

Prayer Ministry

“Pray continually.”
1Th 5:15

December 12, 2009 Prayer Ministry Lunch Notes

- New Sunday Class on Prayer at 9:00am, led by Dan Monahan, with resource book *The Ministry of Intercession* by Andrew Murray.
- Over 40 people attended providing input and a desire to be involved.
- A two day prayer seminar is in the works to be presented in the first half of 2010.
- Chris and Gaye Lauritzen will be prayer ministry contacts.
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Prayer: Our Link To The Lord

“Devote yourselves to prayer.” Col 4:2

In each church service we pray at least three or four times. That does not include our songs which, in many ways, are scripted prayers of rejoicing. But how comfortable are you in your prayer life?

We are in the beginning stages of redefining the prayer ministry at Valley Springs. Our church was founded in prayer and continues to rely on prayer in every aspect of church life. Today, though, we’re asking the congregation if we might not be able to enrich our prayer life if we become more intentional



in our approach.

We’re seeking your input on how we might improve the numerous prayer-based programs available including the weekly prayer ministers, the prayer chain, our prayer outreach programs, pastoral prayers and other programs such as the

meals ministry or the toolbox ministry which certainly provide opportunities for prayer.

And then there are the many questions that surround prayer. Is there a right and wrong way to pray? How can I improve my corporate prayer life? What should I expect from prayer?

Prayer is far too important to our spiritual life to ignore. If you have thoughts about the prayer ministry at VSPC please call Chris or Gaye Lauritzen at (916) 786-6696 or feel free to pass along your comments to any member of the pastoral staff.

Saturday/Sunday Service Prayer Ministry is Evolving

To begin with, a word of sincere thanks is due to all those who have dedicated themselves to praying for others as a prayer minister after Saturday and Sunday services. Some days it can be a lonely ministry. But it’s always an important one.

We’ve received several

suggestions on ways to make the ministry more effective. Some of the guys have talked about how their location at the front of the church makes it difficult to be heard. A request has been made for a follow-up process. Others have requested more training. All sug-

gestions are appreciated and will be discussed and prayed about.

Effective January 4, Chris and Gaye Lauritzen will take over scheduling duties. Many thanks to Teresa Campbell for coordinating the program since it began eight years ago.