

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

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August traditionally starts Fall, or the “*dog days*” of Summer. “*Traditionally*” means in Northern Europe and North America because the rest of the world runs on different weather calendars. That said, that’s where we are and it’s very difficult to think about life without thinking about the weather. In July we had incredible summer weather with fluctuating temperatures and no rain. Several weeks ago, we had high temps and rain almost every day. Sounds like a “*traditional*” end of the summer season, doesn’t it?

Ever wonder if it changes? Is it like this when we’re at war? What about when it’s an election year and we stand a scary chance of having a woman president? Was it like this during the pandemic year?

Yeah, *it changes*. The weather, the politics, the unseen emergencies, the power struggles – all of those unpredictable matters overwhelm the seasonal changes and suddenly weather doesn’t matter. Well, it matters, but not as much. In those times what matters most is spiritual reality. Suddenly, we’re thinking about God more, wondering if we’re pleasing Him enough, especially in the light of the soon rapture of the church. Does He care as much about us as we care about Him? If He does, why doesn’t He show it?

“*Why*” questions matter because they turn us to the deeper things in life. But “*why*” questions do not address daily decision-making or provide for us. “*Why*” questions address our future, though, and clarify what really matters most. Welcome to the end of summer. God’s Word addresses what really matters about our future and our questions in Isaiah 49:9-10 (Amplified Bible):

[Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end *and* the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure *and* purpose.

# Welcome!

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024



*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid’s Club  
Prayer ½ hour before services

PRAYING TO PLEASE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – suspended until further notice.

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VBS Is Here! Annual VBS begins tomorrow August 19th ending the 23rd, 6 – 8 P.M. If you still wish to participate, please come. God will richly bless you as you invest in the lives of children.

We encourage each one to pray to see what you might be able to give to help financially. God has blessed us and we want all to have the opportunity to bless these children who will come. Simply make a note on your offering envelope. Thank you!

Month Of Prayer – the Assemblies of God nationwide has proclaimed August a month of prayer. Let’s join the 100’s of thousands who will be calling out on God. On the table in the foyer is a brochure to help us pray. Please take one and join in turning our nation back to God.

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TEXT: Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:5-14; Psalm 37:4

1. PRAYER’S PURPOSE IS GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer is not just for our \_\_\_\_\_ – but for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our God!

We are to ask for the things God \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 4:14-16  
Our praying is not \_\_\_\_\_ if we do not understand God’s \_\_\_\_\_!

He desires fellowship with us – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 6:25-34

Few Christians enter God’s \_\_\_\_\_ with delight, simply for the \_\_\_\_\_ of His company. Psalm 18:19; 37:4  
Jesus is waiting for us with every \_\_\_\_\_ – everything we \_\_\_\_\_ for comfort, strength and power.

No prayer can be wholly \_\_\_\_\_ to Him until He is assured, we come to Him because we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

2. PRAYER’S PURPOSE IN \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

The definition of “delight... in the Lord” – \_\_\_\_\_ to be with Him \_\_\_\_\_ all others. 1 Samuel 1:6, 8, 10, 15-16, 18

In \_\_\_\_\_ she preferred His \_\_\_\_\_. Nehemiah 2:1-2  
Jesus show \_\_\_\_\_ to each of us His children in our sadness, \_\_\_\_\_ our burden and \_\_\_\_\_ our need.  
James 4:3:

I get \_\_\_\_\_ for heaven by cultivating this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ with God right here and now.