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How to Pray in the Holy Spirit



Article by [Jason Meyer](#) 

Pastor, Minneapolis, Minnesota

I spent five years immersing myself in the sermons of Martyn Lloyd-Jones. It was truly a transformative season in my life. What was the biggest takeaway? The answer may surprise you. He taught me how to pray.

Those who really knew Lloyd-Jones will not find that answer surprising at all. His wife once said, “No one will ever understand my husband until they realize that he is first of all a man of prayer and then an evangelist” (Bethan Lloyd-Jones). In particular, Lloyd-Jones, as a man of prayer, taught me how to pray in the Holy Spirit.

My hunger for learning how to pray in the Spirit came from a perplexing problem. I read [Ephesians 6:18](#), “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.” This text really

bothered me because I could parse the words and diagram the grammar, but I had this nagging sense that I was not experiencing the reality of it. Lloyd-Jones served as a mentor for me in making this verse a living reality. He led me on a three-stage guided tour of discovery: (1) what it is not, (2) what it is, and (3) how it is done.

What Praying in the Spirit Is Not

First, he helped me see what praying in the Spirit means by contrasting it with its polar opposite: praying in the flesh. Prayer in the power of the flesh relies upon human ability and effort to carry the prayer forward.

We all know what it is to feel deadness in prayer, difficulty in prayer, to be tongue-tied, with nothing to say, as it were, having to force ourselves to try. Well, to the extent that is true of us, we are not praying in the Spirit. (Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Living Water: Studies in John 4*, 99)

How do we overcome this difficulty in prayer? Praying in the flesh calls upon human ability and effort to push past the difficulty. If we are tongue-tied in prayer, we may try to overcome that difficulty with a stream of many words. Jesus warned us against thinking we would be heard because we use many words (Matthew 6:7). If we struggle with wanting to give up after a short time in prayer, we may focus upon how long we pray. Success in prayer does not depend upon how much time we can log in prayer. Sometimes people try to overcome deadness in prayer by focusing on how well we can pray. We subtly trust in having perfectly composed, doctrinally correct prayers that rely upon the right diction, cadence, language, emotion, or volume.

These attempts to push past the difficulty in the power of the flesh are attempts to imitate the liveliness that the Spirit gives in prayer.

The Spirit is a Spirit of life as well as truth, and the first thing that he always does is to make everything living and vital. And, of course, there is all the difference in the world between the life and the liveliness produced by the Spirit and the kind of artifact, the bright and breezy imitation, produced by people. (*Living Water*, 99)

If praying in the flesh is the counterfeit or imitation of praying in the Spirit, what is the genuine article? The second part of the guided tour was discovering what praying in the Spirit is.

What Praying in the Spirit Is

Here is the key difference: in the flesh, we are pushing the prayers forward, while in the Spirit, we feel caught up in the way the Spirit carries the prayer forward. Praying in the Spirit is experiencing the Spirit of life bringing prayer to life.

Praying in the Spirit means that the Spirit empowers the prayer and carries it to the Father in the name of Jesus. The prayer has a living quality characterized by warmth and freedom and a sense of exchange. We realize that we are in God's presence speaking to God. The Spirit illuminates your mind, moves your heart, and grants a freedom of utterance and liberty of expression.

Lloyd-Jones frequently used stark contrasts to make his point. He did not often go back and nuance the contrast between praying in the flesh and praying in the Spirit. He did not plot different degrees of experience; he simply posed sharp polarities to help us see the difference between the two.

It is helpful to acknowledge that there are varying degrees of experience when it comes to praying in the Spirit. It does not feel like revival every time we pray in the Spirit. There are varying experiences of feeling carried along or pushed forward. Sometimes praying in the Spirit will not feel electrifying at all. It will feel like groaning. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).

I remember going on a bike ride where there was a gradual incline for the first half and a gradual slope down for the second half. I sometimes think of that as the experiential difference between praying in the flesh and praying in the Spirit. Praying in the flesh feels like an upward climb in which we are having to power up the hill. Praying in the Spirit reflects the reality of the downward slope. Obviously, there are degrees of decline. But the basic awareness of a downhill energy and momentum are present in all of the different degrees of a downward slope.

When we pray in the Spirit, according to Lloyd-Jones, we experience being carried or driven in prayer to God by the Spirit, but how is it done?

How to Pray in the Spirit

Praying in the Spirit has three aspects: (1) admitting our inability, (2) enjoying the creation of a living communion with God, and (3) pleading the promises of God with boldness and assurance.

Step One: Admitting Our Inability to Pray

We should start with confession: we must admit our inability to pray as we ought. We must come face to face with our tendency to try to pray on our own. We start with the recognition that prayer is a spiritual activity, and the power of the flesh profits nothing at all. We should feel our dryness and difficulty and confess to him our dullness, lifelessness, and spiritual slowness and sluggishness (*Living Water*, 86).

But this step is not passive; it is the act of yielding ourselves to the Spirit. Confession leads to expectation and prayerful anticipation.

Step Two: Enjoying Living Communion with God

You are aware of a communion, a sharing, a give-and-take, if I may use such an expression. You are not dragging yourself along; you are not forcing the situation; you are not trying to make conversation with somebody whom you do not know. No, no! The Spirit of adoption in you brings you right into the presence of God, and it is a living act of fellowship and communion, vibrant with life. (Lloyd-Jones, *The Christian Soldier*, 100)

The place where you pray seems to be transformed. I start out praying in my living room, and suddenly I sense that I am in the throne room.

One of the key differences here between praying in the flesh and praying in the Spirit is that you don't feel the need to rush to say anything when you pray in the Spirit. The living reality the Spirit creates is the awareness of God's presence. Experiencing his presence will seem much more important than any petition you are going to make (Lloyd-Jones, *The Christian Soldier*, 82). But the Spirit will not lead you merely to rest in God's presence in a passive way. There will be a holy boldness to plead the promises of God.

Step 3: Pleading with Holy Boldness

The result of the Spirit's work is that we bow before God as humbled children of God in awe of God. We don't bow before an unknown or far away god, and we don't skip into God's presence with breezy familiarity. We come with an awakened sense of intimacy and awe. The Spirit also breathes bold life into our prayers — a holy boldness that pleads the promises of God with God in the presence of God.

The beauty of this boldness is that it is a humble and holy boldness. There is no presumptuous sense of demand.

Do not claim, do not demand, let your requests be made known, let them come from your heart. God will understand. We have no right to demand even revival. Some Christians are tending to do so at the present time. Pray urgently, plead, use all the arguments, use all the promises; but do not demand, do not claim. Never put yourself into the position of saying, 'If we but do this, then that must happen.' God is a sovereign Lord, and these things are beyond our understanding. Never let the terminology of claiming or of demanding be used. (Lloyd-Jones, *The Final Perseverance of the Saints*, 155)

Don't Quench the Spirit

Lloyd-Jones once said that the quickest way to quench the Spirit is to not obey an impulse to pray. This point is very, very personal to me, so let me tell you a story from my own experience.

Once I was driving home from working at UPS. I worked the night shift during my doctoral days and never seemed to get enough sleep. I was driving home very early one morning, around 4:30, and falling asleep at the wheel. I tried everything to stay awake. I turned up the radio and tried to sing along. I even slapped myself. The next thing I knew, I woke up in my driveway. I was more than a little shaken. I didn't know how I got there.

I walked inside the house now eerily wide awake, and as I walked into our bedroom I noticed the strangest thing: my wife was wide awake, too. She would normally be asleep, but instead, she was sitting up in bed waiting for me.

She said, "Hi, honey, how was your drive?"

I said, "It's funny you should ask. I really struggled to stay awake on the drive home. In fact, I don't know how I got here."

She said, "Yeah I figured. . . ."

"Okay," I said, "please continue!"

"Well," she said, "I woke up at about 4:30 very suddenly, and felt this intense prompting to pray. I figured you must be struggling on the road since that is around the time you normally come home. So, I prayed for you."

I think I am still alive, and typing these words, because my wife did not quench the Spirit in that moment. She obeyed the Spirit's prompting to pray. I hope this story gives you a greater sense of what is at stake in prayer. Our tendency to quench the Spirit is not a small and inconsequential problem. Let us give ourselves to the reality of praying in the Spirit and renounce the temptation to try and pray in our own strength. And let us, after Lloyd-Jones's example, always obey every impulse to pray.

“BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON.....”

Funerals

Funerals are a sensitive and difficult time for the families involved. As a church we want to show compassion and concern for those who have lost a loved one. Whether it is a close or distant relative, there is always a sense of loss and separation.

At the same time, due to the size of our church, we realize that there are limits that have to be placed on the use of our facility and the energies of our people. After much thought and prayer, the pastoral staff and deacons drew up the following guidelines for funerals and funeral dinners. We realize that no policy is perfect and that from time to time it may cause a misunderstanding. We hope that publishing these guidelines will at least help families to know the policy prior to the stressful time that inevitably surrounds a death.

FUNERALS: Funerals may be conducted in our church building only when the deceased person has been a member or regular attendee of our church. We would consider an exception only in the following circumstances:

1. If the funeral of a fellow believer from another church is anticipated to be larger than their facility will accommodate, we will consider allowing the family to use our building. The deceased person must have been a member or regular attendee of his or her church, and the church must have the same doctrinal stand as our church. The pastoral staff must approve each request.

2. If longtime members of First Baptist Church retire and move to another part of the state or country, and they desire, upon their death, to have their funeral back at First Baptist Church, we will consider the request. The pastor or pastors conducting the funeral, if not a current pastor of FBC, must be in agreement with the doctrinal stand of our church. The pastoral staff must approve each request.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Funeral luncheons will be provided by the church following the funeral if the deceased person was a member or regular attendee of our church or if the deceased person was the spouse of a member or regular attendee. The church will be responsible for providing food, and adequate number of workers, and the set up and take down of the tables and chairs.



Beacon of Hope Update

School Supplies

Although the kids groan when they see them . . . school supplies are on sale right after July 4th. This is the **best time of year** to get supplies at their lowest prices. **Beacon needs:** markers (both large and fine), crayons, pens, spiral notebooks, two-pocket folders, calculators, notebook paper, glue sticks, and scissors. We have **PLENTY** of pencils.

Critical Need for Women Advisors

If you are an adult member of First Baptist you can

- ◆ Impact your community for Christ!
- ◆ Experience the blessing of helping someone understand the Bible!
- ◆ Help women become committed disciples of Jesus!

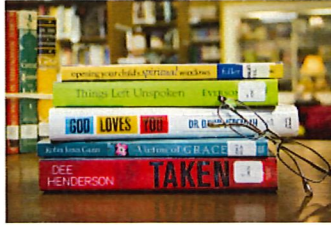
If the Lord is working on your heart about becoming an Advisor, stop by Beacon any Tuesday evening to learn more or contact Karen Leif.

The heat is on!

Do you have a fan or window air conditioner in good condition that you no longer use? Beacon of Hope accepts donations of these items!

Project Connect Back-to-School Event

Project Connect is the annual event to help parents get children ready for school. Children can get new backpacks, school supplies, socks and underwear. Anyone can get used clothing, haircuts, and visit the resource tables. A free lunch is also provided. This year's Project Connect will be held on Thursday, August 16 at the Fairgrounds. If you want to donate clothing (children's and adult sizes) or if you would like to help at this awesome community event, please contact Karen.



Library News!
Check it out!

What are you reading this summer? How about something a little different from the usual? Trying things out is free at your church library. Your church library catalog can be found at: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FBCSaintJohns> Make sure to bookmark the link!

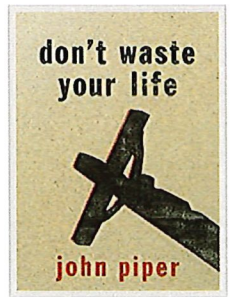
Use it to plan your summer reading, or listening, or viewing.

Help Wanted—A volunteer is needed to check in and shelve books 2 Sunday mornings a month in your church library. This is a long term position, but the hours are brief. Someone is needed for the first and second Sundays of the month, to check in the returned library materials and to put them back on the shelf. Depending on the volume of items returned, the work will take between 45 to 60 minutes each day. Training will be given. Please contact Kendel Darragh at library@stjohnsfbccom.

The drop box is now easier to find, located right next to the library entrance door! Feel free to use it any time you have materials to return. Materials may also be brought into the library during open hours after Sunday services.

A cool catalog feature: When you use the search box on the home page (for example, type in: Piper), you will get a list of items available in the library. Under each item in the list, is a button that says: “Click to email your church librarian to find out more about this.” Try it. An email form will open up, and you can send email directly to the church librarian account, which is monitored daily.

27 items



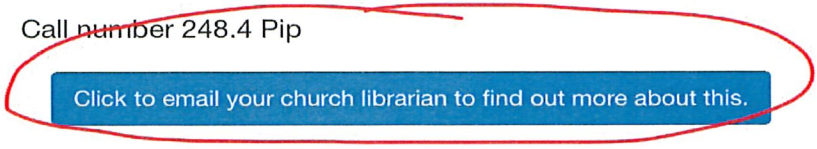
Don't waste your life

by John Piper

Paper Book, 2003

Collection Non-fiction

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MIGHTY *O.A.K.S.*



Senior Saints Picnic

On July 10th, the Mighty O.A.K.S. will meet at the Bancroft's home for a picnic at 12 noon. Grilled Hot Dogs and all the fix'ins as well as beverage and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Paul Bancroft and "staff" will bring a program with a devotion.

If you want to car pool, meet at the church at 11:30am. Minimum parking in their driveway, so please use the drive beside the garage to park. Directions are available. Sign up at the Information Area.

On Sunday, July 29th, we have the service at Hazel Findlay Country Manor at 3PM. Please come and join us to worship with these dear seniors.

Our August 14th, get together will be at Shady Green Pastures, 5841 W. Gresham Hwy., Charlotte, MI. We will meet at the church at 11AM to car pool. We will have a picnic lunch. Bring a sandwich for yourself and a snack or a dish to pass. Tableware and water will be provided. You might want to bring a lawn chair, but there are picnic tables we will use. Melvin & Beverly Crowell's daughter, Stacey Potter and her family will provide music and devotions. You will be blessed by the talents of these young ladies. For the admission fee we will be taking a love offering.

Save the Date

Our September 11th, get together will be a trip to the Chelsea Milling Company to tour the Jiffy Factory. Watch the bulletin for more information.

FIRST BAPTIST THIS 'N' THAT

Please make these changes to your
FBC Phone Directory:

All future changes will automatically be
made to the Adjace directory app.

- Carolyn Caesar
Apt. 2
809 N. Lansing Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
Phone #: 989-292-4227
- Judy Miller
New Phone #: 517-819-0137



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Justin & Aylah Nichols on the birth of their son, Elijah Thomas. Elijah was born on Sunday, May 20, 2018. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. His Grandparents are Pete & Sherry Nichols

Congratulations to Duane & Paula Breining on the birth of their son, Russell Eugene Levy. Russell was born on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. His Grandparent is Patti Nichols.

Mint Festival Volunteers Needed

The 2018 Mint Festival is fast approaching and we are looking to fill some final slots at one of the most sought-after spots, the Mint Ice Cream Booth.

Dates: Friday, August 10th - Sunday, August 12th

Times vary per day, shifts range from 2-3 hours

Slots can be filled individually or in groups if you have a business, church, or organization that would like to donate a couple hours of time, we appreciate each and every one of you!

Free Mint Festival Volunteer Shirts will be provided for all that sign up before 6/26/2018

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering some of your time this year please reach out to Tyler and Cassidi Palmer at 412-737-4941 or Cassidi.Palmer@WeDigiInsurance.com

MISSIONS NEWS

BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

On June 19th there were five ladies present. We packed five ditty bags for Youth Haven Ranch. We could use some more ditty bags sewn (see Dee Chapman if you can help) and the following items to fill them: combs, wash cloths, and toothbrushes. Next month we will have some quilts to be tied.

Our next meetings will be Tuesday, July 17th, and August 21st, at 9:30am. Bring your lunch and join us for more fellowship after our work is done.

PACKAGES MAILED OUT THIS MONTH

Becky Kerr
Isabelle Morse

MISSIONS CLOSET NEEDS

Towel sets and Twin-size sheets.

LADIES DAY AT YOUTH HAVEN RANCH

What can happen on a hayride?? Ladies Day at Youth Haven Ranch provided a hayride so everyone could see their facilities. The bales of hay were all taken so a staff lady positioned herself on a small stool beside us. In our conversation we asked if stores were still donating items for the children. She replied that they were low on clothing and told us that her husband, who is on staff at camp, came as a child with beat up shoes that he was very embarrassed to wear to school. He was taken to their clothing center and given new shoes which played a part in his coming to know the Lord. She said some children come to camp with only the clothes they are wearing. They then are provided with T-shirts, shorts, jeans, sweatshirts, or new underwear. The children are then able to take the clothing home with them. This provided an opportunity for FBC to be a blessing. On June 4th boxes of freshly laundered gently used clothing, new underwear and flip flops were deliver to Youth Haven Ranch in Rives Junction.

RADIUS INTERNATIONAL

Beth Buser sent pictures of the decorated tablecloths and the cooks wearing their aprons for graduation celebration at Radius that we had mailed to them in April. She wrote "So grateful! Wanted to let you know how much we appreciate all you do for us."

LANSING CITY RESCUE MISSION

Below is a list of items that the Mission could use at this time. If you would like to donate any of these items, please place them in the yellow barrel located in Room #13 in the lower level.

Shaving Cream
Twin Blade Razors
Deodorant
Combs and Brushes

Lotion
Shampoo and Conditioner
(full size bottles)
Socks

Underwear
Men's Undershirts
Slippers
Flip-Flops

JULY

Missionary of the Month

Brooks & Nina Buser

Field address:

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P.O. Box 530279
San Diego, CA 92153

E-mail:

Brooks.buser@radiusinternational.org

Brooks: 7/6/76**Nina:** 8/21/75**Married:** 6/20/98**Child:****Beau:** 5/20/2000**Missions Agency:**

Radius International

Ministry: Teacher and President at
Radius International**Left for first term:** 10/17/03

Brooks was born in Baker City, Oregon when his parents were going through New Tribes Training. He was raised in Papua New Guinea from the age of two until the age of 18. His mother and father would tell bedtime stories from the Scriptures and it was on one of these nights that Brooks understood his need for a savior and placed his trust in Jesus Christ's finished work at the cross. Growing up with the Iteri tribe allowed him to see first-hand how the Word of God can change even cannibals into followers of Christ. After graduating from San Diego Christian College in 1998, Brooks and Nina were married and worked for a few years. God confirmed in their hearts a desire to pursue a career in cross-cultural missions. The newlyweds enrolled in New Tribes training in January of 2001 and graduated from Language School (the final stage) in December of 2002.

Nina was born in Osaka Japan. Her father was in the Navy and the family traveled a lot while she was growing up. She lived in Japan, Greece, Tennessee, New Jersey, and California. She was saved during her senior year of high school when she was led to the Lord by a friend at a Bible study. Soon after, she moved to San Diego for college where she met Brooks.

In September of 2004, Brooks, Nina, and Beau moved to live among the Yembiyembi tribe in Papua New Guinea. They finished language and culture learning in February 2006 and began preparing writing lessons and translation of the Scriptures. Along with their co-workers, Tim and Courtney Shontere, they created an alphabet, taught the Yembiyembi how to read and write in their own language, translated the Old Testament and the New Testament portions they needed for teaching, and prepared lessons to teach the story of Christ chronologically.

They began teaching the chronological Bible story to the Yembiyembi in January of 2008 and on April 26, the Yembiyembi church was born. Many of the tribe members are now followers of Jesus! The team continued with teaching, translation of the New Testament (completed in 2013), discipleship, outreach to other villages, and strengthening the infant church to maturity. There have been many graduates of the leadership & discipleship classes. On February 17, 2013 they formally named the Elders and Deacons in the Yembiyembi church who are carrying on the work.

Throughout 2013, the team transitioned into more itinerant living (coming and going rather than living on sight for such long periods of time) and in June 2016 the Busers moved to the U.S./Mexico to begin working with Radius International.

Brooks and Nina teach a variety of classes (Parenting, Language and Culture learning, Field medicine, Discipleship, Animism, Maturing church, and others) at Radius and disciple a small group of students each year. In December 2016 the Radius board asked Brooks to be the President of the organization. Besides classes, the other larger tasks he works are the coming launch of Radius Asia (training of the Chinese house church missionaries), speaking at churches and other events to represent Radius, and overseeing the completion of the 2nd Radius campus in Mexico.

In 2018 they formally switched organizations from NTM/Ethnos360 to Radius International.

AUGUST

Missionary of the Month

George & Debra Collins

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E-mail: gapartners360@gmail.com • debcollins3@aol.com

Mission Agency: Global Access Partnerships, ABWE

Home Church: Wyoming Park Baptist Church

George: Sept. 12 **Deb:** Nov. 20 • **Anniversary:** 7/28/79

Children: **Philip** (Christiana): 8/3/82 • **David:** 6/13/84 • **Benjamin** (Suzi): 11/21/85

George grew up in the downriver area of Detroit, Michigan. At the age of 13, he committed his life to Christ at an evangelistic meeting. He served at the Wyoming Park Baptist Church as an intern working with youth while attending Grand Rapids Baptist College (Cornerstone) and Seminary. In the summers, he served at a Youth Camp in Michigan's northern peninsula. While in college, George dedicated his life to full-time Christian ministry.

Debbie grew up in the country of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), the daughter of missionary parents, Dr. David Jay and Eleanor Walsh. She dedicated her life to missions soon after giving her life to the Lord at the age of seven. Debbie met George while attending Grand Rapids Baptist College. After their marriage in 1979, George & Debbie continued to serve at the Wyoming Park Baptist Church as youth pastor and church secretary until God directed them into missions in 1981.

George and Debbie were appointed to the field of Bangladesh in July of 1981 under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) to serve the minority tribal groups located along the Bangladesh-Burma-India borders. After serving for 10 years among the tribes, they oversaw the formation of a tribal association of Baptist churches that grew from 67 "Jesus Houses" at its inception to more than 120 churches at the time of their departure from the field.

With the work handed over to local church and ministry leaders, the Lord began to work in the Collins' hearts about a ministry that would advance the Great Commission through national partnerships. In 1994, God directed them to start Global Access Partnerships (GAP).

GAP's primary purpose is to establish strategic links with churches in North America to ministry partners in more than two dozen countries. They come alongside to encourage and assist visionary and missions-minded leaders with the goal of maximizing their mutual efforts as they launch initiatives to deepen the faith of those in their communities and to reach out into new territory with the Gospel message. Their networking ministry opens doors of introduction of these national-led ministries to stateside churches and leads to opportunities for greater involvement with partners around the globe.

George and Debbie have three sons: Philip (PJ), his wife, Christiana, and baby Phin live in Grand Rapids, MI where PJ practices immigration law; David lives in Grand Rapids as well and has been substitute teaching in the area schools; Ben, his wife, Suzi, and baby Life serve as missionaries in Bangkok, Thailand under ABWE. They minister among university students in the Bangkok slums, and they are also very involved with a national church plant.

You can follow their ministry on their website: LiveGlobal.org and "Like" their FB page: Live Global.



CALENDAR

- Sun., July 1** AM Service - Communion. No Sunday School. No PM Service
Mon., July 2 NO Shuffleboard
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., July 4** Independence Day
Church Offices Closed
NO Sr. High School Bible Study
NO Prayer Meeting
- Fri., July 6** Teens Return from Missions Trip
- Sun., July 8** Pastor Mike, Gospel-Shaped Mercy #6 -- PM Service
Mon., July 9 NO Shuffleboard
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., July 10** Mighty O.A.K.S. Carry-in Luncheon -- 12 Noon (Bancroft Home)
- Wed., July 11** Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Sun., July 15** Pastor Ron, Gospel-Shaped Mercy #7 -- PM Service
Mon., July 16 Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., July 17** Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Room #15)
- Wed., July 18** Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm (Pastor Chad's home)
Quarterly Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Sun., July 22** Marcus & Rachel (Kay) Leman, Mssionary Appointees Wycliffe,
AM & PM Services
- Mon., July 23** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., July 25** Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Sun., July 29** David Brubacher, Russia Area Director with SEND Int'l. (Ulan-Ude, Buryat)
-- PM Service
- Mon., July 30** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)

AUGUST CALENDAR

- Wed., Aug. 1** **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Sun., Aug. 5** **Communion -- AM Service**
Teen Missions Trip Presentation -- PM Service
- Mon., Aug. 6** NO Shuffleboard
 NO Men's Basketball
- Tues., Aug. 7** Primary Election -- 7am-7pm
- Wed., Aug. 8** **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Thurs., Aug. 9** Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Fri., Aug. 10** Elders Meeting -- 8am (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Sun., Aug. 12** **John Kresge, THE Story of the Bible, New Testament -- PM Service**
World Missions Prayer Meeting -- 7:15pm (Lower Level-Room #13)
- Mon., Aug. 13** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Aug. 14** Mighty O.A.K.S. -- TBD
- Wed., Aug. 15** **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Thurs., Aug. 16** Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Lower Level-Room #8))
- Sun., Aug. 19** **Missionary Speaker -- PM Service**
- Mon., Aug. 20** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Aug. 21** Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Room #15)
- Wed., Aug. 22** **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)
- Sun., Aug. 26** **Promotion Sunday** -- Students meet in their regular Sunday school classrooms. Kindergartners going into First Grade will receive a Bible.
Pastor Chad -- PM Service
- Mon., Aug. 27** Shuffleboard -- 10am (Gym)
 Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Wed., Aug. 29** **Sr. High School Bible Study -- 5:30pm** (Pastor Chad's home)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm (Office Level-Room #1)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

01	Nathanael Whitelock	12	Kate Schafer	23	Geraldine Arnett Patti Jo Nichols Diana VanOrsdol
02	Mary Ann Rademacher	14	Vicky Ondrusek		
03	Anna Crandall John Prohaska	15	Richard Knapp Lori Knaus Jenny Schafer	24	Cody Fleischer
04	Jenna Davis			25	Dennis Eilert Sue Motz
05	Beverly Gill Joy Kettles Gary Snyder	16	Mark Lutz	26	Kent Schafer
		17	Zach Smith		
06	Doris Cook Rich Kettles	18	Duane Breining Maris Everts Lawrence Kruger Jules Nichols	28	Samuel Iung Preston Nichols
07	Connie Cartwright Scott McCorvie			29	Timothy Crandall Rose Davis Billy Gillean Terry Haneckow Sherri Purchase
08	Tom Hermann Ruby Nichols	19	Ted Beck Wren Lutz		
		20	Vanessa Bailey Krista Mead Stephanie Nichols Brent Sheen	30	Cody Beck Elise Darragh Chris Ordway Abby Simon Cliff Zehr
09	Carolyn Ely Kevin McCorvie Randy Salisbury				
10	Matthew Bailey Brianna Kettles	21	Jennifer Reava Alexsis Studer	31	Isaac Ely Silas Robbe Kyle Walter
11	Mary Dieterly James Feldpausch Sophia Morse	22	Pastor Mike Briggs Dan Niznak Seth Schmidtman Justin Whitelock		



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01	Lydia Ely Kay Schmidtman	11	Daylene Sadler	24	Becky Becker
02	Amanda Briggs Thad Cartwright	15	Betty Sanford Tammy Underwood	25	Susie Lamb
03	Lisa Barrett Roger Carlisle Andrew Feldpausch Pastor Ron Sischo	16	Judy Dollarhite Tori Harps Becky Kay Brad Kresge John Leif Isaac Painter Ryan Shackelford	26	Carrie Schmidtman
04	Peter Bricker Jessi Eilert Sam Simon	17	Evalina Breining	27	Nicole Stine
05	John Brooke	18	Scott Becker William Richardson	29	Piper Knaus
06	Stephanie Dush Janet Mann Michelle Rosendale	19	Philip Burkhart Sylvia Thomas	31	Gary Kingsley Louise Thompson
07	Nancy Arnst	20	Nicole Dieterly		
09	Celena Mills Ben Mullikin Patience Nichols Eli Simon	21	Archer Mills		
10	Keith Fredric Cornell Becky Iung Ian McCorvie	22	Anna Ordway		

SCHEDULES FOR JULY

NURSERY

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| 01 | SS | No Sunday School |
| | AM | *Lydia Burkhart, Carolyn Henning, Carolyn Patrick, Denelle Merignac, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | No Service |
| 08 | SS | Emily Bargeron, *Sarah Thomas, Helen Kresge |
| | AM | *Sarah & Sylvia Thomas, Alyssa Thompson, Bethany Konieczny, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Sue Bishop, LouAnne Kingsley |
| 15 | SS | *Becky Becker, Sarah Thomas, Pat Wright |
| | AM | *Eileen Feldpausch, Jazmine Harps, Beth & Aylah Holben, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Katie Fore, Valorie lung |
| 22 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Lori Knaus, Lauri Walters |
| | AM | *Traci Brooke, Kelly & Averlin West, Faith Robbe, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Andrea Bancroft, Dawn Benson |
| 29 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Bernadette Richardson, Kay Schmidtmann |
| | AM | *Lisa Barrett, Jill Shackelford, Hannah Robbe, Tori Harps, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Annette Peterson, Sarah Snyder |

GREETERS

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| 01 | Foyer Office | Bryan & Trisha Feldpausch
Todd & Mishell Pagels |
| 08 | Foyer Office | Ron & Jill Keilen
AM-Joel Seling
PM-Diana VanOrsdol |
| 15 | Foyer Office | Mike & Tammy Underwood
AM-Joe & Vicky Ondrusek
PM-Diana VanOrsdol |
| 22 | Foyer Office | Tom & MB Moldenhauer
Sharon Ashenfelter |
| 29 | Foyer Office | Roger & Rosanne Schafer
Jay & Becky Peterson |

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TODDLERS

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| 01 | AM | Lori Knaus, Kim Painter, Michelle Cornell, Sarah Snyder |
| | PM | No Service |
| 08 | AM | Lisa & Evelyn Crandall, Pearl Nichols, Sharon Kidd |
| | PM | Carrie Miller, Ellen Kresge |
| 15 | AM | Michelle & Ben Rosendale, Cindy & Isaac Painter |
| | PM | John & Karen Leif, Mckenna Briggs |
| 22 | AM | Cody & Aubrey Fleischer, Chara Walters, Clayton West |
| | PM | Ted & Michelle Beck, Sarah Wood |
| 29 | AM | Marcia Feldpausch, Preston Nichols, Nathanael & Leah Konieczny |
| | PM | Amanda Briggs, Pamarie Nichols |

TODDLER COOKIES

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| 01 | Nancy Arnst |
| 08 | Sharon Ashenfelter |
| 15 | Sue Bishop |
| 22 | Sarah Thomas |
| 29 | Paige Feldpausch |

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| 01 | AM | *Rick Davis, Rick Robbe, Ryan Shackelford, Joe Ondrusek, Monte Ely, Harold Lichte |
| | NO PM | *Dean Feldpausch, Ted Beck |
| 08 | AM | *John Leif, Scott Darragh, Chris Bouck, Ron Showers, Jimmie Harps, Jim Cyrus |
| | PM | *Walt Knaus, Chris Bouck |
| 15 | AM | *Scott McCorvie, Derrick Ostrander, Preston Nichols, Phil Burkhart, Duane Schafer, Dennis Eilert |
| | PM | *John Glerum, Doug Merignac |
| 22 | AM | *Julius Motz, Shane Kidd, Norm Moinet, Doro Pena, Ted Beck, Leon Mills |
| | PM | *Jim Ashenfelter, Chris Ordway |
| 29 | AM | *Rick Davis, Rick Robbe, Ryan Shackelford, Joe Ondrusek, Monte Ely, Harold Lichte |
| | PM | *Dean Feldpausch, Ted Beck |

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SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST

NURSERY

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| 05 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Denelle Merignac, Helen Kresge |
| | AM | *Becky & Grace Peterson, Holly Merignac, Hannah Robbe, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Carrie Schmidtman, Jen Simon |
| 12 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Becky Becker, Lori Knaus |
| | AM | *Becky & Rachel Becker, Diana VanOrsdol, Tori Harps, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Karen Leif, Elizabeth Davis |
| 19 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Bernadette Richardson, Lauri Walters |
| | AM | *Eileen Feldpausch, Pamarie Nichols, Averlin West, Bethany Konieczny, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Cheryl Haviland, Amanda Briggs |
| 26 | SS | Emily Knaus, *Sarah Thomas, Emily Bargeron |
| | AM | *Sarah & Sylvia Thomas, Pearl Nichols, Ellen Kresge, Linda Kresge |
| | PM | *Lisa & Evelyn Crandall, Sharon Kidd |

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| | PM | Jill Shackelford, Sarah Bouck |
| 12 | AM | Rebekah Becker, Beth & Aylah Holben, Jazmine Harps |
| | PM | Lori Knaus, Faith Robbe, Isabella Gunnell |
| 19 | AM | Kelly & Clayton West, Chara Walters, Mckenna Briggs |
| | PM | Traci Brooke, Kim Painter |
| 26 | AM | Andrea, Paul & David Bancroft, Carolyn Henning |
| | PM | Brad & Grace Kresge, Pat Wright |

TODDLER COOKIES

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| 05 | Sharon Kidd |
| 12 | Holly Merignac |
| 19 | Cheryl Haviland |
| 26 | Karen Leif |

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| 05 | AM | *John Leif, Scott Darragh, Chris Bouck, Ron Showers, Jimmie Harps, Jim Cyrus |
| | PM | *Doug Merignac, Chris Bouck |
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