

# Women Of The Word

## Welcome

Am I actively seeking God's will in my life? This question is on my heart after John's most recent sermon. Am I so busy worrying about aspects of my life that are in the secret will of God that I don't push forward in pursuing the revealed will of the Lord? God has revealed so much of Himself through His word. He has revealed how I can run after Him, serve Him, and glorify Him. These are the things I should focus on.

Am I loving God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength? What about loving others as Jesus loves us? Jesus promises in Matthew 6 that when I seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, God will take care of the rest. What a beautiful promise—praise God!!

Blessings,  
Melanie Woltje,  
Women's Ministry Team Leader

## Mission Statement

FBC Women's Ministry exists to empower our ladies to use their God-given gifts in accordance with God's will.



## Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5:00 pm - Church - Old Testament Expedition Study - This study is open to men and women to discuss our [Old Testament Reading Plan](#).

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am -  
Joan Little's Home (26675 P Rd) - Topic Varies

“Worship: From Eden to Eternity” -  
Mondays @ 6:30 pm & Wednesdays @ 5:30pm,  
Fellowship Hall



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 22 - GNO @ Trail's @ 6:15

Saturday, November 16 - OCC Shoebox Packing Party

The 2nd Tuesday of each month we meet @ Jhett's @ 11:30.

\*\*\*These dates are subject to change.\*\*\*





# Spiritual Disciplines: Corporate Prayer



An important element of a healthy prayer life is corporate prayer. Not only are we called to pray on our own, but we are also commanded to pray with and for others. Scripture is full of examples of the people of God gathering together to pray as one body. When the New Testament church was inaugurated in Acts 2, the Bible says the newly Spirit-filled Christians, “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). The apostles prayed over people who were assigned to serve in specific capacities in Acts 6. Paul frequently called upon his readers to pray for him and for other believers. Praying with and for one another is a given for the NT church. This spiritual discipline is important to the spiritual health of believers individually and collectively, but it does not happen without intentionality. We must first cultivate the discipline of gathering together. Corporate prayer occurs best in the context of relationships formed in a local body of believers.

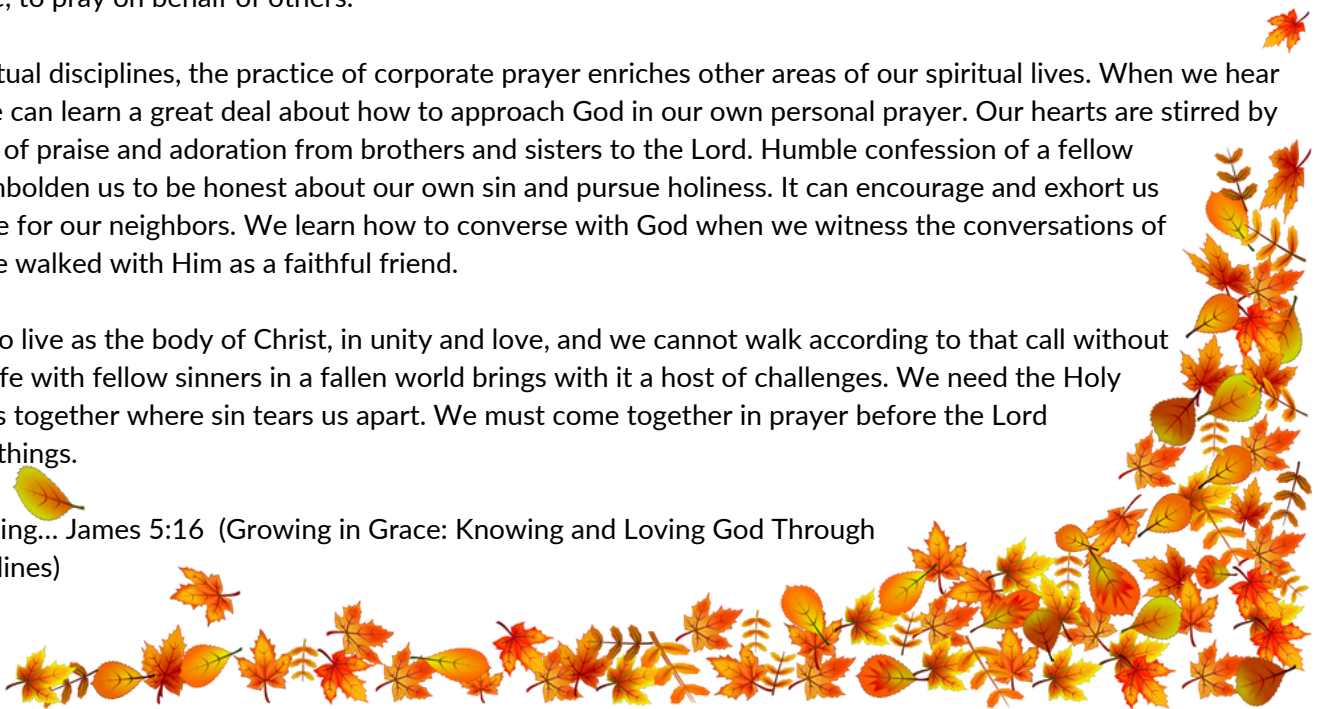
For some churches, corporate prayer looks like a prayer spoken aloud by a pastor or other leader while the congregation prays along silently. In other churches, attenders join together in praying aloud during liturgical movements. Through prayer liturgy, the local body of believers joins together in one voice to proclaim adoration for the Lord, confess sins, and call upon God for help. Praying structured prayers in a worship gathering causes us to focus our prayers on areas we might otherwise overlook or avoid. Our hearts are knit together as we seek God with common praise, common requests, and common confessions. Corporate prayer helps the body of Christ to grow together in love and unity in Him.

Praying with others can be especially fruitful in the context of a smaller group. Gatherings of believers like Bible studies and community groups provide space for people to pray together and for one another in a more intimate setting. When we press into a community with the willingness to be vulnerable, we open ourselves up to the opportunity to receive prayer from others and to receive healing from our sin and brokenness. The prayers of God’s people are powerful because our God who answers prayers is powerful. The act of praying together deepens and strengthens relationships. When we pray for one another, we are committing to the sanctification of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and that commitment carries over into the way that we sacrificially love and serve them. We are called to believe in the power of prayer and, out of love, to pray on behalf of others.

Like other spiritual disciplines, the practice of corporate prayer enriches other areas of our spiritual lives. When we hear others pray, we can learn a great deal about how to approach God in our own personal prayer. Our hearts are stirred by the outpouring of praise and adoration from brothers and sisters to the Lord. Humble confession of a fellow believer can embolden us to be honest about our own sin and pursue holiness. It can encourage and exhort us to love and care for our neighbors. We learn how to converse with God when we witness the conversations of those who have walked with Him as a faithful friend.

We are called to live as the body of Christ, in unity and love, and we cannot walk according to that call without prayer. Living life with fellow sinners in a fallen world brings with it a host of challenges. We need the Holy Spirit to bind us together where sin tears us apart. We must come together in prayer before the Lord who is over all things.

Additional reading... James 5:16 (Growing in Grace: Knowing and Loving God Through Spiritual Disciplines)



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