayer is a way to \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Prayer is a way to \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_.

II. How should be pray?

- a. We should pray with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Commit to the \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer.
- c. Jesus taught the principle of \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.
- d. Jesus taught us to keep \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Pray in \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Pray the \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Pray in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes:**

## Announcements:

### Today, January 14<sup>th</sup> –

- Next Steps class begins today at 10 AM in Room A – 1.
- The Vineyard kicks off at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.
  - Childcare provided (check-in begins at 6:15 PM)

### Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> –

- Church-wide prayer at 6:30 PM in the student center.

### Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> –

- Mending Hearts Plus meets at 11 AM.

### Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> –

- First night of Celebrate Recovery. (Meal at 5:30 PM) (Program follows.)

### Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> –

- Sanctity of Life Sunday (Baby dedication)

We will have baby dedication on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child you would like to have included, please email the church office ([debbie@carpenterschristian.church](mailto:debbie@carpenterschristian.church)) with the name of the child, date of birth, the names of the parents, and service attending.

Student ministry dates to remember...

- Winter Jam - Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
- Winter retreat at White Mills - Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>
- CIY Mix – June 17 - 21

### Facts & Figures from last week:

#### Sunday AM worship

1<sup>st</sup> service attendance – 304  
2<sup>nd</sup> service attendance – 553  
Total in-person -- 857  
Online -- 107  
Total attendance - 964  
Baptism - 1

#### Offering

Weekly budget need - \$22,921  
Offering -- \$30,478.86

#### Discipleship

Sunday school - N/A  
Adult LIFE groups - 118  
Team Kid / students -- 247

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