

**April 25, 2021**

*FOLLOWING JESUS-THE BASICS*

# **“Spending Time with God”**

**Pastor Leon Engman**

## **PRAYER**

### Our Family

- Families of the week:  
Dan & Karen Breault  
Robert & Ruth Brownell
- Church Ministries of the week:  
Christian Education  
Phoebe Circle
- Grace Johnson has breast cancer. She is recovering from surgery and will be having radiation treatment.
- John Ekland has myeloma and lymphoma.
- Emily Wood is recovering from a mini stroke. Continued prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Linda Magee’s cousin had his leg amputated. Pray for him as he gets fitted for a leg.
- Gene Gerum– Pray for his treatment.

### Our Nation and World

- COVID-19 virus: Pray for wisdom and strength
- Pray that we bring the peace of Christ amidst the turmoil and chaos in our country.
- Persecuted Christians in Pakistan. Pray for these believers who face persecution.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*You can give online by clicking [here](#).*

*Or you can mail your tithes and offerings to:*

*24 Child Hill Road*

*Woodstock, CT 06281*

## **SERVICE VIDEO**

[Click here to watch the service.](#)



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ROUGH  
CUT  
MEN**



8 Week Video Bible Study Series  
Starting April 5th

**MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
April 26<sup>th</sup> / 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
**FIRESIDE ROOM**

Episode 4:  
**"Encouragement"**

At some point in every man's life,  
we've all wanted to quit something.



Men, come when you can, leave when you have to – we have your six... If you have any questions, contact David Langer 860-377-2229

## **MEN'S HUDDLE**

**EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH AT 7:00AM**

**BREAKFAST • DEVOTIONAL • FELLOWSHIP**

## **Breakaway Pizza & Bowling**

**Tuesday, May 18  
6:00-7:30 PM**

**Cost: \$5**

**Drop off and pick up at Mohegan Bowl**

To view this week's children's church lesson [click here.](#)





# UNITE TAG SALE



**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! PASTOR DAVE IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE UNITE TAG SALE!**

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OR THE COAT ROOM. IF YOU HAVE LARGER ITEMS PLEASE TALK TO PASTOR DAVE.**

**Tag Sale is Saturday, June 5 (Rain date Sunday, June 6)**

**Donated items due by May 30**



*Send off Celebration for  
Lynn and Donna Weaver*  
**Sunday, May 16**

**Following the morning worship service**

**We will share light refreshments outside.**

**Please bring a chair.**



**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY**  
**INSIDE AND OUTSIDE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**  
**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**





# Application Questions

## Spending Time with God

Psalm 6; Matt 6:7-15; Romans 8:14-17, 26-27

How does the brutal honesty of prayers in the Bible (Psalm 6) help us understand the relationship God wants with us?

Why did Jesus stop working to go and pray (Luke 5:12-16, Matthew 14:10-13, 21-23)? What should we learn from His example?

Why didn't Jesus try to heal and feed everyone in Israel (John 6:26)? Why was his ministry ultimately more successful because he focused on his disciples and us who believe (John 17:13-21)?

Choosing His twelve disciples (Luke 6:12-16) and deciding at Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46) were critical points in Jesus' ministry. What do we learn from Jesus' manner of prayer in these critical decisions?

Paul spent many years (13?) between the time he met Jesus on the road to Damascus and when he made his first missionary journey (Galatians 1:11—2:2). He spent a lot of time with the Lord praying and doing local church ministry. Why was that necessary when he was so talented already? Would it not have been better for Paul to spend those years in more productive ministry? What might God be preparing you for as you pray each day?

How might you bring the role of prayer up to its proper place of importance in your life and ministry?



## DAVID's Permission for Us to be Honest

### *Psalms 6 NLT*

For the choir director: **A psalm of David**, to be accompanied by an eight-stringed instrument.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, don't rebuke me in your anger  
or discipline me in your rage.
- <sup>2</sup> Have compassion on me, Lord, for I am weak.  
Heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.
- <sup>3</sup> I am sick at heart.  
How long, O Lord, until you restore me?
- <sup>4</sup> Return, O Lord, and rescue me.  
Save me because of your unfailing love.
- <sup>5</sup> For the dead do not remember you.  
Who can praise you from the grave?
- <sup>6</sup> I am worn out from sobbing.  
All night I flood my bed with weeping,  
drenching it with my tears.
- <sup>7</sup> My vision is blurred by grief;  
my eyes are worn out because of all my enemies.
- <sup>8</sup> Go away, all you who do evil,  
for the Lord has heard my weeping.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord has heard my plea;  
the Lord will answer my prayer.
- <sup>10</sup> May all my enemies be disgraced and terrified.  
May they suddenly turn back in shame.

## JESUS' Prayer for Us Together

### *Matthew 6:7-15 NLT*

<sup>7</sup> "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup> Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! <sup>9</sup> Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today the food we need,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our sins,  
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

<sup>13</sup> And don't let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## PAUL'S Description of Us

### *Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 NLT*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

<sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

<sup>26</sup> And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays



# Following Jesus—The Basics

*As a Follower of Jesus, I am committed to:*

## SPENDING TIME WITH GOD

Praying continuously in My World every day

-Alone, Family, Small Groups

Praying with My Congregation every week

## FINDING JOY IN GOD'S WORD

Reading Scripture alone with God

Reading Scripture with my Family

Reading Scripture with My Congregation and My Small Group

## FINDING JOY IN GOD'S COMMUNITY

Connecting with My Small Group

Worshiping with My Congregation every Sunday

## GIVING WITH FEET ON THE GROUND & HEART ON FIRE

Getting my personal finances in order

Tithing & Giving to My Congregation consistently with JOY

## SPEAKING THE GOSPEL WITH MY LIFE & MY WORDS

Serving My World with a godly lifestyle

Sharing the Gospel Message with My World