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"Come now,
let us reason,"
says the LORD:
"though your sins
are scarlet red,
they shall be clean
as newfallen snow;
although you are
stained crimson
I will make you
white as wool."

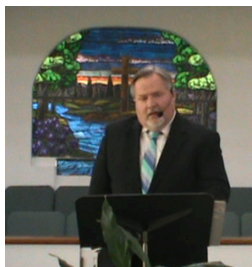
{Isaiah 1:18}



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Bro. Jeff
Encouragement
THE PASTOR



“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.”

(Ephesians 6:18-19 CSB)

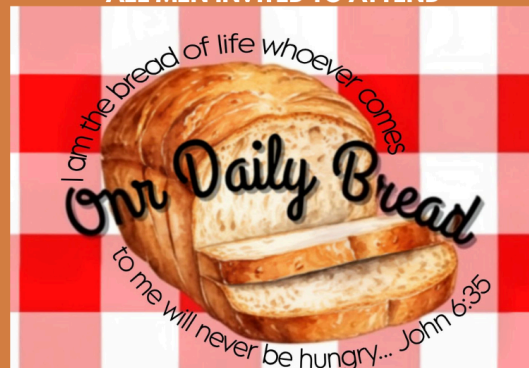
The idea that power is inherent in prayer is a very popular one. According to the Bible, the power of prayer is, quite simply, the power of God, who hears and answers prayer. Consider the following:

1) The Lord God Almighty can do all things; there is nothing impossible for Him (Luke 1:37). “For nothing will be impossible with God.” ESV “For no word from God will ever fail.” 2) The Lord God Almighty invites His people to pray to Him. Prayer to God should be made... **PERSISTENTLY** (LUKE 18:1) “Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not become

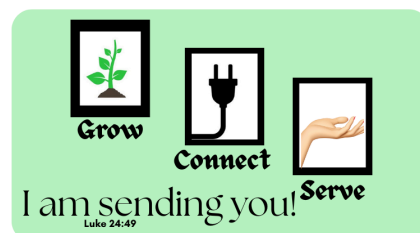
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Pastor’s Prayer Breakfast

ALL MEN INVITED TO ATTEND



Join Pastor Fuller each Tuesday morning beginning September 9 for a time of prayer, fellowship, and great food. All men are welcomed to attend!



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discouraged," WITH THANKSGIVING
(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

*Don't worry about anything, but in everything,
through prayer and petition with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.*

IN FAITH (JAMES 1:5)

*Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God
—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—
and it will be given to him.*

WITHIN THE WILL OF GOD (MATTHEW 6:10)
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD (JOHN 14:13-14)

*Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that
the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

FROM A HEART RIGHT WITH GOD (JAMES 5:16)
*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and
pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful
in its effect.*

3) The Lord God Almighty hears the prayers of His
children. He commands us to pray, and He
promises to listen when we do. "In my distress I
called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came
before him, into his ears" (Psalm 18:6)

4) The Lord God Almighty answers prayer. "*I call on
you, O God, for you will answer me*" (Psalm 17:6).
"*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles*" (Psalm
34:17).

Another popular idea is that the amount of faith
we have determines whether or not God will
answer our prayers. However, sometimes the Lord
answers our prayers in spite of our own lack of
faith. In Acts 12, the church prays for Peter's
release from prison (v. 5), and God answers their
prayer (vv. 7-11). Peter goes to the door of the
prayer meeting and knocks, but those who are
praying refuse at first to believe that it is really
Peter. They prayed he would be released, but they
failed to expect an answer to their prayers.

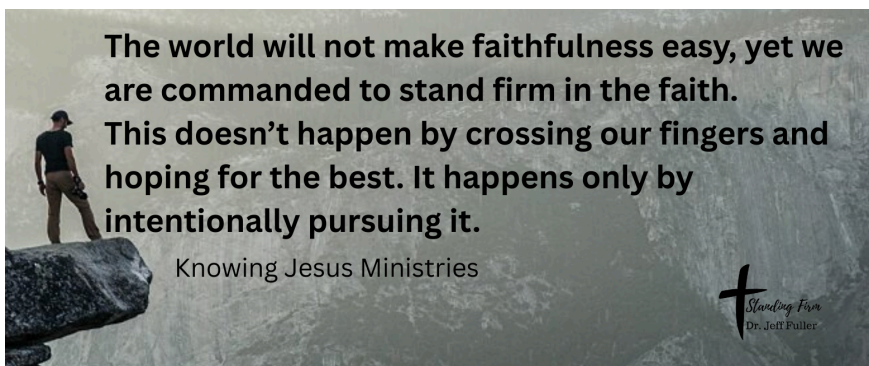
The power of prayer does not flow from us; it is
not special words we say or the special way we say
them or even how often we say them. The power of
prayer is not based on a certain direction we face
or a certain position of our bodies. The power of
prayer does not come from the use of artifacts or
icons or candles or beads.

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As of July, the monthly newsletter will be available
on the website tab DIGITAL COMMUNICATION.
Due to the increase in postage, the newsletter will
no longer be mailed to individuals; yet copies will
be available in the Atrium.

By this change, we are advancing into the present.
We live in a digital world, using PDF documents in
many areas of our lives, therefore this is just a
another way for you to help us save financially and
globally.



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The power of prayer comes from the omnipotent One who hears our prayers and answers them. Prayer places us in contact with Almighty God, and we should expect almighty results, whether or not He chooses to grant our petitions or deny our requests. Whatever the answer to our prayers, the God to whom we pray is the source of the power of prayer, and He can and will answer us, according to His perfect will and timing.



"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."
C.S. Lewis

Good Ole Sunday School



That special time before worship or as some use to call, "BIG CHURCH," is a time of fellowship, encouragement, and digging in to the Word of God. It is called by a many names: Sunday School,

Bible Study, Small Group. What we call this unique time depends on the structure of the church organization or the people you are trying to reach.

We use Bible Study and we meet at 10 AM. Since the 2020 Curse, we have attempted to maintain the adult classes and focused on pushing the Worship Celebration at 11 AM. In doing so we have built an average attendance over 40; with Bible Study being average attendance of 25.

To boost our Sunday Bible Study hour we have added the children class back to the weekly schedule. Mary Emily Jacobs, Judy Long and Lilly Lynch are working to lead ages 3 to 12 year old.

Let folks know, invite friends, neighbors, family to join you for Bible Study at Rockford Church.

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"You will go through the fire and not be burned..."

Isaiah 43: 2

New Media Production

Five years ago we expanded our media through Facebook and YouTube. Our morning worship services are broadcasted live-uncut and unedited.

During that time we began broadcasting a morning devotion each day of the week (Monday-Friday), which also been live, with the exception of several times where we have posted a pre-recorded video.

Both of these have blessed many individuals. Some live outside the area, while others might live in the area and unable to attend in person. We have heard from many individuals who are thankful for the opportunity to worship and learn at their convenience.

Special occasions, such as revivals or special programs have been broadcasted live or recorded and shown at a later date.

With the offering of these media productions, we are truly exalting the Savior, equipping the Saints, and evangelizing the Sinners. We are carrying the message of Christ to the world.

When we talk about reaching the world, we do have individuals who attend the services from various places in the United States and around the world (Japan, Laos, and Philippines). What a wonderful opportunity we have in reaching people.

With these opportunities, we will add an additional media product in September. To advance the message of standing firm in our faith, we will be producing Season 1;



beginning in the month of September. The plan will be to produce 12 episodes for each season. The seasons will be in the fall of the year, with an emphasis on discipleship, following Jesus, and a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.



STANDING FIRM; THE PODCAST will be posted to the YouTube channel, Jeff Fuller, Standing Firm and will be available to view on the rockfordbaptistchurch.org website. By using the QR Code below, you will be taken directly to the page on the website, hosting the podcast.

Come join the adventure as we learn together how to STAND FIRM in Jesus Christ.



What the World needs Now!

Dr. Jeff Fuller

Over the past two weeks, I have found myself humming the same two songs again and again. You have been there, haven't you? The song seeps into your head, rolls around and around like the water in a washing machine, and at some point, begins to flow out from your mouth like a waterfall gushing over rocks and rills.

Honestly, I have found myself not just humming, but singing these two songs at the top of my lungs.

"What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
No not just for some but for everyone.
Lord, we don't need another mountain,
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross,
Enough to last till the end of time.
Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are cornfields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams
enough to shine
Oh listen, lord, if you want to know.
No, not just for some, oh, but just for everyone!"

(Source: [LyricFind](#); Songwriters: Burt F. Bacharach / Hal David; What the World Needs Now Is Love lyrics © Warner Chappell Music, Inc, BMG Rights Management, Royalty Network)

Love, sweet love is an answer for the world we live in; a world broken, as if beyond repair. We have issues and problems on every side. Insurmountable things without any solution. Yet, what is most disheartening with the dawning of each new day a new problem appears more complex and becomes another number on a growing list of demands for attention.

Congress will make laws.

Organizations will press for reforms.

Individuals will raise up grassroots efforts to clean up or make changes.

These are good thoughts, but the ultimate answer is not in making laws, establishing reforms, and making efforts to clean up.

How it is possible to live in a fallen world?

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (Matthew 5:44-45 CSB)

Until next time...

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JOIN US!

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM Sunday School | Bible Study
11:00 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION
(Sanctuary/Online Campus)
6:00 PM SHORT-TERM DISCIPLSHIP

WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Standing Firm Devotion (Online)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Prayer and Inspiration (FLC)

Wing His Words Pam Ford Davis

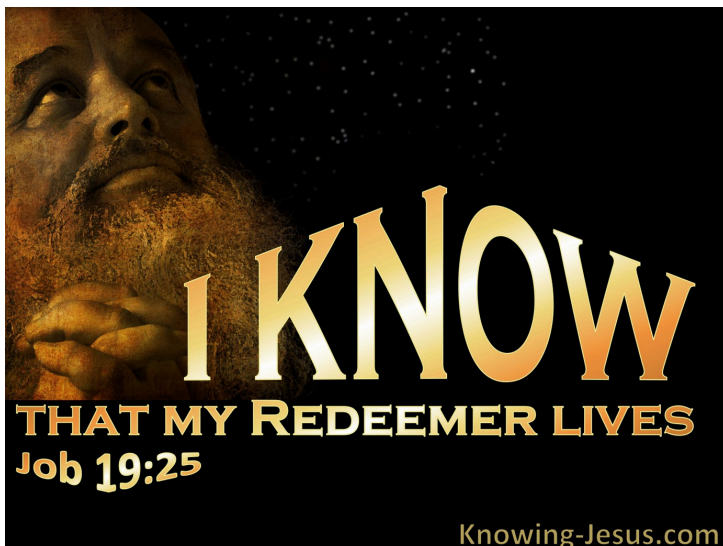
Playtime

School age children spend long hours studying and working on their lessons. The schoolroom is their main place of study but many are not finished when the final bell rings. Their teachers assign additional study as homework.

Children need education but also need the fun and playtime of recess. Well informed elementary school teachers allow their classes regular opportunities for both indoor and outdoor play.

Do you play: are you playing church?

"And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear my words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after covetousness. And, lo thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not (Ezekiel 33:31-32 KJV)."

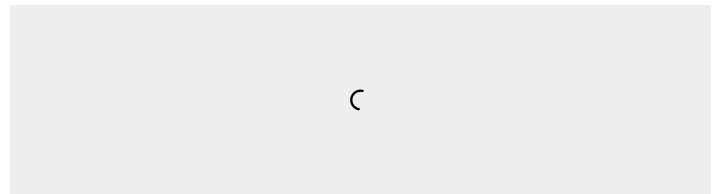


God doesn't want us to play church.

He wants us to worship.

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24 KJV)."

There's a time for work and a time for play. It's always time to worship. The Father seeks...



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Friday's

Monthly @ RBC

(On dates below)

September 19
October 17
November 21
December 12

**A time of fellowship, food, and
door prizes!**