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The Tanner Street Connection

One prayer that I have offered to God on a regular basis since I have served here as Pastor has been “May we hunger and thirst for righteousness.” God is the one pursuing us. We know Him because He first came to us. We have relationship with Him because we have responded in faith, welcoming His grace, mercy and forgiveness of sins. My concern for the church, for followers of Jesus everywhere, is for each of us to come, “to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (Eph. 4:13). I suspect that some settle for an immature faith. God desire much more for us and it all begins with a hunger and thirst for God.

I recently saw evidence of God answering my prayer. In my sermon on Psalm 22, I made the point that God does his best work in the silent space of our lives. I asked those who need more space in their lives for God to work to raise their hands. Hands went up all around the sanctuary. Dozens of people desire God to work in their lives. We are hungry and thirsty for God.

As you continue in your faith journey, I offer you this ancient prayer to incorporate into your prayer life...eventually into your heart. It is the prayer of St. Patrick's Breastplate.



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Prayer of St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to harken to my need:
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.
Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ deep within me,
Christ below me, Christ above me,
Christ at my right hand, Christ at my left hand,
Christ as I lie down, Christ as I arise,
Christ as I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

No Pastor or person can bring about change in the depths of the human heart...only God can do that. May you allow this prayer to create some space for God to form and shape you. May this prayer stir a hunger and thirst for more of God; a hunger and thirst to grow to maturity, to grow into the full stature of Christ.



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REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

DURING REFUGE THIS MONTH WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE GUARDRAILS IN OUR LIVES. GUARDRAILS ARE "A SYSTEM DESIGNED TO KEEP SOMETHING FROM STRAYING INTO DANGEROUS OR OFF-LIMIT AREAS." JUST LIKE THE GUARDRAILS WE SEE ON THE ROADS WE DRIVE EVERYDAY, THE GUARDRAILS WE PLACE IN OUR LIVES ARE DESIGNED WITH A SIMPLE PURPOSE; TO CREATE A SMALL ACCIDENT TO PROTECT US FROM A LARGER ONE. WE DON'T OFTEN SPEND A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT OR PAYING ATTENTION TO THEM, BUT WHEN WE NEED THEM, WE ARE VERY GLAD THAT GUARDRAILS

ARE



THERE. IN THE SAME WAY THAT GUARDRAILS PROTECT US ON THE ROAD, WHEN WE ESTABLISH THEM IN OUR LIVES, THEY CAN HELP TO BOTH PROTECT US AND DIRECT US. MOST LIKELY OUR BIGGEST MISTAKES IN LIFE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF WE HAD GUARDRAILS STEERING US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE GOAL SHOULD NEVER BE TO SEE HOW CLOSE WE CAN GET TO A GUARDRAIL WITHOUT CRASHING BUT RATHER TO KEEP US FROM EVER GOING "TOO FAR," IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

THE STUDENT MINISTRY WEBSITE WAS COMPLETELY REDESIGNED DURING DECEMBER. STOP BY WWW.REFUGESM.ORG TO CHECK OUT THE NEW DESIGN AND GET MORE INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRIES!

THANKS,
PASTOR NATHAN



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EVENTS:



5 - SUPERBOWL PARTY

STUDENTS COME AND WATCH THE GAME AND COOK UP YOUR BEST POT OF CHILI
AND WE'LL VOTE TO SEE WHO HAS THE BEST.



17 - FRIDAY MOVIE MADNESS 6:30 - 10

THIS MONTH FMM WILL BE AT BART & ANGELA GRANT'S HOME. COME AND JOIN US FOR
A NIGHT OF JUST FUN AND GAMES. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED.

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Kid KOnnection

We have begun 2012 with lots of fun and excitement! On Wednesday nights, we are learning how to be "Rock Solid" in our Christian faith. We had Crazy Hair Night just for fun as we learn. A special thanks to Mary Oliver, Sharon Neeley, Jeff Williams and Kristi Williams for their leadership on Wednesdays.

On Sunday mornings, we have been talking about putting on the full armor of God. A special thank you to Mary Oliver, Tammy Miles, Heather Kixmueller, Jennifer Owens, Rita Chessor, Melissia Coffee, Jordan Myrick, and Ali Standridge for leading our Tanner Street Kids on Sundays. If you see Renee Grimes, Tammy Miles, Corrine McCain, Linda Witzel, Taylor Barnett, Ellie McReynolds, Beverly Stash, Hannah Stash, Barry Chessor, Sam Warren, Jonah Warren, Kaci McReynolds, Donna Standridge, or Earl Standridge, please THANK THEM for helping in our Church Nursery. Our Sunday School teachers are Barry & Rita Chessor, Angela Grant, and Lauren Simpson. As you can see, it takes an army of the Lord to minister to our children, and we are grateful for the time, energy, and commitment of these people!

We are doing an Easter program, entitled "It's All Because of Jesus". Come on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. to be a part of this!

Just a reminder...we have 2 new TS Kids in our Cafe Spotlight this month! Check out Maggie Drury and Avery Newton's boards and leave them an encouraging note! They will love to hear from YOU!

So, with fun and excitement in Children's Ministry, along comes gratitude. God is good, and He provides what we need, just when we need it. Thank you, Lord! - Beki



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Network

Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning February 26th in room 117

Network is about getting the right people in the right places for the right reasons at the right time. Through this six session course you will discover your Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style and Ministry Passion. Anyone new to the life of Tanner Street Church or anyone who has yet to participate in this informative course is invited to be a part of Network. Cost for the book is \$8, payable during the first session. Please sign up on the Connection Card or contact the church office [tladams @hotmail.com](mailto:tladams@hotmail.com) or 471-5469.

Pastor's Dessert

Newer folks are welcomed into the Pastor's home for dessert and more information about Tanner Street Church. This is a relaxed time to become better acquainted and enjoy some time together. We will be gathering on Sunday evening February 19 at 6pm at 109 Terrace Dr. just off Kennedy. Please sign up on the Connection Card or contact the church office [tladams @hotmail.com](mailto:tladams@hotmail.com) or 471-5469.



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2012 Budget

The 2012 Budget for Tanner Street Church of God unanimously passed at our annual business meeting held January 22. Copies of the budget are available on the desk in the Welcome Center.

Children's Pastor

The 2012 budget includes funds to hire a children's pastor. The process has begun. A search team is being formed and will clarify a job description and expectations and begin the process of accepting resumes. The goal is to have the right person in place by August or September, although this is flexible.

Briefly, we are looking for someone to put down some roots; someone who loves Jesus, the church, children and families. This person would be responsible for all regular children's programming including Junior Church, Wednesday Evening programming, nursery, various child care events, as well as, special events like VBS and other outreach efforts. This person would also equip and train teams of volunteers who are gifted and passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with children. We welcome your prayer support as we search for God's person for this position.



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J.O.Y

J.O.Y Meeting for February is at Lauren Simpson's house. Co-hostesses are Linda Renfroe and Susan Kennard.