



WHY PRAY?



FEATURE ARTICLE

Written by Hyveth Williams

After studying the subject of prayer for about a year now, I have learned that prayer is an integral part of our lives. It allows us to live wholly for God, as the apostle Paul wrote: “Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering” (**Rom. 12:1**, Message).¹

Prayer interrupts our ambition. Most Christians pray only when in distress. When we get into tight places, logic goes out the window, and we reflexively cry out to God, almost without thinking.

Jesus never referred to unanswered prayers. He said God always answers prayers if they are offered in His name, and according to His will and nature. He said: “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (**John 15:7**). Oswald Chambers remarked that we can always tell whether our will is in what we ask by the way we live when we are not praying.²

Jesus said not to use vain repetitions as the heathen do, who think they will be heard because of the sheer volume or emotion of their words. It’s never our earnestness that brings us in touch with God, but our confidence to enter the presence of God by the blood of Jesus (cf. **Heb. 10:19**).

Prayer nourishes the life of God in us. Ellen White wrote: “Daily prayer is as essential to growth in grace, and even to spiritual life itself, as is temporal food to physical well-being.”³ Jesus’ life was nourished with prayer. Instead of praying as a means of getting things for ourselves, we should pray as Jesus did. When we don’t pray persistently, His indwelling presence becomes weak and we falter at temptation.

Another principle of prayer is that of God’s holiness, purpose, and intent revealed in His character, not just in His “permissive will.” Before the foundation of the world, God’s intent was that there should be no sin, suffering, sickness, limitation, or death. But because of humanity’s fall, God acts according to His permissive will, which means He permits, or allows, these things. Only through the sacrifice of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, can we understand His wise order, and this we do through prayer.

It isn’t as true that prayer changes things as that prayer changes us; then we change things. Therefore, we mustn’t ask God to do that which He has created us to do. For instance, Jesus came to seek and save the lost. In the process He transformed many in His society. When our prayers for the lost are accompanied by our activity on their behalf, society is transformed.

We cannot stand against the wiles of the devil by our wits, only by obedience to God’s Word. That is why the apostle told the believers in Thessalonica to “pray continually” (**1 Thess. 5:17**).

Our prayers should embrace those outside our own narrow interests and circle of acquaintances. Wrote the apostle Paul: “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (**1 Tim. 2:1-4**).

Finally, we must remember to pray for each other. The hymn writer, James D. Vaughn, put it this way:

*“I need the prayers of those I love,
While trav’ling o’er life’s rugged way,
That I may true and faithful be,
And live for Jesus every day.
I want my friends to pray for me,
To bear my tempted soul above,
And intercede with God for me;
I need the prayers of those I love.”⁴*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Evangelistic Campaigns by Children
- 18 World Pathfinder Day #WPD (AM: Local Church)
- 18 Pathfinder Day March (PM: Joint)
- 25 Biblical Symposium & Spirit of Prophecy
- 30 Executive Prayer Meeting
- TBA SBC Youth Choir Re-launch
- TBA Praise & Worship Workshop (proposed)

OCTOBER

- 2 The Pink Impact (WM & Health) IWILLGO: “Cancer Patient/Survivor” Local Church Day of Prayer and Fasting/All Night Prayer Meeting (7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.)
- 7 IWILLGO: “Church Community” Local Church
- 9 IAD ONLINE AY
- 10 Pathfinder Exhibition
- 11 Let’s Move to Live Fun Run
- 10 – 16 C.H.A.M Week of Prayer
- 15 – 16 SBC WM Conclave
- 15 – 17 Public Campus Ministries Weekend
- 16 Spirit of Prophecy Day
- 17 Father and Children Summit
- 17 - 23 Week of Prayer
- 21 Creation Sabbath
- 23 Ministerial Department Deacons and Deaconesses Appreciation (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- 28 Executive Prayer Meeting
- 29 – 31 New Believers Growth Forum
- 30 Park ‘N’ Praise (Joint AY) Communications Leaders Meeting / Production begins for Christmas Broadcasts (ATV)

HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Health Tip

Concerned About COVID19? Hydrotherapy May Play a Role!

*Lessons from Institutions During the 1918
Spanish Flu Pandemic*

Hydrotherapy (the therapeutic use of water) was used effectively during the 1918 pandemic. It primarily works through the body's responses to contrasting cold and heat treatments, which can cause a variety of cellular, vascular, and immune reactions. Hydrotherapy has been used from ancient times until now and was historically a key component in the training of Seventh-day Adventist health-care professionals as well as volunteers. The World Health Organization currently collaborates with the International Society of Medical Hydrology and Climatology to actively investigate the use of hydrotherapy, mineral baths, and other thermal methods to prevent and treat disease. Excerpt

from <https://www.adventistreview.org/concerned-hydrotherapy-may-play-a-role>

-Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Pause & Pray Special Edition
September 29th, 2021 – 12:00p.m - 12:30p.m.

Prayer Focus: Teachers and Students

Zoom ID: 98113813577

Password: 094045

Save The Date

Women's Ministries 2021 Virtual Conclave
October 15-17th, 2021

**Remember to Pause & Pray with us
virtually each Wednesday at noon.**

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.

--Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



HILLVIEW CHURCH

EVANGELISTIC RETENTION TRAINING
Begun September 4th and continues until
September 25th, 2021.

**Purpose of Training: To train and equip new
and old members for evangelism.**

September 18th at 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
with presenters:

Dr. Alphaeus Allick – Topic: Health
Evangelism.

Pastor Peter Joseph – Topic: Lay Preaching
and Bible Counseling

Pastor Michael Toote – Topic: Pulpit Decorum

September 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30p.m.

with presenter: Anthony Czaja, Florida
Gardens, Ak.

Topic: Backyard Farming

Zoom ID: 947-0379-8837

Password: Gd9pvC

All Churches Are Invited to Attend.



MESSAGE OF HOPE CHURCH

Effective Uses of Hydrotherapy Amidst COVID-19 Seminar

Join the Message of Hope Church on Sabbath
September 18th at 5:30p.m. for a presentation on
the *Effective Uses of Hydrotherapy*.

Zoom ID: 242-4274673

-Mrs. Annamae Forbes, Health Leader,
Message of Hope.



Stop Smoking and Breathe Free Community Program

Do you want to stop smoking? You can kick the
habit and improve your health. Tobacco
smoking is a known risk factor for many
respiratory infections, and it increases the
severity of respiratory diseases such as COVID-
19. Participate in the BreatheFree2 plan to stop
smoking and learn how you can become
tobacco free and eliminate this threat to your
health.

BreatheFree2 is an evidence based smoking
cessation seminar that has helped millions of
persons quit smoking. This training seminar
consists of nine 90-minutes sessions and will be
presented virtually on the zoom platform as
follows:

Date: Thursdays, September 23 to November
18, 2021.

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To find out more and register for the seminar,
you may call: (242) 502-4728, or 502- 4862,
or 557-2037.

Sponsors: MOH, HBC, SBC, and PAHO

-Dr. John Carey.



WHAT WE BELIEVE:

BELIEF 23: MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Marriage was divinely established in Eden and
affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between
a man and a woman in loving companionship.
For the Christian a marriage commitment is to

God as well as to the spouse, and should be
entered into only between a man and a woman
who share a common faith. Mutual love, honor,
respect, and responsibility are the fabric of this
relationship, which is to reflect the love,
sanctity, closeness, and permanence of the
relationship between Christ and His church.
Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person
who divorces a spouse, except for fornication,
and marries another, commits adultery.
Although some family relationships may fall
short of the ideal, a man and a woman who fully
commit themselves to each other in Christ
through marriage may achieve loving unity
through the guidance of the Spirit and the
nurture of the church. God blesses the family
and intends that its members shall assist each
other toward complete maturity. Increasing
family closeness is one of the earmarks of the
final gospel message. Parents are to bring up
their children to love and obey the Lord. By
their example and their words, they are to teach
them that Christ is a loving, tender, and caring
guide who wants them to become members of
His body, the family of God which embraces
both single and married persons.

REFERENCES: Gen. 2:18-25; Exod. 20:12;
Deut. 6:5-9; Prov. 22:6; Mal. 4:5, 6; Matt.
5:31, 32; 19:3-9, 12; Mark 10:11, 12; John 2:1-
11; 1 Cor. 7:7, 10, 11; 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:21-
33; 6:1-4.

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