

Hillside Happenings

September &
October 2023
Newsletter



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PK's Points: Pray On

"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

We have reached one of the most hectic times of the year as so many families gear up and get back to the routine of school. Schedules get fuller, the amount of activity increases, and the rat-race enters another labyrinth of figuring out priorities, meeting deadlines, and making the best use of our time.

In the course of all of this – let's not forget to Pray On. Pray On can refer to our act of taking a look at something that might be new to us and praying about or over or on the subject – "Let me pray on that and I'll get back to you." Or it can be the ongoing discipline of praying throughout the course of business – "let's just keep praying-on as we go through life." Regardless of how we use it, I want to remind us of the importance of prayer especially when our schedules are full. I give this reminder because I know that oftentimes it is our prayer-life that suffers when life gets busy. And when life gets busy, it is when Satan loves to tempt us with doubt, fear, and worry and tempt us towards fleshly lusts or shifting over to a worldly mindset. But prayer gives us the spiritual power and strength that we need to overcome temptation because prayer keeps us aligned with the Lord. Prayer keeps us in fellowship with Christ and helps us cultivate a closeness with Him. And we know prayer along with scripture strengthens us to stand firm against our adversary.

Therefore, it is no wonder that Ephesians 6:18 is found at the end of the passage in which we are commanded to put on our spiritual armor. For that passage concludes with this final charge – to pray, and to pray on with the characteristics described in this verse.

1. To pray "with all prayer and supplication" – meaning that we pray with variety.

Sometimes we are agonizing over matters that break our heart as we ache for people to have a close walk with the Lord. Sometimes we pray with supplication, petitioning God for a specific request of ours or others. And sometimes we pray with a worshipful heart as we express our love and gratitude for Who God is and how He continues to bless us.

2. To pray "always" – meaning that we pray with frequency, always ready to communicate with our Lord and Savior.

3. To pray "in the Spirit" – recognizing that the Holy Spirit indwells us and intercedes for us and that our prayers are truly "in the Spirit" as we bow and submit to God's will being done concerning those things we entrust to Him.

4. To pray "being watchful" – which means that we expect God's answer to come and that His ultimate dealing with matters of our spiritual battle will culminate in the return of Christ to receive His bride.

5. To pray "with all perseverance" – meaning that we are not to give up or give in, but that we are to pray on, offering continual praise and requests unto Him with persistency.

6. To pray for "all saints" – which includes each other. Let's make sure that we are praying for one another, helping carry each other's burdens to the Lord. That we pray for each other's spiritual lives as well as our own, praying that we would manifest the love of Christ with those we interact with as we choose righteousness and share of the hope that lies within us.

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So, I encourage us to Pray On. To pray about matters that you and others are dealing with and to continue praying throughout the busyness of the year. We have much to pray for:

- pray for those at Hillside who are school teachers – that they would model Christ as they teach.
- pray for Hillside students – that they would choose righteousness and have a good testimony.
- pray for our release-time programs – that God’s Word would be taught to school students.
- pray for our farmers – that they would be safe and be praising the Lord for a good harvest.
- pray for our trades-people – that they would stay safe and honor Christ with their work.
- pray for our business personnel– that they would have wisdom and boldness to stand for truth.
- pray for your pastors and deacons – that we would lead well, and study and share effectively.
- pray for our young families – that parents would have discernment and children would obey.
- pray for families with teens – that parents would be firm but fair and teens would be respectful.
- pray for our homes – that they would be God-centered and pleasing to Him.
- pray for our church – that we would be faithful to the Word and grow in our walk with Christ.
- pray for our church – that we would minister unto one another well.
- pray for our church – that we might reach the lost with the Gospel.
- pray for our church – that those searching for a solid, Bible-teaching church might join us.
- pray for our church – that our Men’s Ministry would get off to a great start.
- pray for our church – that families would choose to benefit from Word of Life and Synergy.
- pray for our church – that our worship team would continue to lead us well in spirit and truth.
- pray for our church – that God would show us how to continue to grow our ministries. (land?)

Here’s just a few things you can Pray On (about) as we Pray On (continuance). Thank you for your ministry of prayer.



Men’s Ministry

Men of Hillside! You should have received a short survey in your church mailbox about a new ministry to men that is happening soon. If you did not receive one, please see Scott Mason. This survey gives you a voice on how this can be the most effective ministry to YOU. **This ministry will be presented during Sunday school on Sunday, September 17** (Ladies will meet separately that morning), and our **first corporate activity will be October 21st!**

See Scott Mason or Lee King if you have any questions.

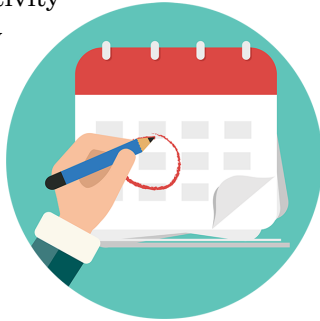
2023 Church Calendar

September 2023

- 9/3 Carry-In
- 9/5 Deacon's Meeting
- 9/10 Synergy Fundraiser Meeting (mandatory)
- 9/11 Synergy Sausage Stand Fundraiser @ the Fair
- 9/17 Worship Team Practice
- 9/17 Rittman Community Singing in the Park
- 9/23 Synergy Outdoor Movie Night
- 9/24 Synergy "For Parents Only" Night

October 2023

- 10/1 All-Church Fall Harvest Party
**No Carry-In Lunch on 10/1*
- 10/3 Deacon's Meeting
- 10/4 Congregational Business Meeting
- 10/15 Worship Team Practice
- 10/21 Men's Ministry Activity
- 10/22 Synergy Fall Party



November 2023

- 11/3 Synergy REVERB All-Nighter
- 11/5 Carry-In
- 11/7 Deacon's Meeting
- 11/17-18 Ladies Retreat
- 11/19 Worship Team Practice
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Eve Service

December 2023

- 12/3 Carry-In
- 12/5 Deacon's Meeting
- 12/6 Business Meeting (Nominations)
- 12/10 Live Nativity
- 12/13 Caroling
- 12/17 Christmas Sunday (SS Program/PM Music)
- 12/20 No Mid-Week Services
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service (6pm)
- 12/27 No Mid-Week Services

**All Dates and Events are subject to change*

Skyview Ranch Retreats

Check out what is happening at Skyview Ranch this fall! You can find out more information for any of these retreats on Skyview's website.

**Father & Son
Campout:**
Sept. 15-16

Ladies Retreats:
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1
Oct. 6-8

**Young Adults
Retreat:**
Dec. 30-Jan. 1

SKYVIEWRANCH

<https://www.skyviewranch.org/>

Upcoming Events



ALL-CHURCH FALL HARVEST PARTY

SUNDAY, OCT. 1ST

All Church Fellowship

@ Roy & Lisa Mangun's House

13693 Friendsville Road, Burbank

5:00–8:00pm (eat @ 5:30)

Meat, buns, and drinks provided

Bring sides and desserts to share

**FOOD, GAMES, HAYRIDE
AND MORE...**

SAVE THE DATE:

LADIES RETREAT

November 17-18

It's that time of year again! This evening away is always a good time to recharge before the busy holiday season.

Good food, encouragement and lots of laughs are always on the agenda!

We hope that you will plan to join us this year.

**Watch for
more details
coming soon!**



Rittman Community “Singing in the Park” Sunday, September 17 | 3:00pm



All are invited to join community members at First Street Park on Sunday, September 17th for a time of gospel music provided by local musicians and singers. Free hotdogs, ice cream and pop will be provided. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy fellowship and music.

In the case of rain, the event will take place at South Main Street Church of God.

Synergy Snapshot

Wednesday Teaching Series:

September – BASIC TRAINING

This four-lesson series covers the essential topics of salvation, personal quiet time, Scripture Memory, and spiritual disciplines.



October – JAIL BREAK

This four-lesson series covers doctrinal truth about the topic of sin. It specifically deals with the topics of freedom from sin, pride, forgiveness, and new life in Christ.

Sunday School Teaching Series:

The High School class will continue their study of the Early Church through the Book of Acts..

Middle School will be studying "Foundations".

Synergy Fall Events:

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| Sept. 10 | Fundraiser Meeting: <i>Mandatory for all volunteers!</i> |
| Sept. 11 | Sausage Stand Fundraiser @ the Fair |
| Sept. 23 | Outdoor Movie Night @ Turpins |
| Sept. 24 | Synergy's 1st Annual "For Parents Only" Night |
| Oct. 22 | Synergy Fall Party @ Masters |
| Nov. 3 | REVERB All-Nighter in Cleveland |

Parents of Synergy Teens are invited to join us for dinner and a night of encouragement here at the church at 5:30pm!

Synergy GO Team Fundraiser

Monday, Sept. 11 @ the Wayne County Fair

Our teens will be serving food at Bob's Sausage wagon on the Monday of the Fair (large Italian sausage stand by the grandstands - beside Lerch's). A large portion of the days proceeds and all tips from the day will go toward our GO Team 2024 trip.

Please plan to stop by & support our teens on Monday, Sept. 11!



We are stilling looking for a few more individuals to help us fill volunteer time-slots throughout the day. If you are interested in more information, please contact Seka Masters.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School



September starts a new year for our Sunday School classes! Here is a snapshot of what our students are learning during the Fall semester:

Class:

Ages 2-3

Ages 4-K

Grades 1st-3rd

Grades 4th-5th

Teacher:

Rosemary Peters

Lillie Kollert

Mary Lynn Frary

Bonnie Baughman

Lessons:

Jesus Provides for Us

God Leads

God Speaks

God is Worth Loving

Junior Church / Kids' Church

Jr. Church (Age 2 1/2 - PreK) is available starting at 9:50am and provides a review and activity that goes along with the lesson taught during the 2-3s Sunday School class, while also playing with friends! **Kids' Church** (K - 4th Grade) is dismissed during service (typically after the 3rd congregational song). This class will continue to learn from the person and teaching of Jesus himself in their study of the New Testament.



Word of Life

Wednesdays @ 7 pm

August 30th kicked off a new year of WOL! We are excited to provide age-appropriate classes for WOL again this year! **Gopher Buddies** (Age 3 1/2-PreK) and **Olympians** (K-5th Grade) have an exciting year ahead where children will learn lessons about many individuals from the Bible and will see how those people point us to our need for Jesus. Singing, Games, and Scripture Memory are also a part of each week! If you have questions about what your child can do to work toward an Olympian medal, see Rebecca Bowlby!

**HE'S GOT THE
WHOLE WORLD IN
HIS HANDS!**

