



## EQUIP COURSES

Fairview Baptist Church

*"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ." – Ephesians 4:12*

### PRAYER AND PRAYING

June 2025 | Sunday | Fellowship Hall | 9:00-10:15 am

#### DESCRIPTION

Thomas Brooks once said "the power of religion and godliness lives, thrives, or dies as closet prayer lives, thrives, or dies." Perhaps no practice is more urgent for today's Christians than the practice of prayer. Yet, in our experience of prayer, we find ourselves overwhelmed with the day's tasks, distracted by our wandering minds, or stumbling in our speech because of sin. How can we renew our understanding and see prayer the way God designed as the air of our Christian existence? we will consider the biblical principles, theological formulations, and practical applications for the Christian practice of prayer.

#### OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

A participant who successfully completes this class will be better prepared to worship the Triune God, serve Christ's Church, and fulfill the Great Commission by learning to do the following:

1. Learn the importance of prayer for communion with God.
2. Understand the nature of what prayer is.
3. Develop an understanding of the Christian's private prayer life.
4. Discern ways to cultivate a public prayer life.
5. Apply an understanding of the class content with a greater love of God, responsibility in this world, and longing for heaven where we'll see Him as He is.

#### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- John Bunyan, [\*Prayer\*](#)
- Thomas Brooks, [\*The Secret Key to Heaven\*](#)
- Donald Whitney, [\*Praying the Bible\*](#)
- Tim Keller, [\*Prayer\*](#)
- Michael Haykin, [\*The God Who Draws Near\*](#)
- Matthew Bingham, [\*A Heart Aflame for God\*](#)
- J. I. Packer, [\*Praying\*](#)
- R. C. Sproul, [\*Does Prayer Change Things?\*](#)

#### REQUIREMENTS

- **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION** – Commitment to punctuality and regular attendance is encouraged to this course in order to fully benefit and wisely participate in this course.
- **PERSONAL READING AND JOURNALING** - Each student is responsible to have completed the assigned personal development reading as required in the course schedule and write a summary of the reading as a personal reflection in a journal or notebook.
- **SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION** - Each student will be encouraged to memorize the weekly verse from the annual Fairview Baptist Church scripture memory program.

## **SCHEDULE**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>TOPIC</b>              |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| June 8      | The Secret Key to Heaven  |
| June 15     | Private Prayer Life, pt 1 |
| June 22     | Private Prayer Life, pt 2 |
| June 29     | Praying the Bible         |