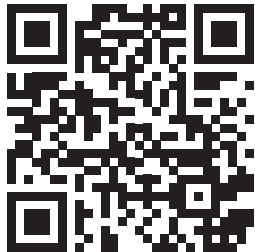


Our vision is to ignite a movement of authentic followers of Christ by reaching 1000 people with the gospel and releasing 200 equipped leaders from the next generation for Church leadership by 2028.

For more information about Ignite and our path for sustaining, growing, and expanding our church's ability to impact the world with the gospel, please visit WhitesburgBaptist.org/Ignite.



Day 1: The Power Source - Jesus

**"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"
Philippians 4:13 (NASB95)**

A. W. Tozer once said, "God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible – what a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves." When Jesus gave His disciples what we commonly call "the Great Commission," He reminded them that He possessed all authority "in heaven and on earth." The disciples were emboldened by His reminder and promise of His power.

Each day you are on mission for God. Where you work, shop, or attend school, you are a part of God's kingdom on earth. No matter where you are or what you are doing, you have the promise of His presence and power to lead, guide, and strengthen you. Paul said to the church in Thessalonica, "Faithful is he who calls you and He will also bring it to pass" (1 Thessalonians 5:24). Remember, the Lord never has asked you to do anything He will not equip and empower you to accomplish.

•Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

•Prayer Focus: Pray that your life will be lived by the power of God. Ask the Lord to empower you to obey His leadership when He reveals the gift He is calling you to give to our MCP offering on September 10.

Day 2: The Power Source - The Holy Spirit

**"For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction"
1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NASB95)**

Dr. Wilbur Chapman often told of the time he went to Philadelphia to become pastor of Wanamaker's Church. An older gentleman approached him and said, "I'm going to pray that you'll have the Holy Spirit's power upon you and two others have covenanted to join with me." Relating the outcome, Chapman said, "The three became ten, the ten became twenty, the twenty became fifty, and the fifty became two hundred. They met before every service to pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. In another room the eighteen elders knelt so close around me I could put out my hand and touch them on all sides. I always went into my pulpit feeling I would have the anointing in answer to the prayers of 219 men. It was easy to preach... a real joy. Anybody could preach with such conditions."

When you partner in prayer, you partner with God! When you partner with fellow believers in prayer, God blesses the brethren. Will you partner today to pray with fellow believers? Will you pray for your pastor and staff to serve in God's power?

•Scripture Reading: Acts 4:13-31

•Prayer Focus: Ask the Lord to cultivate in our church a passion for prayer. Ask Him to make Whitesburg Baptist Church truly a "house of prayer."

Day 3: The Power Supply - A Healthy Body

**"For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come"
1 Timothy 4:8 (NASB95)**

CNN reported on a recent study that revealed only 3% of Americans follow health advice. One researcher said he was surprised it was this low, WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Only 3% of Americans follow health advice to keep the weight off, exercise regularly, eat five or more servings of fruit and vegetables a day and avoid smoking. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has tried to warn of the consequences of poor eating and a lack of exercise. Estimates on how many people die from being obese or overweight, for example, range from 25,000 a year to 365,000, depending on the statistical method used. While it is important to strive to be physically healthy, it is far more important to be spiritually fit. The Bible often refers to the "church" as the "body of Christ." Just as individually we need to be healthy, (both physically and spiritually), God's church (the body of Christ) needs to be healthy. The health of the church is dependent upon every member of the body keeping spiritually fit. Are you exercising properly? Are you exercising your spiritual gifts? Are you keeping fit by having a daily devotional? The Lord wants His body (the church) to be healthy! Let's all do our part!

•Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

•Prayer Focus: Pray for the spiritual health and vitality of our church family. If you know of someone with a physical need, pray for God to bring healing and health to them.

Day 4: The Power Source - A Harmonious Body

“To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit”
1 Peter 3:8 (NASB95)

John Maxwell has listed these three partnership principles:

1. The word “agree” means to make a harmonious symphony.
2. Partnership moves the hand and heart of God.
3. There is power in the unity of God’s people. God’s presence is promised when His people work and pray in partnership.

When Edmund Hillary and his guide, Tenzing Norgay, climbed Mt. Everest, coming down from the peak, Hillary lost his footing. Norgay held the line and kept both of them from falling. The guide used his ax to dig into the ice and secured their safety. Later, Horgay refused any special recognition and commented, “Mountain climbers always help each other.” Let it be said, “Christians always help each other.” When we say that God’s people are in harmony or agreement, we are saying much more than we are “going along to get along.” We are making a bold statement that even in our differences, we have one Lord and one purpose. We are helping one another to be an expression of God’s grace and glory.

•**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 4:1-4

•**Prayer Focus:** Ask the Lord how you can help strengthen the harmony in your local church.

Day 5: The Power Shortage

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”
Philippians 4:13 (NASB95)

Have you paid your utility bill this month? Depending on what season of the year it might be, you may be agonizing over an unusually high bill or you might be sighing with relief over an unusually low bill. Did you know that 7% of power generated at large central stations is lost during transmission to the user over high-voltage lines? In other words, the transfer of electrical power to the consumer always counts on a loss. The result: whatever we pay to the utility company on our bill also helps cover their loss.

Did you know there is also a price to be paid when there is a power shortage in your spiritual life and in the life of the church? In the book of Judges, Samson found himself powerless because he had been unplugged from his power source. Remember, Jesus said in John 15, “apart from me you can do nothing.”

•**Scripture Reading:** Judges 16:1-21

•**Prayer Focus:** As you pray, ask God to keep you connected to Him and express your dependence upon Him. Ask the Lord to help you to depend on Him to be your source of provision for our MCP offering on September 10.



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