



# On the Same Page

“Trust in Him at all times, O people;  
Pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us.” (Psalms 62:8)

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## A Developing Direction

Forever-Family Fellowship

**We will teach and practice truth-and-love relationships with brothers-sisters in Christ that must survive/thrive in the present because we believe that these relationships will last forever**

All-Week-Long Worship

As the local body of believers gathers each Sunday for worship, **we will inspire a worship experience for all age groups that will travel with you all week long.** What we do on Sunday will assist you in your singing, in your praying, in your devotion, and in your witness.

Conversely, it is as you worship all-week-long that you will be prepared to enter into gathered worship on Sunday.

Day-to-Day Discipleship

As followers of Christ, we are disciples every single day. Respect for and commitment to Scripture is essential. **We will show you how to interact with and respond to God's Word, both as individuals, and in groups.**

Moment-by-Moment Mission

God, the Architect of the world and of our lives arranges appointments and interruptions. Each of us is called to representative His Son for the glory of His Name. **We will cultivate a mind-set for moment-by-moment mission, whether close to home, or far away.**

## Why Pray?

January 21, 2012

**Prayer acknowledges God's sovereignty.** Lack of prayer leaves me convinced of my own self-sufficiency.

**Prayer forces us to confess what we ourselves cannot do.** Lack of prayer allows me to rush ahead trying to function with my own, limited resources.

**Prayer aligns us with God's priorities.** Lack of prayer leaves me subject to life's urgencies.

**Prayer leads us to search God's Word.** Lack of prayer reduces my Bible reading to a duty.

**Prayer excites us about Jesus.** Lack of prayer allows me to push Jesus to the periphery of my life.

**Prayer reminds us of the essential role of the Spirit in our lives, and of our need for protection from Satan's influence (last week's message).** Lack of prayer lets me think I am an independent agent.

**Prayer shines a light on the battle between living in the Spirit and walking according to the flesh.** Lack of prayer allows me to suppose that I'm living for the Lord even when I'm living for my self.

**Prayer reminds us that the newspaper does not contain the day's most pertinent headlines.** Lack of prayer leaves me confused about what is bad news and good news.

**Prayer reminds me that the world does not revolve around me.** Lack of prayer, well, you know...

**Prayer instills a biblical confidence for power in the accomplishment of God's will.** Lack of prayer leaves me discouraged and hopeless.

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## The 'John' Project: Excerpts from John Knox

John Knox took seriously the danger of a negative spiritual influence. No doubt he did so because of his own personal experience, but also because of the testimony of Scripture. This “spiritual breast cancer” is more dangerous than that which we fear in our physical bodies.

**Our adversary, Satan, at all times compassing us about (1 Pet 5), is never more busy than when we address and bend ourselves to prayer. Oh, how secretly and subtly creeps he into our breasts and calling us back from God, causes us to forget what we have to do!**

The Select Practical Writings of John Knox,  
Banner of Truth Trust, first published in 1845,  
Banner of Truth edition in 2011.

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## Ministry Teams: Worship; Education/Fellowship; Outreach

There are **three signboards** in the church lobby announcing the formation of three ministry teams. The signboards are not the teams; you are. Please ask God where He wants you to participate and serve in the local church. **We have a potluck/prayer/planning meeting next Sunday night, January 29, 5 p.m.**

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## Sermon Wrap



### **Jesus One and Only! - The Gospel of Mark - Getting to the Start**

Mark's Gospel is an urgent Gospel. It is active and aggressive. The introduction (1:1-15) prepares us and stretches us for what comes next. This week (vv 14,15) we settle at the starting line, from which this Gospel rockets forward in a blur of ministry activity.

[Last Sunday's message \(Mk 1:9-13\)](#) is available on [the church website](#).

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## Sunday School, 9:45

**Sundays, January 8, 15, 22**

**Mark's Gospel, with Max McLean**

