

WHAT'S THE NEWS?



GOOD NEWS!!

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Praying Scripture: Strengthening the Foundation of Our Ministry

This week and in the coming weeks, Prayer Warriors for our local chapter have been and will be praying Scripture directly over Craig Sheeler (State Director) and the volunteers, Cindy Wells (GSTL Area Director) and the Summer Missionaries, and over me (GKC Area Director), the 5-Day Club hosts, and the children who will attend. I want to take a moment to look at the prayer foundation of our local chapter—and why this intentional approach to prayer matters.

When we pray Scripture back to God, we are grounding our prayers in what He has already said is true. Instead of trying to come up with the right words, we are using His words. Isaiah 55:10–11 reminds us that His Word does not return empty—it accomplishes His purposes. That means when we pray His Word, we are aligning ourselves with His will rather than relying only on our own thoughts or emotions.

This also helps renew our minds. Romans 12:2 teaches that we are transformed by the renewal of our minds, and John 17:17 says, “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.” When we consistently pray Scripture, we are not just reading it—we are actively engaging with it. It begins to shape how we think, how we respond, and how we approach ministry.

Another benefit is focus. It is easy for our prayers to wander or become repetitive. Using passages like Ephesians 3 or Colossians 1 gives direction. It keeps our prayers centered on things like spiritual strength, wisdom, endurance, and fruit—things that matter eternally, especially in ministries like Good News Club, CYIA, and 5-Day Clubs.

At the same time, this is not the only way to pray. Scripture also shows us deeply personal and unstructured prayers. Psalm 102 is a clear example—it is honest, raw, and direct. There are times when prayer should look like that. Times when you come before God without structure, simply speaking from where you are—whether that is joy, exhaustion, concern, or gratitude. (cont.)

In this newsletter you can expect:

Praying
Scripture

by Jacinda J
Berstler

Volunteer
Appreciation
Dinner

Summer
Ministry Sign-Up

Summer Ministry Volunteers Needed

These Summer Missionaries
need YOU!



Drivers/Supervisors

- Transport Summer Missionaries to 5-Day Clubs
- Flexible Schedule (drive one day, multiple days, or half days)
- Encourage, support, and pray for the team

REQUIRED

- Valid driver's license & auto insurance
- Background and online screening

5-Day Club Hosts

- You choose the location (Church, home, park, etc)
- You have the opportunity to disciple children after club
- Host may provide snacks and drinks
- Churches may host a 5-Day club as their VBS. It's FREE!

REQUIRED

- Background and online screening

Interested? Complete an interest form to Volunteer!



Completing a form does not obligate you to serve. A staff member will contact you with further details.



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Praying Scripture: Strengthening the Foundation of Our Ministry (cont)

There is a balance.

There are times when we pray Scripture—speaking truth back to God, aligning our hearts with His, and staying focused on His purposes.

And there are times when we pray personally—being honest, humble, and open before Him.



Both are necessary. Both strengthen our walk with the Lord and our effectiveness in ministry.

If you are not currently receiving these Scripture-based prayer prompts and would like to, consider signing up to be a Prayer Warrior for the Greater Kansas City Chapter. This is a practical way to stay connected, pray intentionally for specific needs, and support the ministry consistently as we reach children and families with the Gospel.



YOU'RE INVITED!
Volunteer
APPRECIATION
Dinner



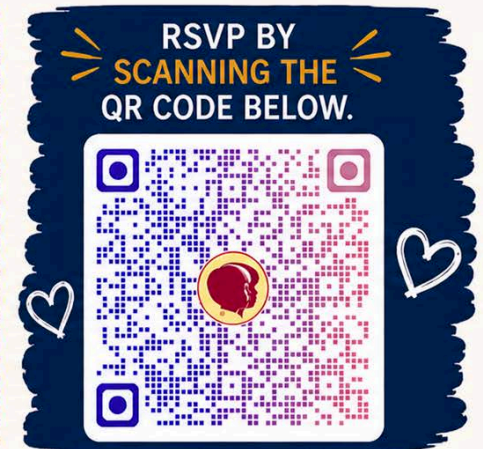
MAY 22ND



6:30 – 8:00 PM



Grace Baptist Church
8524 Blue Ridge Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64138



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE GOSPEL AND FOR CHILDREN!



Supporting Summer Ministry

As we continue to pray Scripture and prepare for summer ministry, the next step is putting that prayer into action. Through Christian Youth in Action® (CYIA) and 5-Day Clubs, the Gospel will be shared with children across the Kansas City area—but this work depends on both people and provision.

Our Good News Club Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 22 is a reminder that ministry happens because volunteers step in and serve. That same need continues this summer. There are still opportunities to serve as 5-Day Club hosts, drivers, and supervisors—each role making it possible for a club to take place.

There is also a need for financial partnership. A gift of \$25 helps provide materials for a club, \$50 helps equip a CYIA student, \$300 supports a 5-Day Club outreach, and \$450 helps provide a CYIA scholarship.

As you pray, consider how the Lord may be leading you to take part—through serving, giving, or both.

*Thank
You*



THANK YOU FOR READING!



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