Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

Follow Me!

The Gospel of Mark

Summer Devotional 2021
Introduction

There are several features in this booklet that are intended to assist you in working the truth of Scripture into your life this summer.

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Monday Morning Prayer

– CALL TO WORSHIP –
Give thanks to the Father,
    for He has qualified us to share
        in the inheritance of the saints in light.

– RESPONSE –
God has delivered us from the domain of darkness.
And He has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
    in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Prayers of praise and thanksgiving*

Reading the Bible daily passage

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

– PRAYERS –
Opening
We have not ceased to pray, asking that we may all be filled
with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and
understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to Him.

*Prayers of supplication and intercession*
Closing
Let us set our minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.
For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with Him in glory.

— GRACE —
And whatever you do, in word or deed,

do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.
Tuesday Morning Prayer

— CALL TO WORSHIP —
Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

— RESPONSE —
And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
And He is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

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— PRAYERS —
Opening
In Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
and we have been filled in Him,
who is the head of all rule and authority.

Prayers of supplication and intercession

Closing
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks
for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us
and to all whom You have made.
We bless You for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for Your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth Your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to Your service,
and by walking before You in holiness and
righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

— GRACE —
Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him
and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Amen.
Wednesday Morning Prayer

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– PRAYERS –
Opening
Continue steadfastly in prayer,
being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
At the same time, pray also for us,
that God may open to us a door for the word,
to declare the mystery of Christ.

Prayers of supplication and intercession
Closing
Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life. Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

– GRACE –
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.
Thursday Morning Prayer

— CALL TO WORSHIP —

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the firstborn of all creation. 
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*Prayers of supplication and intercession*

Closing
Almighty God our heavenly Father, You declare Your glory and show forth Your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth:
Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work You give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of Him who came among us as one who serves, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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but above all for Your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth Your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to Your service,
and by walking before You in holiness and
righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
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Evening Reflection and Prayer

This reflection and prayer, taking no more than 10 to 15 minutes, is intended for the individual to do at the end of the day. It’s a way to learn to experience God in every moment, as well as a way to “bookend” your day with prayer.

First consider:
And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

– Prayer for God’s Presence and Illumination –
Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Pray, asking for God’s Spirit to open your eyes and be with you as you consider your day.

– The Reflection –
Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts.

Quietly and prayerfully, in the presence of God, consider your day hour by hour, noting the places you have seen God at work in your circumstances and in your heart. Also, observe those ways in which you have resisted God and been unavailable for His will.

– Prayer of Gratitude and Sorrow –
Pray in deep gratitude for every sign of God’s loving presence, and pray in sorrow, repenting of any place you have resisted His loving will.
Most Holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of Your will, and that we, being delivered from all fear and anxiety, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

— Prayer to Be More Available to God —

Pray, offering yourself body and soul, in your thoughts, words, and actions, as a living sacrifice to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is the way with those who love Your name. Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Amen.
Scripture Reading Plan for the Summer

Week 1

June 6, Mark 10:17-31
June 7, Colossians 1:1-14; Esther 1-2
June 8, Colossians 1:15-23; Esther 3-4
June 9, Colossians 1:24-29; Esther 5-6
June 10, Colossians 2:1-15; Esther 7-8
June 11, Colossians 2:16-23; Esther 9-10

Week 2

June 13, Mark 10:32-45
June 14, Colossians 3:1-4; Proverbs 1
June 15, Colossians 3:5-17; Proverbs 2
June 16, Colossians 3:18-4:1; Proverbs 3
June 17, Colossians 4:2-4; Proverbs 4
June 18, Colossians 4:5-18; Proverbs 5

Week 3

June 20, Mark 10:46-52
June 21, 1 Kings 1-2; Proverbs 6
June 22, 1 Kings 3-4; Proverbs 7
June 23, 1 Kings 5-6; Proverbs 8
June 24, 1 Kings 7-8; Proverbs 9
June 25, 1 Kings 9-10; Proverbs 10
Week 4

June 27, Mark 11:1-11
June 28, 1 Kings 11-12; Proverbs 11
June 29, 1 Kings 13-14; Proverbs 12
June 30, 1 Kings 15-16; Proverbs 13
July 1, 1 Kings 17-19; Proverbs 14
July 2, 1 Kings 20-22; Proverbs 15

Week 5

July 4, Mark 11:12-24
July 5, 2 Kings 1-2; Psalm 1
July 6, 2 Kings 3-4; Psalm 2
July 7, 2 Kings 5-6; Psalm 3
July 8, 2 Kings 7-8; Psalm 4
July 9, 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 5

Week 6

July 11, Mission Initiative Sunday
July 12, 2 Kings 11-13; Psalm 6
July 13, 2 Kings 14-16; Psalm 7
July 14, 2 Kings 17-19; Psalm 8
July 15, 2 Kings 20-22; Psalm 9
July 16, 2 Kings 23-25; Psalm 10
Week 7

July 18, Mark 11:27-33
July 19, Revelation 1:1-20; Psalm 11
July 20, Revelation 2-3; Psalm 12
July 21, Revelation 4-5: Psalm 13
July 22, Revelation 6-7; Psalm 14
July 23, Revelation 8-9; Psalm 15

Week 8

July 25, Mark 12:1-12
July 26, Revelation 10-11; Psalm 16
July 27, Revelation 12-13; Psalm 17
July 28, Revelation 14-16; Psalm 18
July 29, Revelation 17-18; Psalm 19
July 30, Revelation 19-22; Psalm 20

Week 9

August 1, Mark 12:13-17
August 2, James 1:1-18; Proverbs 16
August 3, James 1:19-27; Proverbs 17
August 4, James 2:1-13; Proverbs 18
August 5, James 2:14-26; Proverbs 19
August 6, James 3:1-12; Proverbs 20
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August 8, Mark 12:18-27
August 9, James 3:13-18; Proverbs 21
August 10, James 4:1-12; Proverbs 22
August 11, James 4:13-17; Proverbs 23
August 12, James 5:1-12; Proverbs 24
August 13, James 5:13-20; Proverbs 25

Week 11

August 15, Mark 12:28-34
August 16, Habakkuk 1:1-2:1; Proverbs 26
August 17, Habakkuk 2:1-20; Proverbs 27
August 18, Habakkuk 3:1-19; Proverbs 28
August 19, Malachi 1-2; Proverbs 29
August 20, Malachi 3-4; Proverbs 30-31

Week 12

August 22, Mark 12:35-37
August 23, Acts 1-2; Psalm 21
August 24, Acts 3-4; Psalm 22
August 25, Acts 5-6; Psalm 23
August 26, Acts 7-8; Psalm 24
August 27, Acts 9-11; Psalm 25
Week 13

August 29, Mark 12:38-44
August 30, Acts 12-14; Psalm 26
August 31, Acts 15-18; Psalm 27
September 1, Acts 19-21; Psalm 28
September 2, Acts 22-24; Psalm 29
September 3, Acts 25-28; Psalm 30