

**Church Prayer Gathering**  
**Wednesday September 6, 2023**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope”

~ *Romans 15:13*

“Many Christians stand at the edge of cynicism, struggling with a defeated weariness. Their spirits have begun to deaden, but unlike the cynic, they’ve not lost hope. My friend Bryan summarized it this way: ‘I think we have built up scar tissue from our frustrations, and we don’t want to expose ourselves anymore. Fear constrains us’”

~ *Paul Miller*

“Unlike our parents, we never believed in anything. Our defining characteristic is cynicism. But that’s a double-edged sword. It protects you from crushing disappointment, but it paralyzes you from doing anything”

~ *Yoani Sanchez*

“I have become comfortably numb”

~ *Pink Floyd*

- 1 - Cultivate perspective
- 2 - Cultivate hope
- 3 - Cultivate a thankful spirit
- 4 - Cultivate repentance

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** (based on 1 Peter 1)

**Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..

**Leader: ...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you**

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Prayer**

**Song:** *All Creatures of our God and King*

**Bible Teaching** (*Romans 15:13*)

**Rev. Charlie Phillips**

## Group Prayer Time

(Take the liberty to move through these needs as you feel led.)

### Target Groups

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” ~ Matthew 28:18-19a

~ Spend time praying for people in your target groups

- For the Spirit to prompt your hearts towards the harvest around you
- For a breakthrough in conversation with one in your group
- For the courage to actually engage the lost beyond the surface level

### Confession

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ~ Psalm 51:10-12

~ Spend time confessing sin and acknowledging the need for his mercy and forgiveness

- For not fighting cynicism
- For allowing cynicism into your prayer life
- For losing focus on the life-giving hope of Christ

### Thanksgiving

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” ~ Psalm 136:1

~ Spend time sharing the many reasons you’re thankful to God (for His grace, love, sustenance, etc).

- For God’s providence in raising up Dylan and Annie Mann to take the Gospel to Brisbane, Australia
- For record breaking numbers in our nursery and children’s ministry
- For the ministry of the Word and the centrality of the Word at Westminster

~ Feel free to share your personal reasons for thanksgiving.

### Supplication

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ~ 1 Pet. 5:7

~ Pray for:

- Our youth ministry during this transition
- New leaders in our youth and children’s ministries
- 100% assimilation in our Small Groups

~ Feel free to share your needs.

**(7:25) Concluding Corporate Prayer**

**(7:26 PM) Song: *Be Thou My Vision***

### **Benediction**

☞ 09/06 Hot Spot: *Culver’s*

(The next prayer gathering will be **October 4th** at 6:30 pm)