

Ponderings from Pastor Paul – August 2019

I mentioned in church recently that I am planning to start a “Pop-Up Prayer Service”. In the spirit of full disclosure, it wasn’t my original idea. I got the idea from my former music guy who is initiating it in his new congregation. The motivation behind this effort is for us to grow together in the prayerful aspect of our faith. I am pretty confident we can all use a little improvement in that area.

The concept is relatively simple. We’ll give a couple of hours lead time (through a Facebook post, mass text message, and a phone tree) and then simply gather for a brief time of prayer and praise. It will be relatively unstructured and those who are available will have an opportunity to pray and to be prayed for. We will sing some songs as well as engage in prayer. We will pray for our church and for those who don’t know Jesus. We will pray for our community and for our country. We will pray for immediate needs and for concerns of the future. We will pray individually and corporately. We will pray silently and aloud. We will pray.

Why should we participate in such a venture? I mean, couldn’t we just send out prayer requests and ask people to pray on their own? Yes, we could do that, and those that cannot join us in person can at least join us in spirit. But there is something powerful about gathering as a group. There is something powerful about having a time of prayer in God’s house. There is something supernatural about praying for others and being prayed over. There is something amazing when we witness God’s Spirit moving in a group.

When my entire family and those we love are gathered in the same place, the dynamic is exciting and energizing. That same relationship can develop with a group committed to prayer. There is a dynamic that is difficult to explain. It is rather something that must be experienced to fully appreciate.

If you have never been involved in something of this nature, I would encourage you to consider giving us your contact information so we can put you on our list. We will let you know when we are gathering, and if you are available, you can join us. You may just awaken a component of your faith you didn’t even know existed.

God says in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV) “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

I believe that prayer is effective. God hears and he answers. Are you willing to come before him, seek him, and listen to him?

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Paul