

Prayer Is The Key
Dr. Paul Chappell

And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. **Mark 9:26-29**

Life is filled with challenges, obstacles, temptations, opportunities and decisions. To successfully respond to those events and navigate life requires more than we have or can possibly do on our own. Victory in the Christian life is utterly dependent on the power of God. That power is available to us, but far too many believers fail to tap into it because they do not pray as they should. All of God's resources are available to fulfill His promises of answered prayer. Yet are we seeking His face as we should? Are we a people of prayer? James wrote, "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2).

Andrew Murray wrote, "The majority of Christian men and women who pray to a living God know very little about real prevailing prayer. Yet prayer is the key that unlocks the door of God's treasure-house. It is not too much to say that all real growth in the spiritual life—all victory over temptation, all confidence and peace in the presence of difficulties and dangers, all repose of spirit in times of great disappointment or loss, all habitual communion with God—depends upon the practice of secret prayer." The extent to which we have the power to triumph over sin and the devil is determined by the extent to which we pray. The power shortage is never on God's end. It becomes apparent when we are not connected closely to the Source.

Only through regular, fervent prayer will we find the strength to accomplish God's purposes for our lives.

Sermon Notes



December 4, 2022

*Welcome to Harvest
Baptist Church*

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we hope that you have already received a warm welcome by our Church Family. Our prayer is that the singing, teaching and preaching of the Word of God will meet a need in your heart and life.

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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www.hbcgoodyear.org
Men's Prayer Meeting 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
**Wednesday Prayer & Bible
Study 7:00 pm**

Harvest Baptist Church

'Where church still feels like church'

Worship Service

Welcome To Harvest Baptist Church

Psalms 95:1

Joy To The World - 137

Angels From The Realms of Glory - 146

I Love To Tell The Story - 145

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

Born To Die - 139

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor

Invitation

Closing Prayer

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for... **Nathan Waters** spreading the love of Christ with Mission Discovery



Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
John 4:35

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for use during the church services. Please see Robert in the sound booth if you wish to use this equipment.

Events and Opportunities

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our church members who give of their time, energy and talents to keep our church looking nice.

Saturday December 31 - 9:00 AM

Visitation Ministry



Ladies Bible Study
Every Tuesday
10-11 AM in the
missionary quarters.

Rodger Brumbaugh's father passed away Thursday, November 24th. A memorial service will be held at Thompson Funeral Home in Avondale, AZ on December 17th.

Condolences to: Rodger and Jan Brumbaugh
2651 N. 141 Lane Goodyear, AZ 85395



Christmas Choir Cantata

This Evening Service 6 PM
December 4th

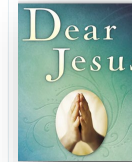
Chili Supper Wed. Dec. 21st at 6 PM

Sign up in the foyer



OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 11/28/2022 - 12/3/2022	Month Total November
General	6,093.00	22,314.20
Missions	1,140.00	4,375.00
TOTAL	7,233.00	26,689.20
Native American Missions, Inc.	320.00	2,165.00



This sounds like a contradiction: becoming free through being controlled. Yet I know that when Your Spirit is controlling my thinking and behavior, I feel more alive - more real! You have taught me to pray, "Holy Spirit, think through me, live through me, love through me."

I've found I am most content when I intentionally yield to You: inviting You to live through me. Nonetheless, my desire to be in control and do things my way often sabotages me.

As the Holy Spirit controls your mind and actions more fully, you become free in Me. You are increasingly released to become the one I created you to be.

Beloved, in My kingdom freedom comes from yielding to My will, which is perfect. Because I am infinite and you are not, My will may appear to be anything but perfect. I want you to trust Me at all times, even when you cannot understand what I'm doing. The Holy Spirit will help you in this, as you invite Him to control your thinking. He lives in the depths of your spirit, and He knows you better than you know yourself. His work in you can liberate you to become more completely the one I designed you to be. The Spirit and I work together in perfect harmony.

I am pleased when you ask My Spirit to think, live, and love through you. This is the collaborative way of living I had in mind when I created mankind. The more you collaborate with the Spirit, the freer you become: free to live exuberantly, to love extravagantly, to know Me in ever-increasing intimacy!

Romans 8:6 Romans 12:2 Romans 8:26-27

It is only by yielding to God that we can begin to realize His will for us. And if we truly trust God, why not yield to His loving omniscience? After all, He knows us and our possibilities much better than do we.