



God Centered Growth

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Reasons to Pray

Psalm 25:1-22

What motivates you to talk with God? Throughout the Scriptures, we are commanded to pray. In fact, Jesus—the Son of God—considered prayer so essential that He regularly left the crowds to seek time alone with His Father (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16). Any relationship requires communication if it is to grow and flourish, and that includes our relationship with God.

David was a man who knew the Lord intimately. Since he recorded many of his prayers in the psalms, we are able to catch a glimpse of his heart as he poured out his soul before the Lord. Today's passage shows us five reasons that we, too, should come to God in prayer:

- 1. Guidance** (Psalm 25:4-5). If we ask, the Lord will lead and teach us.
- 2. Forgiveness** (Psalm 25:7; Psalm 25:11). Each day we need God's cleansing for sin and His power to repent and turn back to Him.
- 3. Decisions** (Psalm 25:12). When we reverentially fear God, He instructs us in the way we should choose.
- 4. Trouble** (Psalm 25:16-18). When we're overwhelmed by difficulties, no one can comfort us like the Lord.
- 5. Protection** (Psalm 25:19-20). God is the one who guards our soul and rescues us from the enemy's attacks.

When we seek the Lord, He becomes our refuge. God understands our weaknesses and invites us to come to Him with all our concerns. It's in the intimacy of prayer that we learn to know His faithfulness, compassion, and love. Then we can say, as David did, "O my God, in You I trust" (Psalm 25:2)

Prayer requests for this week:

- Alana Hash for health concerns
- David Ball had a pacemaker implanted, and he is recovering from pneumonia.
- Dottie Graham is doing well enough to drive herself to rehab.
- Crystal Price's friend, Missy, will have surgery this Thursday. Missy was injured in a fall at the Dollar General Store.
- Winebarger, Chester, and Bowers families
- Charlie asked that we keep him in our prayers.
- Vickie Mullins' biological father has large cell lymphoma.
- Mark Dietrich's mother has a heart condition.



VBS Kick-off Luncheon

We will kick off Vacation Bible School with a hot dog luncheon this Sunday, June 3. Join us after the worship service for a good meal and fellowship. Please be in prayer for the teachers, the helpers, and especially the children we hope will be led to Christ.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study on 1, 2, 3 John and Jude: Learning and Living the Truth will conclude tomorrow (May 30). Leigh asks that we read Session 3: 'The Truth About the Difference Jesus Makes'.

Welcome Kendall !



Kendall Rylee Maggard was born May 23, weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and 20 inches tall. Great-grandparents Bill and Rue Gembach say Kendall is perfect!

**As you pray this week,
please remember the
following.**

David & Jewell Ball
Helen Bass
Charlene Bates
Libby Bowman
Gail Buchanan
Jim Campbell
Jim & Sherry Collie
Linda Cooke
Tim Cox
Rhonda Elliott
Family of Tyler Flanary
Rue Gembach
Wayne Harrison
Emma Harrod
Alana Hash
Mary Haynes
Sue Hobbs
Rosalind Hunt
Elee Large
Maddie Lewis
Family of Lann Malesky
Jim & Wanda Manicure
Eugene Mullins
Tracy Ott
Donna Owens
Robertta Owens
Wilma Redman
Leah Riley
Margaret Riner
Bea Simmons
Tammy Sturgill
Marilyn Teasley
Joseph Thomas
Beverly Viers
Susan Gillenwater Wells
Brenda Whitaker
Little Ed Withrow
Our country's leaders
First responders, volunteers
Armed Services men and women
Missionaries
Nursing home patients



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*"What is faith? It is the
confident assurance that what
we hope for is going to happen.
It is the evidence of things we
cannot yet see."*

Hebrews 11:1-2

**Women's Mission
Action Group**

**1 p.m. Monday, June 4
Prime Sirloin**



*"Is the hour you spend in church your
Happy Hour?"*

Pastor Mark Dixon

May Birthdays

**4 ~ Madison Milam
5 ~ Ed Withrow
8 ~ Alex Dixon
16 ~ Noah Mullins
18 ~ Stewart Spradlin
25 ~ Landon Rakes
26 ~ Ken Owens**

Happy Birthday

First Baptist Church of Norton gives anyone the chance to come together and worship with like-minded congregants as members of a strong, loving community. Whether you're looking for peace of mind, a way to give back, or simply want to be a part of a loving family — First Baptist Church of Norton welcomes you. Join our community, and start your journey to God-centered growth with us!

How to join FBC Norton

- Baptism—You desire to express faith in Christ through baptism.
- Transfer—You wish to transfer membership from another church.
- Statement of Faith—You are a baptized believer and come on statement of faith.
- Watch Care—You would like to be connected to our church family without official membership.

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