



Did you know?

We are on social media! We have a Facebook page, a Facebook group, and an Instagram account!

What's the difference between our Facebook PAGE vs Facebook GROUP?

LWCC's Facebook Page is where you will find information about Living Word Christian Church. Make sure you like the page in order to see all posts. This is where you would direct your friends and family when they want to know the who, what, when, where, and purpose of LWCC.

LWCC's Facebook Group is a private group where posts will be made to communicate to all members of the church. Only members of the church has access to the page in order to control who gets to see meeting links and codes.

Want to be part of a ministry?

We have many ministries you can be a part of! Interested? Check out our website to see who the team leads are and how to contact them!

Be part of the LWCC Family now!

Church Events

- **Submit your prayer requests online, we would love to pray for you!**
- **Pre-register to attend the Easter Service in person.**

Pastor's Corner

The End of Prayer?

Dr. Brad Crossley

Seldom have I regularly attended a church-sponsored prayer meeting. You know the one I mean -- the traditional Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting. Even though I had been hosting such a meeting at LWCC, as of April 1 it was discontinued. I have often been disappointed by the traditional church-sponsored prayer meeting because instead of prayer I too often heard in the guise of prayer, church announcements, gossip about a needy or sinful church member, personal travelogues and family updates, criticisms about church ministries or leaders, sermons and sermonettes, and about how grandma's new cookie recipe was a huge hit at the last church potluck. The great evangelist Dwight L. Moody was known to have a very practical mind and he never let a meeting get out of hand. One practice that particularly irritated him was the long public prayer. During one service he said to his song leader, Ira Sankey, "Lead us in a hymn while our brother is finishing his prayer."

I am not suggesting that any of the above realities are reason enough to stop praying, so don't panic over the condition of my soul. The end of prayer? No. But many Christians need to learn how to pray properly and how to pray better. I believe in prayer. I know we need to pray. I know we must pray. The place for prayer is *everywhere* (1 Timothy 4.8). The time for prayer is *always* (Luke 18.1). The subject of prayer is *everything* (Philippians 4.6).

But is it time to end the traditional Wednesday Night Prayer meeting? Yes. Our corporate prayer times will now occur primarily in the setting of our Home Care Groups (HCGs). This will be an excellent venue to learn how to pray properly and how to pray better. At our other weekly, monthly, and annual church ministries we will have opportunities to pray, and we will even plan special "prayer focused" events. But over the coming months we will be preparing our HCGs to become the hub of activity at LWCC. The HCGs will be:

- Focused on discipleship. HCGs will help us to grow in the faith through teaching the Word.
- Focused on fellowship. HCGs will help us to grow in friendship through general visiting, sharing with, and encouraging one another.
- Focused on "Member Care." HCGs will provide practical support to one another in their group.
- Focused on "Neighbor Care." HCGs will identify and meet practical needs of acquaintances who do not attend LWCC.
- Focused on prayer. HCGs will worship God and petition him to meet specific needs of group members and to save those who are not believers.
- Focused on evangelism. HCGs, through Neighbor Care and prayer, will propel the gospel message.

If you have not yet joined a Home Care Group, I'd recommend you do so. You can do so now or at the very latest, join during our upcoming summer promotion. You will not be disappointed.

And now for a brief word from our Sponsor. Take a moment to read 2 Chronicles 14.8-13. Judah is about to be attacked by an army of a million men and 300 chariots. Asa cries out to God in prayer. Consider how Asa prayed:

- He was earnest. He "cried to."
- He was personal. He "cried to the LORD his God."
- He was worshipful. He declared "O LORD, there is none like you."
- He was specific. "Help us."
- He was believing. He said "We rely on you, and in your name we have come . . . O LORD, you are our God."

The result of this prayer was that God answered – "The LORD defeated" the enemy. If we can learn to pray as simply and powerfully as Asa did, there will be no end of effective prayer in our personal lives and in our HCGs, and there will be no end to God answering our prayers.