

WANTED: Prayer Warriors

About 60 of us watched *The War Room* this past Wednesday. It was sweet, funny, poignant, warm, and very inspirational. While the film touches on themes of infidelity, dishonesty, financial reverses and other types of loss, it ends on a high, happy ever after note. I loved it.

The truth is, we usually don't experience quick recovery when someone commits adultery, loses their job, or finds themselves in an unhappy marriage. Of course, most of us don't spend a lot of time tucked away in a private place, seeking God. Prayer, saturation in scripture, and obedience are the three cardinal virtues and responsibilities of the Christian life. They are not easy to maintain or stay faithful to, are they?

Prayer is a gift; a weapon given to us to do battle for the Lord and against evil. We need prayer warriors. We tend to admire warriors. My father's hero was Alvin York, a Christian, a conscientious objector who was drafted against his will into the First World War, and who became a hero in France when he took out a couple of machine gun nests and captured over a hundred people. I don't know how many times I have seen the movie made on his life. I have a fine biography of him in my library, and was thrilled once to meet a woman who sang at his funeral. Six or seven decades ago he was widely known and admired.

Prayer warriors are...not so much. They receive no medals, and are apparently either very rare or virtually unknown. What is a prayer warrior, really? Is she someone who is more committed to God than I am; who has more time to pray, or fewer distractions or responsibilities than me? Is he not as plagued by doubt or the devil than I am? Were people like A. W. Tozer, Brother Lawrence, E. M. Bounds and Andrew Murray superhuman in some way?

"I don't have what it takes to be a prayer warrior." Even if that is true, I am not excused from the call to pray. Nor should I miss the privilege of prayer. What if I could see that prayer is a gift, and remember that the purpose of prayer is not 'getting answers' but getting to know God? What if I could stop worrying about praying heroically and just work at praying faithfully?

Do you have any spiritual needs? Do you love anyone who does? Are there troubles in your life you have no way of dealing with, or questions for which you have no answers? Take all them to the Lord.

And if you can find one person on this planet who will join you for mutual encouragement you will be blessed and helped in great measure. Praying with others seems to be a lost art, but it is as needed and relevant now as it ever has been, perhaps more so in our morally complex world.

And when you pray; never forget to pray for your pastor.

Teen News

February, will be a very busy month! Do not feel obligated to attend every event, however, I would not be upset if you did. You're welcome to invite your friends to any of our gatherings! Please follow us on Facebook (Waynesburg First Church of the Nazarene NYI Youth Group) to receive notice of changes to events or further information.

Sunday Mornings (9:45a-10:30a)

We meet in age based groups to study and discuss the Bible. The Sr. High class is led by Pastor Tim and is going through the New Testament. The Jr. High class is led by Sharon Thistlewaite is going through the Old Testament.

Sunday Evenings (5:30p-7:00p)

We meet together for a time of games, prayer, and discussion. We're currently doing a series called Tea & Testimony in which we drink various kind of tea while discussing the testimonies of various people from the bible as well as hearing testimonies from our volunteers and teens!

Wednesday Small Groups (6:00p-7:15p)

We meet together in the youth room and then divide into gender based small groups for a student led devotional and a time of accountability/fellowship afterwards. The boys meet in the Jr. High room. The girls meet in Youth room.

Super Bowl Party, February 7th, @ the Throckmortons (6:00p – 10:00p)

During half-time we will share together in a time of devotion. If you're not interested in football, please join us for fellowship and food! You will have the option to hot-tub! We will meet at the Throckmortons in the place of our normal Sunday evening time. Please, contact Pastor Tim or Daryl if you need directions.

South Winter Retreat, February 19-21st, @ CBM

Chad Seabright will be our speaker! The trip will cost \$65 per student. A \$15 scholarship will be provided to the first 10 students who register. To register please contact Pastor Tim or Pat Walko no later than February, 7th. We will depart from the church on Friday at 6:00p (arrive at 5:45p) and return to the church on Sunday by 12:30p.

Daytona 500 Party, February 21st, @ the Yenchiks (1:00p – 6:00p)

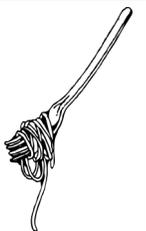
We will watch the race, fellowship, & enjoy finger foods/appetizers! Feel free to come late. Please bring a snack to share. If you're not a fan, we will assign you a driver to like and dislike! We will meet at the home of the Yenchiks. Pastor Tim will lead devotional during the race and afterwards, we will return to the church to play in the gym until the end of evening service.

Spaghetti Dinner, February 26, @ the Church (4:30 – 7:30)

The Spaghetti Dinner itself will run from 5:00p-7:00p. You will need to arrive 30 minutes before to help set up/prepare and stay at-least 30 minutes afterwards to help take down. During the event, we will be serving the meal. You will need to wear nice jeans and a black or red button up shirt. Money earned will be deposited into your student account!

I hope to see you continually throughout the month of February and beyond. My thoughts and prayers are with you! – Pastor Tim

“The youth group will host a **Spaghetti Dinner** at the church on **Friday, February 26th**, between the hours of **5:00-7:00pm**. There is no cost, but donations will be accepted. All proceeds will benefit the youth group and help students to attend summer camps and mission trips! If you're not able to come & eat, take-out will be available. No advance sign up or tickets needed. Invite your family, friends, & neighbors!”



FROM the HEART of PASTOR CHRIS

Children's Ministries Happenings!

February 14th~ Preschool Winter Party All preschoolers are invited to a special winter party during Sunday School and second hour, Kid's Church. Laurice, the Preschool Coordinator has planned a wonderful party.

February 21st~ Kindergarten & First Grade Ice Skating party. All children Kindergarten & First Grade are invited to go ice skating after church service. Please contact Becky Baily, Kindergarten & First Grade Coordinator for further details.

February 26th~ Children's Bible Quiz Pizza Party. The children will review all they have learned in preparation for the 2nd Invitational Bible Quiz Meet held @ South Hills Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, February 27th

WAM~ Sunday Nights @ 5:30 We are working on a Sticks/Interpretation to the song "My Redeemer Lives" to present on Easter Sunday. This special is for children Kindergarten through 5th Grade. In addition to working on the Easter presentation, the children are preparing to present on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. They will do the special, musical interpretation to the song, "The Well" and act out the scripture portion for that Sunday.



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Inside & Out!

Prime Time Ministry

District Prime Time Trip. Planned for April 15 to Das Dutch Theater in Columbiana, Ohio. This is a matinee dinner presentation. The cost is \$41.50. Call Jacqueline Smith. For reservation call 1-866-482-5050. For more info, call Rob or Jane Lutes, District Directors @7244-254-9368.

Prime Time is geared for those who are 55 years old and up. We have monthly fellowship and covered dish dinners once a month beginning in the Spring. If you have any questions about Prime Time give the church office a call at 7240627-7593



What Does "Jack" say about Love?



"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable." – C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves

I Believe...

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in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

These are a few words from the song "This I Believe (The Creed)" by Hillsong. These words ring true and reflect the heart of Waynesburg First Church of the Nazarene and its ministries.

Be encouraged to build upon this foundation and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ by getting back to the basics. This winter, be a part of a growing ministry at Waynesburg Church of the Nazarene. And... invite someone to join with you! **It may just take an invitation for someone's life to change.**

Sunday School classes (9:45 Sunday mornings)
Small groups (starting in March)
Intentional ministries such as Prayer, Women's, Prime Time, and more.

We also are seeking for individuals who have the desire to lead or co-lead a men's ministry. Do you have this desire? Let us know, leave your name with the church office.

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