

# IN YOUR CLOSET . . .

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

## JESUS' COMMAND

*But thou, when thou prayest,  
enter into thy closet,  
and when thou shut thy door,  
pray to thy Father  
which is in secret;  
and thy Father  
which seeth thee in secret  
will reward you.*

MATTHEW 6:6 KJV



## JESUS' EXAMPLE

*But Jesus often withdrew  
to lonely places  
and prayed.*

LUKE 6:23 NIV

## JOY IN OBEDIENCE

We have Jesus' command and His example. When Jesus gives us a command, He is giving us the opportunity to find joy in obedience. When we follow Jesus' example we enrich our lives and bless others.

## YOUR RESPONSE

- ✓ Find a time and place where you can be alone with God daily.
- ✓ Have your Bible, your prayer plan and a prayer list.
- ✓ Look forward to meeting your Father and sharing this precious time with Him.
- ✓ Have a plan to deal with interruptions and distractions.
- ✓ Choose to spend this time with God out of love and gratitude for all He has done for you

## WHAT IS *IN YOUR CLOSET?*

As FBC Glencoe follows God's direction to Gather, Grow and Go, we recognize that prayer gives us a strong foundation. We pray together as a faith family regularly, but by Jesus' teaching and according to His example, we each need to pray with Him in our own personal time and space. This monthly newsletter will remind us of this calling, and will share with us resources that may assist us as we spend this precious time with our Heavenly Father just as Jesus did.

We will share ideas, examples, testimonies and Scripture that will assist us in experiencing all that God has for us as we fully explore this unique time when we step aside from our busy schedule every day, just to be with God, our Father.

*"Prayer is  
the greater work."*  
Oswald Chambers

## *PRACTICING PRAYER: SOME IDEAS*

- *Begin by praising God. Read a Psalm. Sing or listen to a song. List His names. Mention His attributes. Do what seems good in your heart.*
- *Confess your sin, your disobedience that separates you from Him. Ask forgiveness.*
- *Thank Him for particular blessings.*
- *Bring to Him your concerns for family and faith family, for those who do not know Him, for believers around the world, and for those who have never heard of His great love.*

