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1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.
3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.
4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.
17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

CHAPTER 22

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.
12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.
13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.
14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.
15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

snare to thy soul.
26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.
27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?
28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.
29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

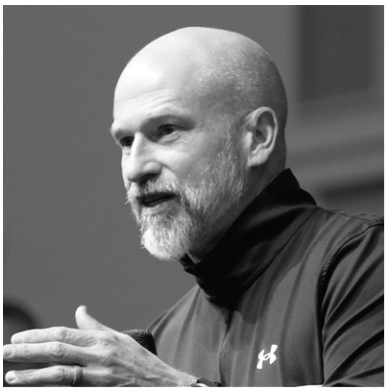
Conference Theme

The Theology of Prayer

The 2026 Certainty Conference will be a focused time of preaching, teaching, and biblical discussion centered on The Theology of Prayer.

Throughout Scripture, prayer is central to the believer's relationship with God and essential to the life and ministry of the local church. Through main sessions and breakouts, this year's conference will explore the biblical foundations of prayer—examining why we pray, how we pray, and the vital role prayer should have in both our personal walk with God and our life together as a church.

Conference Speakers



Sam Miles
Midtown Baptist Temple



Alan Shelby
Harvest Baptist Church



Dan Reneau
Living Faith, Lee's Summit



Kenny Morgan
Crest Bible Church



Justin Trotter
Calllie Harbin Baptist Church



Troy Stogsdill
First Baptist Church

Conference Schedule

Sunday

10:30 AM: Morning Service in the Worship Center with Troy Stogsdill

6:30 PM: Evening Service in the Worship Center with Sam Miles

Monday

9:00 AM: Morning Sessions in the NextGen Center

- Alan Shelby
- Dan Reneau

1:00 PM: Pastor's Luncheon in the Barn

5:30 PM: Dinner in the Gym
6:30 PM: Evening Service in the Worship Center with Sam Miles
8:30 PM: Fellowship in the Barn & Bonfire (weather permitting)

Tuesday

9:00 AM: Morning Sessions in the NextGen Center

- Alan Shelby
- Kenny Morgan

5:30 PM: Dinner in the Gym
6:30 PM: Evening Service in the Worship Center with Sam Miles
8:30 PM: Fellowship in the Barn & Bonfire (weather permitting)

Wednesday

9:00 AM: Morning Sessions in the NextGen Center

- Alan Shelby
- Justin Trotter

5:30 PM: Dinner in the Gym
6:30 PM: Evening Service in the Worship Center with Sam Miles
8:30 PM: Fellowship in the Barn

A WORD FROM PASTOR TROY

I want to thank each of you for being a part of this year's Certainty Conference. Your presence, participation, and prayers make this time together so meaningful.

Living Faith Fellowship conferences like this one are important because they remind us that we don't walk the journey of faith alone. We come together around God's Word to be strengthened in truth, encouraged in fellowship, and equipped to serve our churches and communities with greater clarity and conviction.

My prayer is that what you experience here this week will continue to bear fruit in your life and ministry in the days ahead.

THE ORIGIN STORY OF PRAYER

Patterns from the Patriarchs, Genesis 4:26

Alan Shelby

OCT 5, 2026 | Monday AM

Other References for English Bible Exegesis: Gal 1:4; 2 Cor 4:4; Rom 12:1; Matt 7:8; John 4:24; Gal 2:20; Acts 4:31; 2 Cor 13:14; Acts 4:31

GOD SCRAMBLES THE RELIGIOUS JEWS, JER 26:18; MIC 3:12; LUKE 19:40-44

· They scrambled their _____
· They scrambled their _____
· They scrambled their _____
· They scrambled their _____ with liturgical prayer

GOD SCRAMBLES PAGAN GENTILES

· Rome _____ her converts
· Rome _____ her Bibles
· The Devil _____ Christian worship with liturgical prayer

Thesis: We are encountering the _____
_____ in Evangelicaldom and Baptisthood today.

Point 1. The name of the Lord was what saints had to go by, until we got the completed _____. Gen 4:25-26; Psa 138:2

Point 2. Just like the name and prayer were tied to worship, _____
_____ bring you into worship today. Matt 7:8; Gen 4:26

Point 3. When you are praying, you bewray and _____ _____ to friendly forces for rescue.

Point 4. The first relationship God has with people after the fall in the Garden of Eden _____ _____. 1 Chr 16:7-8; Psa 116:13; 34:15; Isa 45:19; Deut 4:29; 1 Chr 16:10-11; Psa 22:26; 34:10; Prov 28:5; Psa 27:8; Isa 55:6; Gen 12:6-8; Psa 99:9; Deut 4:7

Point 5. _____ whenever you call on him.

Point 6. The Christian walk consists in acting like God is telling you the truth, and so giving _____ to life by calling on God. 1 Kgs 18:21-24,26; Jer 29:13; 1 Kgs 18:37-38; Psa 4:3; 14:4; 50:15; Matt 6:13; Mark 14:38; Psa 80:18

· Watch and pray always (Luke 21:36), take heed, watch and pray (Mark 13:33), continue in prayer, and watch (Col 4:2), pray and watch with perseverance (Eph 6:18), watch unto prayer (1 Pet 4:7) – set a watch and pray (Neh 4:9)!
"Revival in the Bible" has everything to do with this! Rom 8:26; Psa 86:5; 1 Cor 1:2

1. Are you continuing the line of those that call on God?
2. In calling on God, do you praise him for who he is and what he is doing – whether you _____?
3. In praising him, do you _____ to call on him? Acts 2:42; Lam 3:55

Oct 5	1 – The Origin Story of Prayer: Patterns from the Patriarchs, *Gen 4:26*
Oct 6	2 – A Shaken Place: The Use and Misuse of Prayer, *Acts 4:23-33*
Oct 7	3 – An Expanding Power: Praying in the Spirit, *Eph 6:18*

Prayer in a Church Plant

Dan Reneau

OCT 5, 2026 | Monday AM

FIRST MENTION OF THE WORD, "NEW" Exodus 1:8

· He didn't know Joseph. Genesis 50:20

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION #1
When you're new to a work, realize it's _____ to not have all the _____.

- The new king didn't know this history.
- Maybe he didn't _____ to know.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION #2
When you're beginning a new work, it's good to know your _____ _____.

- It's good for us to know who and what has gone before us.
- It's good to know how God has moved in past _____.

Proverbs 23:10

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_____

- There was a failure of _____ in this new king's life.
- He wasn't prepared to honor the Lord in this new work.

A COMMON THREAT

- The past generation hasn't _____ the new generation.
- Or, there is a _____ from what the past generation saw as important to what the new generation sees as important.

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Practical Application #3:
Every generation needs to _____ the _____ of what God has done in your local church. Because of this, don't get _____ of telling that story.

REHEARSE IT IN THEIR EARS

Exodus 17:14; Judges 5:11; Acts 14:27

_____

_____

WHAT DOES A NEW WORK NEED?

- We need the Lord. Psalm 127:1
- We need the Word of God. Job 23:12; Psalm 19:7-10
- We need to _____ the Lord. Habakkuk 2:1

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RIGHT WORDS, WRONG SPIRIT

Acts 16:16-18

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_____

CONSIDER SAMSON

- He had power.
- He was a judge.
- His spirit was not aligned with the Spirit of God.
- What he _____ about God didn't _____ to knowing God.

A COMMON THREAT #2

- We can know a lot about the Word of God, but completely _____ the leading of God's Spirit.
- In the end, we become a bunch of Pharisees telling everyone around us how right we are about everything we know. No one needs this.

COMMUNION WITH THE LORD

- "Communis" – A common union, a shared experience, bound together
- This is accomplished through the Word of God and Prayer.

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  _____

- The fellowship we have with others must first be derived from fellowship (or communion) with the Lord first. Acts 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3

Psalm 62:8

- Out of our _____ with the Lord (out of spending quality time with God), the work emerges.
- The _____ of a church plant _____ be the _____ out of God's Word.
- Prayer becomes the essential part that brings life out of God's Word.

WE NEED CHURCHES THAT RELY UPON THE _____ OVER OUR _____. Psalm 71;16, 73:26

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- We can believe that right _____ will always produce right _____.
- We can believe that right _____ will always produce right _____.
- We can believe that right _____ will always produce right _____.
- We can believe if we just do it the right way, that God will be forced to bless us.
- God doesn't owe you anything.

WE NEED CHURCHES THAT RELY UPON THE _____ OVER _____. Psalm 147:10

- You can be tempted to think that the church plant is up to you.
- If I don't do it, it won't get done.
- The church doesn't need a perfect pastor.
- They need a _____ pastor.

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WE NEED CHURCHES THAT RELY UPON THE _____ IN THE _____.

- The church doesn't need more people like you.
- The church needs more of the Spirit in each and every member of the body.

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A SHAKEN PLACE

The Use and Misuse of Prayer, Acts 4:23-33

Alan Shelby

OCT 5, 2026 | Tuesday AM

Other References for English Bible Exegesis: 1 Tim 4:1; Gal 1:6; 2 Cor 11:4; Rom 8:26; 1 Thes 5:1; Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 5:8; Col 3:16ff cf. Eph 5:18ff; 2 Tim 3:1-5

Thesis: Satan is all about confusing, clouding, confounding, contradicting and corrupting God's _____, and does the same thing to prayer by divorcing it from using words.

THE EASTERN MINDSET IN THE CHURCH

1. One source is _____

2. One source is _____

    A. It comes through _____

    B. It comes through _____

    C. It comes through entering a _____

TRUE PRAYER BY EARTH'S EARLIEST BELIEVERS, ACTS 4

1. It _____, 23-24

PAGAN PRAYING

· Contemplative like the _____

· Imaginative like the _____

· Focused on breathing like the _____

· Silent like the _____

2. It _____, 25

WHAT WE DO WHEN WE PRAY

A. Touch heaven, so we can change earth

B. _____ our walk in the heavenlies, so we can exist as saints

C. Remove stuff that causes truth-decay

D. _____ the stability and structure of discipleship (with the watchcare of our disciples), which in turn preserves the church

E. Call down the Spirit of God, to answer to our trust in the true words of God, and bring us accumulating power over time (sanctification)

3. It claims the _____
_____, 26-29

A. Since I know you are directing, then I do not need an _____, 2 Chr 15:2; 16:9; 20:1-2,12

B. As long as your Spirit answers to your word, then all I need is _____

4. It places emphasis on their _____, 30-31; Jer 23:33,35; Psa 81:10

Point 1. _____, and you will be enabled to walk in boldness. Rom 13:11-12

Point 2. Only prayer and following God's true word takes away the _____ of the church.

Intercessory Discipleship

Kenny Morgan

OCT 6, 2026 | Tuesday AM

2 Ki 6:13-20

Wherever there is _____, there is _____.

God uses trials to strip away faith in _____ and _____ other than Himself.

So much of ministry comes down to _____.

Matt 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

- Christ could have called for as many as 72,000 angels if He wanted to.
- According to 2 Ki 19:35, one angel could kill 185,000 soldiers in a single night.
- According to 1 Chr 21:15, one angel could have destroyed Jerusalem.

The critical conviction that is often absent in teachers is _____.

Three Observations on Intercessory Discipleship

1. It is a _____.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Rom 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

2 Tim 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

The absence of intercession in the teacher is a _____.

2. It is an _____.

2 Ki 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Isa 31:3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

Deu 4:24 For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

The absence of intercession for God's power by the teacher is a _____.

3. It is a _____.

1 Thes 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

"*I have yet to see a sustained church revitalization that was not undergirded by a powerful movement of prayer… Prayer is a prerequisite for revitalization; it is also a byproduct of it.*"

-Thom Rainer, Anatomy of a Revived Church

The absence of emphasizing prayer by the teacher is an _____.

AN EXPANDING POWER

Praying in the Spirit, Ephesians 6:18

Alan Shelby

OCT 7, 2026 | Wednesday AM

Other References for English Bible Exegesis: Joel 2:23,28; Amos 8:11; John 17:17; Gen 18:20-22

Thesis: We know the Devil has an _____ you about the definition of prayer, expectations for prayer, manifestations of prayer, and what you think you are getting by prayer.

I. A PHILOSOPHY OF PRAYER

A. Prayer and _____ (Psa 138:2) are connected, 2 Thes 3:1

B. We are living simultaneously _____, citizens of one (Phil 3:20), and ambassadors in the other, 2 Cor 5:20; Matt 10:16

- This present evil world (Gal 1:4) and heavenly places
- The kingdom of God, and kingdoms of Satan the god of this world, 2 Cor 4:4; Matt 18:20

C. Prayer is the _____ _____ (Eph 4:20-24) to the promises and power of putting on Christ, Rom 13:14; Col 3:10

D. Communion of the Holy Ghost is the _____ _____ connecting to the word, which invokes the Spirit to be involved; 2 Cor 13:14; Jude 20; Rom 8:26; Eph 6:17-18

E. Read the Bible and pray – because their _____

F. Because of your salvation, _____, Eph 6:14-20; Psa 5:2; Rev 8:1-6

· God's words are his concrete, spiritual presence with you

· Your prayers are your spiritual, concrete presence with God

G. The most serious aspect about spiritual warfare, is not how demons affect you – it is how _____ their unfettered spiritual activity!

Point 1. Prayer does not change things, but prayer is your _____ _____ in the spiritual realm – which does change things.

1. Prayer is coming to _____ with God
2. Prayer is through the _____ of Jesus
3. Prayer is claiming the _____ of the word to get the Spirit to answer

II. THE PURPOSE OF PRAYING, Matt 6:5-

There are no _____ in the CSB, ESV, NASB, or NIV

· Tongues takes you away from God's word and words

· Silence takes you away from God's word and words

· Breathing takes you away from God's word and words

· Contemplation takes you away from God's word and words

· Hindu meditation takes you away from the word and words

· Beads or candles take you away from the word and words

Contemporary Counterfeits: _____ prayer, _____ prayer, and _____ prayer.

The "Lord's Prayer," Matthew 6:5-15		
The Disciples' Prayer		***As Adjusted for the Church***
Matt. 6:9-13 [9]Our Father which art in heaven,	**Adoption**	Abba, Father, Rom 8:15
Hallowed be thy name.	**Adoration**	Magnify thy word above all thy name, Psa 138:2
[10]Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.	**Mission**	Even so, come, Lord Jesus, Rev 22:20
[11]Give us this day our daily bread.	**Expectation**	Give us this day our daily bread, by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, Matt 4:4
[12]And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.	**Justification**	And let us forgive our debtors, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us, Eph 4:32
[13]And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:	**Sanctification**	And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: as we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, Rom 8:4
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.	**Glorification**	For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. For at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, Phil 2:10. Amen.

III. THE PATTERN FOR OUR PRAYING

A. Prayer is approaching God, 9-10

1. Approach him on the _____, 9 – Our Father which art in heaven
2. Approach him _____, 9 – Hallowed be thy name, Isa 45:19
3. Approach him with _____, 10 – Thy will be done
4. Approach him with _____, Heb 4:16

· Private prayer can be between you and the Lord anyplace

· Family prayer is at home

· Public prayer is in church, "two men went up into the temple to pray," Luke 18:10; Matt 6:6; 1 Thes 5:17

B. Prayer is _____, 11-13

1. Pray for the Second Advent, Rev 22:10

2. Pray for God to _____, 2 Cor 7:1; Eph 5:26

· Not justification by Christ's blood, Rom 5:9

· But sanctification by the washing of water by the word, Eph 5:26

3. Pray for all other men, 1 Tim 2:1-4

4. Pray for personal safety, and the safety of others, Dan 6:22–23

5. Pray for _____, Matt 5:44; Rom 12:14

6. Pray for wisdom and understanding, 1 Kings 3:5-9

7. Pray for a prosperous journey, Rom 1:10

8. Pray for material needs, Matt 6:25-34

9. Pray for health needs, Jas 5:14

10. Pray for _____, 1 Tim 2:1-4

11. Pray for the salvation of sinners, 2 Pet 3:9

12. Pray for immature Christians to grow, Col 1:28

13. Pray especially for your pastors, elders deacons, ministry heads, teachers, and _____ _____, 1 Tim 5:17; Jas 4:2

Point 2. We may not get all that we ask, but let it not be said there was _____ _____ but did not ask.

C. Prayer is _____, 13 – For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever

IV. PROBLEMS WITH OUR PRAYERS

A. If they are _____, Heb 11:6; Matt 13:58; 21:22; John 4:24

B. If they are _____, Jer 29:13; Matt 15:8

C. If they are _____

1. Unjudged and _____, Psa 66:18; I John 3:22

2. An unsettled dispute with a brother or sister, Matt 5:23-24

3. Failure to abide in Christ, John 15:7

4. Failure to have his word abiding in you, John 15:7

5. Selfishness, Jas 4:2-3

6. _____, Jas 1:7-8

7. An unforgiving spirit, Jas 5:9; Col 3:19; 1 Pet 3:7

V. KEY NT TRUTHS

A. When in a Fix – Remember Phil 4:6

1. Worry about _____

2. Pray about _____

3. Be thankful for _____

B. When All Is Against You – in Everything Give Thanks

Point 3. Thank God even for evil things, so he will at least _____ _____. 1 Thes 5:17-19

Conclusion: We have the mind of Christ in his true words, 1 Cor 2:16 – the Spirit writes that mind on your mind, so you can pray, Phil 2:5; Rom 8:26-27; 2 Tim 1:7.

Getting a Handle on Prayer

Justin Trotter

OCT 7, 2026 | Wednesday AM

Introduction to the Tabernacle Prayer:

*The way the children of Israel entered into God's presence to fellowship with Him was through the _____; but we enter into God's presence to fellowship with Him through _____.

*What if we used the pattern and instruments of the tabernacle, which God designed to show us how to enter into His presence, as a _____ to help _____ our fellowship with Him through prayer?

* It's not _____ to jump through;
  It's _____ to hold on to.

I. **The _____** (Ps. 100:4; 1 Chron. 16:34; Num. 18:12; 1 Thess. 5:16-18)

*The place of _____

II. The Brazen _____ (Ex. 30:28; Heb. 10:10-12; 2 Cor. 4:11; Lk. 9:23; 1 Cor. 15:31; Rom. 6:10-13)

*The place of _____

III. The Brazen _____ (Ex. 30:17-21; Is. 59:1-2; Ps. 66:18; Ex. 38:8; Ja. 1:23-25; 1 Jn. 1:6-7)

*The place of _____

IV. The Golden _____ (Ex. 25:31-35; Rev. 1:4; 4:5; Eph. 4:4; Is. 11:2; Ex. 25:36; Jn. 16:13; 17:17; 1 Cor. 2:14)

*The place of _____

V. The Table of _____ (Num. 4:7; Lev. 24:5; Matt. 4:4; Jn. 6:35; Lev. 24:6, 8-9; Rev. 1:6)

*The place of _____

VI. The Altar of _____ (Ex. 30:1,7–8; Rev. 8:3-4; Ps. 141:2; 1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:6; Ex. 30:7-8; 1 Thess. 5:17; Lk. 18:1)

*The place of _____

VII. The Ark of the _____ (Matt. 27:50-51; Heb. 10:19-21; Ps. 27:4; Ex. 33:11; Lk. 10:39)

* The place of _____

THE TABERNACLE PRAYER

