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Prayer Slump?



Ever get in a prayer slump? I'm in one. Sometimes they happen when we get into a rut. A rut can be praying the same prayer, the same way, for the same thing, day after day. Sometimes we feel like we aren't connecting with God. Our prayers seem like they're just disappearing into thin air. Sometimes we just don't feel like praying and every little thing distracts us. Maybe we feel like it isn't making any difference anyway. You might be able to add a couple more descriptions and reasons for a prayer slump as well. I think it's important to be honest about being in one, for then others can pray for you. It's also important that we don't allow ourselves to stay there. Perhaps some sort of change in how you pray, getting a prayer partner who encourages you, regularly taking on fresh prayer requests, or just applying plain old discipline until you come out of it will work for you. I do all of these things.

Dan Keen, our Prayer Ministry Leader, regularly asks me how he can pray for me. It encourages me, it encourages me to ask him for his requests and to pray for him too! Hearing another person pray, or the account of another's prayer, are also great motivators. Those of us who attended the EFCA Forest Lakes District Spring Conference experienced both. The District Superintendent closed the conference by telling us that we had each been personally prayed for. Prior to the conference a young man named Ronaldo had contacted the district office and asked for the names of everyone coming so that he could pray for them in advance! He was asked to come up and pray for all who were present before we left and prayed a wonderful prayer to close the conference. How encouraging!

One of the conference speakers, a college professor, also related a prayer story that really moved me. He was home visiting his parents, and after breakfast his mother asked him to open the Bible to lead them in morning devotions. He said the Bible was like a file cabinet of papers, and as he opened it a picture of a boy fell out. Not recognizing the boy, he asked who it was. They told him they had asked their AWANA leaders what boy was the most likely to get kicked out of AWANA that year, and it was him. So, they were praying for him. Six months later this professor was back home visiting his parents again and asked about the boy. Sure enough, he had gotten kicked out of AWANA. He asked his parents what happened to the picture. It was now on the refrigerator. He said that his retired parents, without much money, paid the boy's way to Bible Camp. Fast forward a bit, and the boy received Christ at camp. His parents, who said, "Boys like that often make the best pastors," are a great example of what can be the outcome of prayer. What an encouraging account of prayer by ordinary people like us!

Then, in this morning's Old Testament Bible reading, I came across this, "Even those I will bring to My holy mountain And make them joyful **in My house of prayer**. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house **will be called a house of prayer** for all the peoples." (Isaiah 56:7, *NASB95*, bold added). Isaiah was speaking of a future kingdom age in which believing Gentiles would be part of the worship and blessings of Israel. Jesus made reference to this verse, and Jeremiah 7:11, when He cleansed the temple of the merchants. "And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN." (Mark 11:17).

Will you help make our church, and your home, a house of prayer? Hopefully this also encourages you to attend our **National Day of Prayer Breakfast, Thursday May 5th, 6:30am**, at the church. If you are unable to attend, or that date has passed by when you read this, be encouraged to pray, and pray for bold things, things that only God can do!

Encouraged to Pray,
Pastor Dan







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May

MBC Office Hours:

**Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM,
& Fridays 8:00 AM—Noon**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School—9 am Pipeline—9 am Next Steps-Step 3(1s.)— 9 am, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica—2-4:30 pm, S/NC—Anniversary Celebration Ignite—4 pm Fusion—6 pm	2 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	3 Primetimers Lunch & Games—10 am-1 pm, NC/K	4 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana End-of-Year Leader's Meeting—6:15 pm, S	5 National Day of Prayer Breakfast— 6:30-7:30 am, NC Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	6 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	7 Men's Breakfast, 8 am, NC Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC Open AA Mtg, 6 pm, 18 & 8th
8 Mother's Day! Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School—9 am Pipeline—9 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite—4 pm Fusion—6 pm	9 Deacon Meeting—6 pm, NC Elder Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #106 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	10	11 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	12 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Ministry Meeting—7 pm, LL #106	13 Men's Bible Study— Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	14 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC
15 Recognizing High School Graduates Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School—9 am Pipeline—9 am Next Steps-Step 1(1s.)— Noon, NC Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	16 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	17	18 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	19 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	20 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	21 Iglesia Biblica Women's Study—4-6 pm, #102 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC
22 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School—9 am Pipeline—9 am Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S Ignite 4-6 pm Fusion 6-8 pm	23 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102	24	25 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC	26 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	27 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	28 Iglesia Biblica Youth Group—4-7pm, NC
29 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am No Sunday School, Pipeline, Pipeline, Ignite, or Fusion—Summer Break! Iglesia Biblica—2 pm, S	30 (Office Closed) 	31	<div> <p>Last day of Sunday School, Pipeline, Ignite, and Fusion is May 22nd. Summer Break begins Memorial Day Weekend.</p>  </div>			



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4 Tracy Signer
6 Thadeus Miller
7 Sue Newberg
8 Loren Bruehlman
9 Brewer Haworth
10 Michael Pals

10 Laura Roth
11 Hope Richardson
Maggie Setterstrom
13 Josh Kuenzi
14 Ivy Eddy
16 Sawyer Hardacre
17 Sophia Rhoe
Mike Westcomb
19 Elaine Blue
20 Daniel Jezowski

21 Andrew Brunner
Brittany Hancock
Lily Richardson
24 Logan Ringhand
26 Julie Champlin
Hallie Signer
28 Tom Dolezel
Andrew Hall
Justin Miller
29 Ann Toay



7 Jeff & Vicki McNett
16 Randy & Lucy Whyte
18 Russell & Liz Meyer
20 Aaron & Meghann Holverson
28 Bob & Deb Hauri

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

Breakfast at
Monroe Bible Church
6:30 AM, Nehemiah Center

Sign up on our church website
or at the Welcome Center



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Skylar Campbell

Skylar will be graduating in May from Monroe High School. She is interested in pursuing a job in the field of real estate after graduation. Her graduation party will be held on Friday, June 10th at 5pm at the Elgin's pond.



Kaitlyn Elgin

I will be graduating in May from Monroe High School as well as receiving my Welding Certification from Blackhawk Technical College. I plan to continue my education at Blackhawk Technical College to earn my Associates Degree in Business Management. I am also looking to complete my EMT certification within the next year. My graduation party will be held on Friday, June 10th at 5pm at the Elgin's pond.

Rylan Kelley

My date of graduation is May 17th. As of now I feel like God has placed a strong call on my life to dedicate my time to full-time ministry. My next step is to attend Moody Bible Institute and return to Monroe Bible Church as the Youth Pastor for a time, unless God puts me elsewhere.



Gabrielle IIs

Gabi will be graduating from Monroe High School. She'll be attending Blackhawk Tech for Business Management. She hopes to own a small business one day and plans on travelling in the near future.



Henry Morris

Spring Brook Road Home Based Education is pleased to announce the graduation of Henry Morris in May of 2022. Henry is planning to enter the United States Marine Corps in the fall of 2022. A graduation/going away party will be announced at a later date.



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Class of



Aaron Roidt

Aaron will be graduating from Monroe High School.

He will be heading to The Master's University in Santa Clarita, CA to pursue a degree in Accounting. Please Join us to Celebrate Aaron Roidt's Graduation on Saturday, June 11 from 1-4 pm at 2625nd 22nd Ave.



Anna Skoumal

Graduation date: May 28th at Juda High School
Future plans: I plan to attend Highland Community College in Freeport, Illinois pursuing an Associates of Science degree.



Ashley Bruehlman will graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato on May 6, 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a minor in Child Development and Family Studies. She will be continuing on to graduate school at Edgewood College in the fall for her Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy.



Ruth Joy Tuttle will be graduating from Carroll University on May 7, 2022. She is receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Therapy with a double minor in Psychology and Theatre Arts. She will be pursuing a required internship and taking the Board Certification exam prior to practicing Music Therapy.



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When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, He asked His disciples to pray. He came back after He had prayed and found them sleeping. This scenario happened several times. Have you and I as believers fallen asleep when it comes to making prayer a priority in our lives? We are living in perilous times that require us to be diligent in prayer. It would be good for all believers to take an inventory of their prayer life. What do you and I need to eliminate in our schedule to allow more time for prayer?

I receive several emails each month from missionaries our church is supporting. Sometimes I receive multiple emails in a month from the same missionary. Missionaries always have several circumstances we can pray for which is a great encouragement to them. It's encouraging to me to hear of how God has answered prayer in their lives.

I would encourage you to give your prayer concerns to the church email prayer chain. Each Monday night at 6:30 we have a prayer meeting at church. I invite you to join us.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



*We would like to offer our sympathy
to the families of:*

Joan Coppes

*Joan's husband, Ron Coppes,
passed away Thursday, March 24th*

Shirley Reed

*Shirley's brother,
"Eddie" Charles Edward Brooks, Jr.
passed away Friday, March 25th*

Gene & Neva Schultz

*Gene's brother, Gaylord Schultz,
passed away Monday, April 18th*

*May God bless you and strengthen you
with His comfort and peace.*



Next Steps at MBC

Through each of the Next Steps classes you will learn more about MBC, how to get involved, and grow personally in your relationship with the Lord. Pick up a 2022 Next Steps brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of this year's classes. Sign up for all Next

Steps classes on our website, use the Chromebook at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office (325-3966)

Next Steps-Step 3 (1s.) – "Our Commitments" **Sunday, May 1st** at 9:00 am, lower level room #102. We'll address the topics of eternal life, spiritual growth, baptism, and membership. **This step is required for membership*

Next Steps-Step 1 (1s.) – "Our Mission & Vision" **Sunday, May 15th** at Noon in the Nehemiah Center. Lunch is provided. Learn what our Vision is and how you can become a part of it.



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MBC Wants You!

**Summer
CHURCH LEAGUE
SOFTBALL**

Sign-Up at Welcome Center

Questions? Contact Bob Hauri, 608-426-0432



MISSIONS MINISTRY

One Meal Food Packing Event

This year our food packing event will be done at the *Kids Around The World* (KATW) office in Rockford. To pack in Monroe this year required us to raise \$8,600, a significant increase from previous years. Packing in Rockford does not involve this expense since donors have already paid for the food. We just provide the hands needed to pack the food so it is ready for shipment overseas. Bernie Roidt is working with KATW to set a date for the event so be watching for an announcement in the bulletin. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and the number of participants will be limited this year due to the room size where the packing takes place. The plan is to meet at church and car pool to Rockford. We hope to be able to return to our usual packing event here in Monroe next spring, 2023.

Missionary Update

In 2018 we started supporting Shannon Storm and her work with the National School Project. Shannon lived in Monroe as a child and received Christ as a result of the ministry of MBC. She married Devin Long, who also works with the same mission, and they reside in California. The Missions Ministry recently received information from National School Project with their updated Doctrinal and Mission Statements, as well as a name change! They will be known as Decision Point. The new name captures the heart of the ministry as they present the Gospel message to students who, guided by culture's shifting standards, are left building their lives on sinking sand. They strive to bring students to a point of decision as to whether they will follow Christ or the world. Those who decide to follow Jesus are then challenged to make decisions to live for Him, witness, and endure any hardships that come their way because of their stand. If you would like more information, you can go to www.DecisionPoint.org.

Glory Reins Mission Trip

Thirteen members plan to leave Saturday morning June 11th, for Glory Reins Ranch in Virginia. Plans are to erect an arena cover for the Warren's ministry and serve in other ways, as needed. Letters were sent out in April seeking prayer and financial support from those who are so led. It would be most helpful if responses are back to the office by May 8th. Thank you for joining the team through your support. It is very appreciated.

Crystal Zimmerman, Missions Ministry Leader



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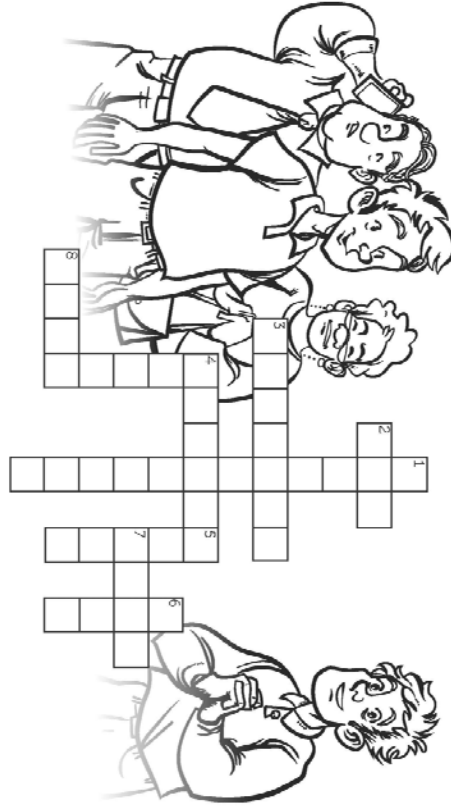
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ROMANS ROAD

Romans 1:16-17, 3:9-31, 6:23, 5:6-10,
8:1-10, and 10:8-13



- Across**
2. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ because it is the power of ___ to save everyone who believes."
3. "If you ___ with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
4. "All have ___ and fall short of the glory of God."
7. Sin came into the world after ___ and Eve deceived God.
8. "While we were still sinners, Christ ___ for us."
- Down**
1. There is now no ___ for those who are in Christ Jesus.
4. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be ___."
5. The punishment for sin is ___.
6. Who wrote the book of Romans?"

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Color the Picture

Luke 15:10

"I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



Family Devotional



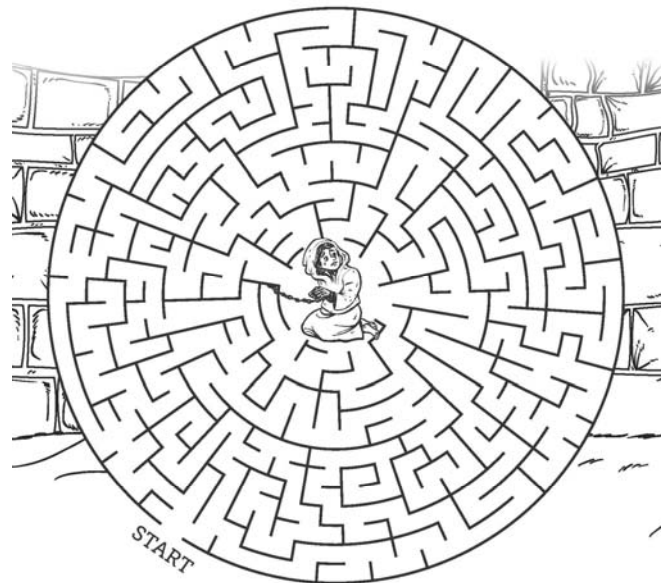
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