

Grace Notes

From: Rev. Jim Gorski

September 2024

The Prayer Meeting

*'The effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much'*
— James 5:16

Jeremiah Lanphier was an ordinary man who wanted to make a difference for Jesus Christ in New York City. Born south of Albany in 1809, he moved to New York City in 1833 to enter the mercantile business and make his fortune. When he first came to the city, he was not a Christian. Then at the age of thirty-three he professed faith in Christ and joined the Brick Presbyterian Church. A zealous Christian, he spent much of his spare time as a street evangelist sharing the gospel and handing out tracts. Then in the summer of 1857 the North Dutch Reformed Church on Fulton Street hired him as a lay evangelist to reach the immigrants living near the church.

Tasked with this new responsibility, Lanphier immediately started passing out invitations to the church, but found little interest. So, he prayed to the Lord for guidance and as he was walking along the streets one day, it came to his mind to start a weekly prayer meeting for businessmen from noon to 1:00 p.m. It would be simple and flexible. Businessmen could come for a few minutes or the entire hour to pray. The meeting would also include singing and a short exhortation.

Excited by God's answer to his prayer, Lamphier had a handbill printed inviting businessmen to a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays at noon in a third-floor room of the North Dutch Church. The first prayer meeting would be held September 23, 1857.

When the appointed day arrived, Lamphier went to the third-floor room at noon and began to pray. After ten minutes no one came. Twenty minutes passed and he was still alone. Then at 12:30 he heard the church door open and the sound of footsteps on the stairway. One man entered the room and knelt next to Lamphier. Then a few other men came shortly afterward and by the close of the meeting at one o'clock there were six men in attendance.

Not discouraged by the small turnout, Lamphier held another meeting the following Wednesday at the appointed time. This time twenty men attended. The following week the meetings were held daily and forty men showed up to pray. By the fourth week attendance averaged over one hundred. Then on October 18 a financial panic seized New York City and collapsed the economy into a brief but deep recession. Quickly all the rooms at the North Dutch Church on Fulton Street were filled to capacity with men earnestly praying to God and some enquiring how they might be saved.

Soon the prayer meeting spread to other churches in the city who opened their doors both at noon and before work in the morning. Even police stations and firehouses made room for men to gather and pray. Within six months, ten thousand businessmen were meeting daily to pray.

Although the prayer revival was most prominent in New York City, once word got out, business men's prayer meetings sprang up in many cities around the country and the Lord blessed the prayers of his people. Within two years multitudes of lost souls came to faith in Christ and were

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added to the church. Some church historians estimate God saved as many as one million people during that two-year time frame.

Whether that number accurately reflects true conversions, God alone knows. But one thing is certain, the Lord answered the earnest cries of his people when they humbled themselves and prayed for their cities and nation. And it all began with one ordinary man who had a burden to reach the lost souls of his city for Christ.

So let us be encouraged by Jeremiah Lanphier's example and not grow weary as we meet together and pray for our nation. For God hears the heartfelt prayers of his people and he is not limited in power. But as Ephesians 3:20 reminds us, God is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask for or think, according to the power at work within us.



The Lord's Supper

will be
observed on September 1st, at the
morning worship service.

Everyone is
encouraged to be in prayer and
repentance in preparation to partake in this holy
sacrament.

Budget Committee Meeting

The Committee will meet on September 22 to discuss and finalize the budget for the upcoming year. Please be in prayer for these individuals as they seek the Lord's wisdom for Grace Presbyterian Church's 2025 Budget.



*Yet I will rejoice in the
Lord; I will take joy in
the God of my salvation*

Habakkuk 3:18 ESV



Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

“First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way.”

(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



Blessed
is the NATION
whose
GOD
is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12



*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you.”
Jeremiah 29: 12*



Please Join us every Wednesday

Time: 10:30

**Where: Fellowship Hall
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book
“Survey of the New Testament”**

**By
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



What do you know about Jonah?
 This book of the Bible is more than just about a man and a fish!!
 What do you know about Habakkuk?
 It is a book of the Bible also!
 These questions are being answered the second Tuesday of the month at our Circle Meeting.
 God is teaching us how we can use these examples and events in our every day life.
 Please join us at 10am the second Tuesday of every month at Grace as we look at "God's Cranky Prophets".
 We have a great time of study, prayer, and fellowship.
 If you have any questions please contact Marsha Allison

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant Session Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 6:30pm
WIC Circle Meeting: Sunday, September 8, 12:00 pm
Prayer for our Nation: Tuesday, September 10, 10:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
 Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant Resumes Thursday, September 5

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant which will resume its monthly meetings every first Thursday of the month.

We will have a time of fellowship, food, and a devotion from the Word of God.
 The men gather around 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 7:00 p.m.

*"As iron sharpens iron,
 so one person sharpens another."
 Proverbs 27: 17*

Pennies for Missions

Every month we remind everyone about the penny jar in the vestibule and the sunday school rooms. Just to let you know what that money is used for, and how important it is.

One of the ministries of we are supporting is going to Ellen Barnett in Acapulco for the New Horizon School. Every little bit of change adds up quickly and the ministries are so thankful.

Please keep praying for this ministry, and continue to add your change from your pockets to our "Penny Jar" (dollars are accepted too!)



Gratitude Cabinet

If there is something that you are thankful for this summer, please remember to take a couple of photos so that we can included them in the Gratitude Cabinet.

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107: 1

The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, September 8, at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, Kit Bonvillian, or Cleve Chandler

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*For everything there is
a season, and a time for
every matter
under heaven...."*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 	3	4 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	5 6:30 pm Men of the Covenant	6	7
8 Session Meeting	9	10 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	11 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	12	13	14
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Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service



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CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR MILITARY

As a way of encouraging our men and women serving in the Armed Forces around the world, we will be partnering with the Blue Star Moms of Central again by sending Christmas Cards to our troops.

Beginning Sunday, September 29th through Sunday, November 3rd, please write a greeting in one of the Christmas cards provided. Place the finished card in the decorated box on display, and we will take care of the rest! You may gladly fill out more than one card.

Remember, please do not seal the envelopes. There are lists of suggested things to say by the display; feel free to take one if you need it. In signing your card, if you wish, you may sign just your first name, or simply sign it "A Friend" or "A Friend in Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

What a great honor it is to have men and women serving our country and protecting our freedom. Let's take the chance to encourage and thank them!

Please contact Mary Ann Bennett with any questions

