



The Heights Baptist Church Member Care Newsletter

WINTER 2023

Greetings Heights Family,

I give God praise for you. I am so grateful to be a part of this church family. I thank God for bringing us into another year. Philippians 2:13 says, “For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” I pray for you and us as a church family that we are actively involved with God and allowing Him to work in us. It is very easy to have the mindset that God will zap us with His power, and we will become super saints doing what pleases God. Actually, the desire and ability to do what pleases God come from the Holy Spirit as we continue daily in God’s word, in prayer, and in fellowship with other believers.

This year, we launched the [Bible reading plan](#) to help our church family continue to grow in studying God’s word. We are reading the New Testament in a year. I encourage you to be a part of this and to connect with others over God’s word.

As we just concluded the 21 days of prayer and the first of the quarterly prayer services for the year, we are launching our monthly prayer focus starting in February. This prayer time is to target a specific area of need. We will focus on one of these topics and pray about them:

- Salvation of family and friends • Marriages • Our Children • Addiction issues
- Going through a difficult season • Family members no longer following Jesus (prodigals)
 - Restoration of relationships • Chronic health issues (physical and emotional)
- Singles praying for a spouse • Couples praying to have children • Prayer for employment/underemployed

I promise you it will be focused, powerful and beneficial to you. You will learn scriptures and vocabulary to pray for specific issues. More importantly, it will be available at your fingertips for streaming or download so that you can pray the prayers according to your schedule. You can listen to the monthly prayer focus on the church [website](#) or through the church app, simply click the “Prayer” icon and select Monthly Prayer Focus.

I suggest that you prepare yourself with fasting as you pray these prayers. You can stand in proxy for your loved ones whom any of these topics may affect. I believe God wants to show us as a church family what the power of prayer can do this year. Psalms 65:1-3 says, “What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion. We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you.” As we come to the Lord who answers prayers, may we see and hear many praise reports of God doing wonders because we prayed.



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Take Note:

- Find the Monthly Prayer Focus [here](#)
- Quarterly Prayer & Praise service, Wednesday, April 26
- Prayer Resource: *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller is available at the registration desk or on [Amazon](#)