

# Grace & Truth Bible Church

May 2022

## Prevailing Prayer

*Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are James 5:17*

**Thank God for that!** He got under a juniper tree, as you and I have often done; he complained and murmured, as we have often done; was unbelieving, as we have often been. But that was not the case when he really got into touch with God. Though "a man subject to like passions as we are," "he prayed praying." It is sublime in the original-- not "earnestly," but "he prayed in prayer." He kept on praying. What is the lesson here? You must keep praying.

Come up on the top of Carmel, and see that remarkable parable of Faith and Sight. It was not the descent of the fire that now was necessary, but the descent of the flood; and the man that can command the fire can command the flood by the same means and methods. We are told that he bowed himself to the ground with his face between his knees; that is, shutting out all sights and sounds. He was putting himself in a position where, beneath his mantle, he could neither see nor hear what was going forward.

He said to his servant, "Go and take an observation." He went and came back, and said-- how sublimely brief! one word-- "Nothing!"

What do we do under such circumstances?

We say, "It is just as I expected!" and we give up praying. Did Elijah? No, he said, "Go again." His servant again came back and said, "Nothing!" "Go again." "Nothing!"

By and by he came back, and said, "There is a little cloud like a man's hand." A man's hand had been raised in supplication, and presently down came the rain; and Ahab had not time to get back to the gate of Samaria with all his fast steeds. This is a parable of Faith and Sight-- faith shutting itself up with God; sight taking observations and seeing nothing; faith going right on, and "praying in prayer," with utterly hopeless reports from sight.

**Do you know how to pray that way, how to pray prevailingly?** Let sight give as discouraging reports as it may, but pay no attention to these. The living God is still in the heavens and even to delay is part of His goodness.-- Arthur T. Pierson

Each of three boys gave a definition of faith which is an illustration of the tenacity of faith. The first boy said, "It is taking hold of Christ"; the second, "Keeping hold"; and the third, "Not letting go."

*Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer*  
Romans 12:12

## May Services

May 1	Communion – Jon Novak
May 8	Pastor DeMarte am – Daniel Trygstad pm
May 15	Pastor DeMarte
May 20-22	Apologetics Conference
May 29	Potluck after morning service

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**Greetings!** What a privilege it is to gather with God's people and to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. We have a busy month of activities ahead. Pray especially for the conference, the work at camp, and for those who are ill.

### **Apologetics Conference with Dr. Juan Valdez – May 20-22**

*Why God Makes Sense in a World that Doesn't*

1. The Absurdity of Life Without God – Friday 6 pm
2. Science vs. Faith – Saturday 6 pm
3. The Case for Creation - Sunday 10 am
4. Five Reasons Why I'm Not an Atheist Sunday 6 pm

**Annual cleanup week at the camp** - May 23-28 Everyone is invited to participate in raking up the pine needles and getting the camp ready for the summer. During the week, the leaves and needles can be raked into piles to be picked up on Friday and Saturday. Many hands make it easier for everyone!

**We are accepting funds** to help pay for the concrete foundation for the new multipurpose building at Camp Sigel. The target amount for our church is \$15000. Donations can be put in the offering by notating that your gift is for camp on your check or envelope.

**Men from our church** will also be doing the work of pouring the foundation at camp. Time and dates will be announced. For any questions about work at camp contact our camp director, Donn Kunnari.

**Congratulations to Peter and Rosanne Campbell** on the birth of their third child, Olivia Grace, born on April 15. Olivia weighed 8# 5 oz. and was 20.5" long.

## **DVBS is coming up soon – June 13-17**

Teachers & Helpers needed! Let Connie know if you can help.

### **April Donations (through 4/21)**

- Missions - \$2235.00
- General - \$8717.31
- Building - \$700.00
- Camp - \$425.00
- Pastor & Connie - \$501.00
- Pastor Bill Jenkins- \$100.00

### **May Verses – Romans 4:1-5**

(Romans 4:1) *What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?*

(Romans 4:2) *For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.*

(Romans 4:3) *For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."*

(Romans 4:4) *Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.*

(Romans 4:5) *But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*

*I would not work to save my soul  
For that the Lord has done.  
But I would work like any slave  
For love of God's dear Son!*