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Mission Statement:
Building bridges to establish relationships to advance Christ kingdom.

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Eric Susberry
Pastor

If there is ever a time for believers in Christ to pray, it is NOW! And if there is ever a method or way to pray, that is needed, it is praying in tongues.

It is good to communicate with God through prayer, in English (with my understanding).

However, it is even better and much effective

Praying in Tongues

to pray to God in tongues.

The Apostle Paul, who was very effective in prayer, told the early church that he prayed in tongues more than everyone, and for good reason, as I will point out.

First, when you and I pray in tongues we build ourselves up spiritually. 1 Corinthians 14:4 says, "He who speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself."

"Edify", comes from the idea of building something. To illustrate, if I am building a house, I lay a foundation, then I install wood for framing and walls, and finally I install

the roof which results in a house.

The point being, I have established something! What praying in tongues does is; it establishes a foundation to be built upon.

The *Living Bible* version translates 1 Corinthians 4:14 this way, "So a person speaks in tongues helps themselves grow spiritually."

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Commended For Their Faith



Caren Susberry
Assistant Pastor

I want to focus on two women called by name in Paul's letter to the young Pastor Timothy. They were in fact the young preacher's mother and grandmother.

Paul wrote to Timothy about his genuine faith which encouraged him, as he sat in a jail cell thinking about it. He told the young Pastor the faith you have was in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice.

The women were commended for their genuine faith because it had been transferred into the heart of Timothy.

"When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" (II Timothy 1:5).

Paul was thanking God in prayer for the faith that dwelled in Timothy but first in his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice.

Pastor George preached on April 24th from this same passage of scripture but where Paul was

charging Timothy to stir up the gift of God which was in him through the laying on of the Apostle Paul's hands and to not be ashamed of the gospel, nor of him because he was in chains.

As I went back to read this passage again, inspired by Pastor George's teaching, I was reminded that Timothy's faith didn't originate with Paul's influence, but with two mothers, who were committed to Jesus.

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Vision:

Share the gospel of Jesus Christ, make disciples and advance Christ Kingdom in our community.

Praying in Tongues...cont.

Now, we may not fully comprehend how spiritual growth happens when we pray in tongues, but we take this revelation of praying in tongues by faith, and faith is the evidence of things not seen.

I do not fully understand how I can breathe in oxygen and how that translates into life and energy in my body. But every time I take a breath, I enjoy the benefits and what it establishes for my health and well-being, whether I fully understand it or not.

Another thing praying in tongues does is it enables us to communicate far beyond the limits of our natural human minds with all its weaknesses and limitations.

I do not always know what I ought to ask for in prayer. I do not always know what I should say to Father God in

prayer.

The Apostle Paul brings this point out in Romans 8:26, “We do not know what we should pray for as we ought... but the Holy Spirit helps us overcome weaknesses.”

For example, if my prayers are for a relative or friend who may be far away and out of contact, I can still pray for them effectively by praying in tongues even though my mind does not have a clue or know what the need is, at the moment that I pray.

The Holy Spirit knows exactly what the need is, and I trust the Holy Spirit on the inside of me to inspire and fuel my praying in tongues.

Finally, praying in tongues is valuable because it is a way that I can talk to God without limitations or

distractions.

1 Corinthians 14:2 says, “For He who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God.”

To be honest, sometimes when we pray in church or in front of people, we try to be so impressive to others with our maturity and knowledge of praying that we do not pray spirit led prayers.

The key to praying, just like the key to singing and worshipping God, IS TO GOD AND NOT PEOPLE!

My prayer for you is that 2022 will be a year of prayer, mainly a year of praying in tongues.

Praying in tongues will open far more benefits, answered prayers and miracles than simply praying in the English (understanding) alone.

Commended...cont.

Mother's as we celebrate Mother's Day, may this article encourage you in your faith. The Word of God says the genuine faith that dwells in son Timothy, first dwelt in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.

Genuine faith means-- sincere faith without hypocrisy. Faith is moral conviction of religious truth or the truthfulness of God.

Timothy's mother believed the Scriptures, lived it, and taught it to Timothy since his youth. “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have

learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (II Tim. 3:14-15).

This tells us these two women in Timothy's life— Walked out the Word of God before Timothy; they lived what they taught him. And as a result of his mother's genuine faith; genuine faith was in him also. What is our take away mothers?

Our takeaway: We have to, on purpose, walk out our faith before our children. To let them see how it's done by watching our lives.

They need to see how you respond in the good times and in bad times. They need to hear you praying and be invited to pray with you.

They need to see you spending time in the Word of God on a regular bases and witness your faithfulness to God and your church.

Let them experience the sweetness of your life in Christ by the way you treat them, their father, and others. Like Lois and Eunice we need to model our faith in God before our children.

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Unified Body ~ **Min. Kayla Metcalf** ~

As Merriam Webster states, a community is a “unified body of individuals”. How is community demonstrated in the Word and in the church today?

The first scripture that comes to mind is 1 Corinthians 12:12 which states, “ For just as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of the body, although they are

many, are one body, thus also Christ” (The Lexham English Bible).

When dissecting this passage we see that members of the church are being compared to a body which in turn is being compared to Christ.

Here, we can consider the body a community. What makes the community

one are the vast members who come together and make a unit under a shared or common goal.

This is what makes a community: sharing, growing, and connecting. Sharing our experiences, growing in Christ and connecting; not just with ourselves but bringing people into the body as well.

Dear Mother Eunice, I was watching TV with my children and I did not like what I saw. I mentioned to my husband that we should switch the children to Christian-only shows, but he says that’s ridiculous. What do you think?

Parenting is done from one of two avenues: faith or fear. It is not easy to raise a godly child in a secular world. But if you are afraid, the devil has already won. Instead, you must recognize that like Esther, your children were born for such a time as this. Faith is trusting that where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. Faith is believing that when you pray over your children, God hears. Faith knows that if you’ve trained your child in the way they should go, they will not depart from that instruction. However, there is nothing wrong with caution.

Let’s cast our eyes to a street. Parenting in fear means that you try to keep your children from ever seeing a street. Parenting in faith means you teach your children to look both ways before they cross the street. At first, you hold their hand. Then, you let them cross alone on a quiet road. Finally, you teach them how to cross at the light when traffic is busy. Because one day, they’ll have to cross that street without you, and they’ll need to be ready.

To answer your question, pray about it, but make sure your reaction is coming from faith rather than fear.

Bible School Classes Are BACK!

Orientation & Balloon Launch:

May 15th 2022

Classes Begin:

May 22nd 2022 - August 21st 2022

see class list on Page 4

Weekly Bible Studies

Young Adult Elevate Bible Study



**Every Thursday at
7pm on Zoom!**

Children’s Ministry Bible Study



**Every Sunday at
10am during service**

Teen’s Ministry Living Proof Bible Study



**Every Wednesday at
7pm at church!**

*Please contact the church for more information regarding all electronic meetings; answering service is 24/7.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Service*

at: 10:00 am

Bible School

at: 8:30 am

Midweek Service

Wednesday at 7pm

*The Nursery & Children's church is open during Sunday 10a service.

Want to Know More About Our Church?



Praise God we paid off our church in 2019 and now we can do some much needed repairs to our church building! Don't forget to finish your Building Fund Pledge!

**Coming in 2022:
Bookstore**

Baptism Sundays!
4th Sunday
of the
Month

Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

1st and 3rd Tuesday

Morning Prayer

10:00am - 11:00am

Every Tuesday

Evening Prayer 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Prayer Conference Call

Every Friday

Men's Prayer

7:30pm - 9:30pm

At Church

Every Saturday

7:00am - 8:30am

At Church While Maintaining Social Distancing Guidelines

Fast Day Every Tuesday

Fast until Noon

Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

Nursery 2 - 5 Yrs

Primary 6 - 8/9 Yrs

Intermediate 9/10 - 12 Yrs

Teenager 13 - High School

Adult 19+

New Members Class

Marriage Class

Come join us!



Attention All Men!

Please park across the street from the church so all ladies, children and visitors can have easier access to church services. Thank you