



Stuck on prayer?

It occurred to me this morning that I had struggled early in the summer to put together a preaching series on our status in Christ. I had some ideas, but it just wasn't working out. Then I began to string together some messages on prayer. And things began to fall together.

I have wondered if God wanted us to stay on prayer long enough for it to make a difference in our prayer lives. This Sunday I'll be talking about the gifts God gives us as we choose to pray. Do you have them? Do you know them? Wouldn't you like them?

See you on the week-end. We'll talk about prayer, one more time.

And I'd love to see you at the Call to Prayer on Thursday night, 7 pm. We are learning how to pray together.

Pastor Greg
Interim pastor

Summer Events & Happenings

SUMMER WEEDING & CLEAN-UP Thank you to all who attended our church clean-up days in June. We truly appreciate all of your help! In order to keep our church grounds looking beautiful, it is imperative that weeding, etc. be done on a weekly basis. We are asking our congregation members/families to pick a week or weeks during the summer when you can help. It's a fun way to fellowship and serve the Lord and if the effort is maintained weekly, the job should be minimal. Please find a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning where you can pick your week/weeks to participate. All the tools that are needed can be found on the church property and you can come to work anytime during your assigned week. Please contact Ginny Priola at 860-8528 or gpriola220@yahoo.com for more detailed information. We thank you for your anticipated participation.

PLAYGROUND GROUP

Parents (and grandparents!), let's meet up and let the kids burn off some summer boredom together! We'll be meeting every Friday morning (10am) at various parks in the area. Circle **PLAYGROUND GROUP** on your connection card on Sunday morning if you'd like to receive the weekly email on where we'll meet. Feel free to invite friends! Any questions contact Amanda Hartrich at ahartrich@vinewc.org

PRAYER TEAM

If you would like to receive Pastor Greg's weekly email on how we can pray for our work and life together at the Vine, please circle **PRAYER TEAM** and include your email address on the front of the connection card or sign-up at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning and we will add you to the email list.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Our First Impressions Team has some openings that provide a great opportunity for you to help serve such as 11am Refreshment hosts; 11am Welcome Center hosts and 9&11am Worship hosts. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please circle accordingly on the back of your connection card on Sunday morning and Kathy Maass will be in touch with you.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Barb Kaczmarek is now handling all urgent prayer requests that come up during the week. Please **email her at barbkacz77@aol.com or text 716-984-1132** and she will forward your request promptly to our prayer team.

ANNUAL VINE WESLEYAN CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 5, at 4pm Westwood Park Pavilion. Rain or shine. If you plan on attending, please write in the number of adults and children in the spaces provided on your connection card on Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up and organizing children's games. If interested, please circle **VOL PICNIC and indicate where you would like to serve** on your connection card on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Emser at demser@vinewc.org or Ginny Priola at gpriola220@yahoo.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Check out our Vine calendar <http://vinewc.org/calendar/> for more upcoming events.