

**Prayer service
June 26 2011**

Why are we doing this...

NLT Psalm 37:23 The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives.

How are we going to do this...

By focusing on Repentance:

1 John 1:8-9 8 If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.

NLT 2 Chronicles 15:2 ...and he [Isaiah] went out to meet King Asa as he was returning from the battle. "Listen to me, Asa!" he shouted. "Listen, all you people of Judah and Benjamin! The LORD will stay with you as long as you stay with him! Whenever you seek him, you will find him. But if you abandon him, he will abandon you.

Personal/silent: Take a moment to confess & repent

By giving God Praise:

NLT 2 Corinthians 1:3 All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us.

Corporate expressions of praise to God

By having a right Perspective:

1 John 5:14-15 ¹⁴ And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. ¹⁵ And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

Our perspective is one of confidence

- With the right motives... God will hear our prayers

By making our Petitions known:

NLT Philippians 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

For the Holy Spirit to empower us so that our changed lives will lead others to surrender to Jesus Christ

For opportunities to build relationships with those outside of God's family

For receptivity to the gospel in this neighborhood and community

For growth momentum that brings glory to God

For the means to launch a Spanish ministry in our neighborhood

For food sources to supply our Food Pantry ministry

For the finances to fix our building and parsonage

For peace that God will supply all our need

Closing:

Commitments to continued prayer...