

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

PRACTICE WHAT HE PREACHED: PRAYER

Our vision is to develop people into followers of Jesus Christ with a passion to worship God well and communicate his love to others.

If you are our guest today, please complete the guest card located in the pocket of the chair in front of you. After the service, you are invited to join our church family for coffee and light refreshments in the back of the Worship Center.

Harvest Kids classes are available during the worship service for babies - preschoolers. Elementary students join their families for the first portion of the service, and then are dismissed to their classes.

Today's sermon from Matthew 7:7-11, "Why We Should Keep on Praying," is the third message in the 2017 40 Days of Prayer. Journals are available in the lobby.

Thank you for a great year-end offering!

Total year-end: \$31,088 // Missions: \$4,663



Why We Should Keep on Praying | Matthew 7:7-11

► We are motivated to keep on praying by...

Context:

1. Immediate context: Follows commands in 7:1-6 to neither judge nor share with the unworthy, so wisdom to know how to respond comes _____.
2. Broader context: Follows his commands to pray for God's rule and purposes and to seek God's kingdom first (6:9-15 and 6:33). Jesus is making promises to those whom He assumes are _____.

**Jesus is urging us to do one thing in this passage: _____ (7).

- _____ asking
- _____ seeking
- _____ knocking

Two encouragements to keep on praying:

1. God promises to _____ our prayers (8).
2. God gives good gifts to those who ask as a _____ (9-11).

How you can pray persistently this week:

- Keep _____ on God, not your praying.

How you can train others to pray persistently this week:

- Keep _____ on God, not their praying.