

Life on Life

Women's Bible Study

Learn the Word, Live the Word, And Love Each Other.

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am • Education Center Youth Room A

DECEMBER 2020



CALENDAR

- 12/15/2020- [Seasons Wrap-Up with Chrystal](#)
- 12/15/2020- [Last Day of LOL Semester](#)
- 1/12/2021- [Start of the Spring LOL Session](#)

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The Elements of Prayer in Troubled Times

With the uncertainties of world events, changing times and complexities of life, many individuals are frightened, insecure and devastated by current events. The swirling question frequently asked is about how can a loving God be in control of this world?

Allow me to assure you that God is still in control. Nothing has happened that he is not aware of and working it to our good (Romans 8:28). When life appears to be uncertain, stop and take inventory of where you are in the midst of the storm. Are you calm and relying on God? Are you afraid and collapsing in your faith? Are you relying on someone else for security and not God?

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[Emmanuel is Here](#)

[Sunday, December 20th at 10AM](#)

Experience the spectacular. A musical extravaganza. Featuring the holiday sounds of recording artists **Anthony Evans, Patrick Dopson and Myron Butler** with the rich sounds of the **OCBF house band**, melodious voices of the **Unity Choir** and harmonious notes of the **Orchestra**.



“Prayer is not a mystery.”

Changes in our life occur to allow us to reflect and get closer to the Lord. Your life is not a gamble, God has definite plans and direction. Are you willing to trust him, submit to his will, walk in obedience and relinquish claims over your life?

These statements may appear to be a challenging, yet the life of Jesus illustrates what is required for us to know the Father. Prayer is simply communication with God. You are talking to him similar to speaking to your friends, spouse, or colleague. You don't need sophisticated language (Matt. 6:5-7), reciting Bible verses (Remember he inspired the Bible, II Tim. 3:16) or long rehearsed quotes. Our loving God desires for us to come to him with a pure heart, deeply desiring to know him in an intimate way. Taking some practices from Jesus' life, let's look at prayer.

1. Jesus prayed for crucial moments in his life, even the appointment of his disciples (Mark 3:13-19). Selecting leaders/employees should require prayer from the supervisor or boss. Pray before making any major decisions.
2. Jesus prayed about God's will and mission for him and his disciples to fulfill (Mark 1:35-38). Pray for direction in your career choice and daily preparation on the job/workplace by getting away to listen to God.
3. Jesus had a regular and consistent prayer life (Matt. 6:5, 14:23, Mark 1:35). The Apostle Paul encourages us to pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:16-18). Simply, have a prayerful mind/attitude, praising God and thanking him in difficult circumstances.

4. Jesus was guided and sensitive to the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22, 4:1-18, 10:21). Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayer life. Wait for direction during prayer if you are uncertain as to what to pray for during challenging experiences.
5. Jesus trusted and modeled faith that his prayers were heard by the Father (Phil. 4:6, Heb. 11). Speak your prayers to God, believing (faith) that he has heard you, then thank and praise him for the answer.

Prayer is not a mystery. God is not asking us to sacrifice a calf or lamb. He simply, desires a relationship with you. Open your heart to him today and witness his grace, love and mercy towards you during this time of uncertainty.

-Ella Brown

Ella Brown was born in a small town. She is the seventh child of 12 children to Adell and Ola Bell Woods. She graduated from Effingham County High School. Ella left her community to attend Anderson University and graduated with a B.A. in Elementary Education, A.A. in Early Childhood Education. She graduated from Florida State University with a MA in Educational Administration. In 2017, she graduated with a MACE degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. She was commissioned in ministry by OCBF in January 2020. Ella is married to Willie Brown. Their blended family includes 6 sons and 20 grandchildren. She has served in Women's Ministry for over 25 years as mentor, teacher and facilitator of small groups along with supporting women's ministry events. Currently, she serves as the Early Childhood Director at Kingdom Collegiate Academy.