

PRAYER FOCUS - JULY 23, 2017

To activate the Prayer Chain, call:

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1. Missions:



Please pray for Carl and Pat Whitehead serving in Papua New Guinea with the Menya people. "Continue to praise God with us! The Menya New Testament has been printed and over half of it has been recorded!" The printed NT will become available to the Menya people on February 23, 2018 and they are working hard to get it into audio format, since some of the people will never be able to read it themselves. *Praise* for the financial and technical support that we are receiving. *Praise* that the Menya team met in June and took the initiative in making good plans to prepare for the dedication and beyond. *Pray* for harmony and clear reading during the remainder of the recording process. *Pray* for Pat as she revises lesson plans for the Initial Skills course. *Pray* for a calm and smooth transition in the country following the elections, and that the believers who are elected will hold firm to their faith and witness.

see full newsletter on bulletin board

2. **Church Family:** Wilma Chometsky - Anna Doell - Dale/Sheryl Doerksen - Eric Doerksen & fiancée Jill - Leesa Doerksen - Norm/Nancy Dyck - Russ/Ang Enns, Liam, Isaiah, Weston

3. Illness:

-Pray for Al Loeppky (James' brother), who had a massive heart attack. He is home now doing quite well but his vision is still not great. *Pray* for continued healing.

-Pray for Verna Andres (Sheryl Doerksen's mother) who was in the hospital due to blood clots in her lungs, causing breathing difficulties. She came home from the hospital on Monday- *pray* that she will continue to recover at home and regain her strength back and that the blood clots would continue to dissolve.

-Pray for Susan Harder, dealing with various health concerns.

4. **Our church:** *Pray* for the Christian Education Board: Darlene Loewen (CE director), Chris Stein (youth pastor), Rachel Peters (SS Superintendent), Karen Neufeld (Librarian)

5. Sister Churches:

Region #1, SK/AB: Hepburn Gospel Church: Ray Sider

Region #2, MB C: Gospel Fellowship Church, Steinbach: Darrell/Corrina Dyck

Region #3, MB S: Altona EMM Church: Ken/Jeanne Dueck

Region #4, ON: Deer Run Church: Ike/Maria Unger

Region #6 Mexico/Belize: Spanish Lookout EMMC: Blaine/Melissa Dueck

6. **EMMC Missionaries:** Iliana Fehr, teaching in Santa Cruz, Bolivia

7. **Westside Pastor's Group:** Pastor Larry Parschauer at Diefenbaker Drive Church

8. **Bereavement:** Abe Zacharias passed away suddenly on July 16 after complications from surgery. He's survived by wife Anne and sons Trevor and Troy. Funeral was on July 20 in Warman. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Sutherland Evangelical Church



Each of you should
use whatever gift
you have received
to serve others, as
faithful stewards of
God's grace in its
various forms.



1 Peter 4:10

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Pastor: Dale Doerksen - Youth Pastor: Chris Stein

Worship: 10:30AM

(Sunday School will resume in September.)

July 23, 2017

TODAY @ SEC

10 AM: Pre-service Prayer Time in Toddler Room (every Sunday). All are welcome.

Ushers: Ken/Mary/Phil

Greeters: Betty / Sheldon & Debbie

Order of Service

Prelude: Leesa Doerksen

Welcome & Call to Worship: Grant Loepky

Opening Prayer: Grant

Worship in Song: Karen Kotenko

Ministry Reminders: Grant

Scripture Focus: Daniel 1:9-21 - Grant

Worship in Giving - Offertory: Karen Kotenko

Worship in Song: Karen Kotenko

Message: "Serving God While Serving Others (Part 2)"

- Daniel 1:9-21 - Dean Huber

Closing Song: Karen Kotenko

Benediction: Dean Huber



There will be no Children's Church during the summer months, but there are activity packs, to use during the service, available on the back table. Feel free to take your activity page home but leave the baggie & crayons for reuse. Thanks!

YOUTH/C&C CORNER

- ◆ WEDNESDAY @ 7PM: Guys' Night - Devotional & movie.
- ◆ THURSDAY @ 7PM: Youth/C&C - Devotional, activity & planning for Youth Sunday
- ◆ FRIDAY @ 7PM: Ladies + Chris - Devotional, activity/misc.



NEXT SUNDAY

- Ushers: Greg F/ Sheldon/ Russ
- Greeters: Pete & Mary / Maria
- Worship Leader: Greg Nelson
- Power Point: Bonnie
- Speaker: Dean Huber



SEC NEWS

August 20, 10:30AM: Region 1 Joint Worship Service @ VCA. **There will be no service @ SEC that morning.**

Thank you so much to those who have prayed for Eva Regehr's mom and her recovery from broken bones after a fall. She is doing better and is grateful to breathe without the pain. She is still needing to have a bone near her elbow grow back onto the bone from which it broke. She now wears a splint instead of a cast.

Friday July 28: Creation Meeting with Ike Thiessen @ SEC- Topic: "Jesus is the Light of the World" and the "Solar Eclipse August 21." Learn about how creation and science are connected and discover that God is light and how to turn from darkness to light! Located in SEC youth wing from 7-9 pm.

Sabbatical: Pastor Dale is away on sabbatical until October 10, 2017. In Pastor Dale's absence, please contact the church office with any need or concern that arises and Pastor Chris or Bonnie will do their best to help or direct you to the help needed. In an after-hours emergency, contact a Spiritual Life Board member.

September 11: The first practice for the SEC Christmas drama. Talk to Darlene Loewen if you're interested in more details.



Thank you to all who have stepped into positions on our various boards and committees. We are still looking for people for the following areas: Church Council Chair, Kitchen/Food Coordinator, Sunshine Committee, EMMC General Council Rep/Region 1 Rep. If you have questions about any of these, please see one of the church council members or contact the office.



Sunday School will resume on September 10th.

EMMC Gathering videos: The main sessions and workshops that took place at the Gathering were all recorded. If you would like to watch them the videos can be found on the EMMC website (<http://www.emmc.ca/events-news/upcoming-events/gathering-2017/gathering-2017-recordings/>).



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

August 4-6: Freedom Singers invite you to an exciting weekend of music and worship in Three Hills, Alberta. Tickets for the weekend are \$65. See poster.

August 25: "All Saints" movie in theatres (based on a true story of the faith of a Christian pastor).

September 11-13: Young at Heart Retreat @ Camp Kadesh.

October 20 & 21: WJOF Fall Conference. Early-bird tickets until Sept. 4th. See poster.

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you

***Serving God in a Hostile Environment* (Message Series in Daniel)**

This morning's message:

Serving God While Serving Others Pt. 2 of 2

Daniel 1:1-21 (vs. 9-21 Pt. 2) - July 23, 2017

Daniel was a man who served others but when it came to obeying God or man he always _____ God. Since he was dedicated to the Lord, the Lord blessed him. He was able to serve Kings in a foreign land and yet he was able to fully serve God without _____.

Last week we said in regards to "Serving God While Serving Others

- I. There Is Job for You Where You Fit Best (vs.1-5)
- II. There Will Be Others Who Will Stand With You (vs.6-7)
- III. Decide Now How You Will Remain Faithful (v. 8)

IV. God Will Be On Your _____ Regardless of the Obstacles (vs. 9-10)

I want you to notice something very important in verse 9. The scripture says, ⁹ *Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel,*

We must remember that whenever we serve God and we are doing what he has asked us to do that He will work on our behalf. It was God who _____ the official to show favor to Daniel. This is not the first time that God worked like this. When the children of Israel were leaving Egypt after having been in bondage for over 400 years God performed a miracle in the hearts of the Egyptians.

Ex. 3:21-22 God said to Moses, ²¹ *"And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. ²² Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."* **Ex. 11:3 Ex. 12:35**

We must remember that God is always at _____ around us. He is always moving in the hearts of people and working in situations and events that come into our lives. Romans 8:28 says, ²⁸ *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

V. Have A Plan or a Solution That Can Be Used on a _____ Bases (vs. 11-16)

In this passage of scripture, we can see the steps that Daniel took in order to accomplish God's plan. First, Daniel is _____ to stand for what he believes is right and thus makes his request to the chief official (vs.8). Second, Daniel is _____ and determined. When he knows that the chief official

would say yes as long as the officials head wasn't on the line, Daniel then takes a step further and asks the guard. This shows, he has great determination as well as he was considerate of the chief official (vs. 11). Third, Daniel uses _____ by offering a solution to be used on a trial bases with a time frame (vs.12-14). This shows he was a man of wisdom, consideration and not demanding. Fourth, Daniel plan also shows that he was _____ for Ashpenaz because the "trial bases plan" allowed the official to try something new without getting him into serious trouble.

According to verses 15&16, the results speak for themselves. After ten days of being on the diet of fresh vegetables, they look better than the young men who ate from the royal table. This shows that God _____ those who obey His commands. Daniel resolved, not to defile himself and to keep himself pure before the Lord and God blessed him for it.

VI. Rely on God To Bless You With All That Is _____ While Serving (17-21)

Although, these four young men were being trained in the Babylonian school of arts, it was really _____ who was giving them the training. It was God who gave them knowledge and understanding and it was God who was rewarding them for their obedience. "Knowledge has to do with reasoning abilities and "understanding" has to do with _____. Psalm 11:10 says, *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts (commands) have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise."* Thus, true insight comes from _____ the commands of God.

So let's summarize what we have learned today. As believers, you and I are going to end up serving others (in some type of a dimension) who do not know the Lord. There will be difficulties and hardship when our faith c _____ with them but God will be with us regardless of the obstacles. We must remember that if we want to stand for truth in this world that we must be able to come up with solutions that can be tested on a trial bases like Daniel did. We can stand on the promise that if we are _____ to God that he will reward us and that he will supply all our needs.

Application: Here is how you can start this week to apply these principles to a difficulty that you are facing with someone else.

First, bring the problem you have before God in prayer and acknowledge that God is on your side to do the right thing. Realize it will be God working on their hearts and the situation through you.

Second, ask the Lord to help you come up with some solution that can be offered on a trial bases for the problem.

Third, realize that as we seek God like Daniel, that he will give us the wisdom to do the right thing.