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Dynamite Prayer

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DESI

There is a massive current of divine power—God’s resurrection power—alive and active in the world today. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is still moving, still healing, still creating new possibilities. The question is: how do we tap into that power? How do we experience it in our daily lives, in our church, and in our community?

The answer, as the people of God have known throughout history, is prayer. Prayer is not just quiet words whispered before bed or before a meal. Prayer is a lifeline. It is a spark that, when placed in the hands of the Holy Spirit, has the power to set off a chain reaction of transformation.

Think of a stick of dynamite. By itself, it doesn’t look like much. But when the fuse is lit, the power within is unleashed. Prayer is much the same. On the surface, it may feel small, ordinary, even routine. But when we pray with faith and expectancy, God ignites that prayer with Spirit-filled power—opening doors, healing hearts, and changing lives.

For the next four weeks we are participating in an intentional experiment called **Dynamite Prayer**. We will join together in worship, in small groups, and individually using the *Dynamite Prayer* guidebook. This journey is designed to help us move beyond safe, routine prayers and into bold, Spirit-empowered prayers that open us to God’s new possibilities. You can get a copy of the guidebook electronically through your favorite e-book provider or the library, or you can pick up a paperback in the church office for \$10.

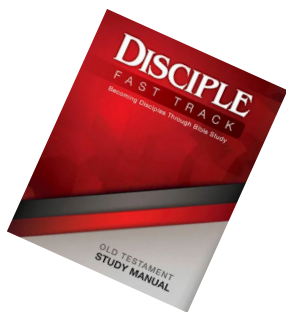
The good news is you don’t need to be a “prayer expert” to take part. The 28-day guide offers short daily readings, a scripture passage, and a breakthrough prayer focus for each day. It’s accessible, practical, and designed for real life. Whether you are brand new to prayer or have been praying for decades, this experiment is an opportunity to grow deeper, bolder, and more expectant.

Over the next four weeks of worship, we will dive into what Scripture teaches about prayer—how it has sustained the people of God through storms, empowered the early church, and fueled revival and renewal throughout history. And as we pray together, we will practice noticing the ways God is moving—through open doors, surprising answers, new relationships, and renewed strength.

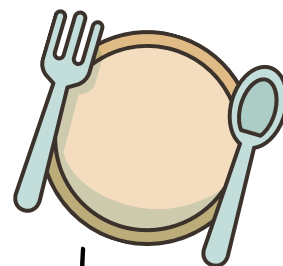
So, are you ready to light the fuse? Are you ready to see what happens when we open ourselves to God’s dynamite power? Let’s begin the experiment together and we will discover that prayer is not just words we speak but the power of God unleashed in our lives!

ST. PAUL'S THIS WEEK... AND MORE

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS @ ST. PAUL'S



Disciple "Fast Track" Bible Study
will meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evening.



We will have our family style meal then begin the study for the adults shortly after the meal.



CHILDREN'S GROUP ALL ABOUT
PLAYING AND LEARNING IN
THEIR FAITH JOURNEY



THE RETURN OF
METHODIST MUSIC
NIGHT

CHANCEL CHOIR
IS BACK!
THIS WEDNESDAY

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7:15 PM

BELL CHOIR WILL START NEXT
WEEK @ 6:00PM

It's Back!
YOUTH GROUP!

This Wednesday led by Sergio the kids will
be planning the

Fall calendar! If you know of any young
people in 6th-12th grades please let them
know they can be a part of this great
planning time. Dinner will start at 6pm
with Youth Group following from
6:30-8:00pm



Chancel Ringers are looking for a new ringer. They are
looking for someone who can read music
and has hand bell choir experience. See Sharon Reese for an audition



THE "AND MORE" FROM ST. PAUL'S

3F FOOD
FUN
FELLOWSHIP

BILLY BOYS

11:30AM

THURSDAY, AUG. 21ST

**WELCOME ALL WHO ARE
55 PLUS YEARS YOUNG!**

THIS THURSDAY



OBU Spotlight



August 21st

We will have a table with the other United Methodist churches in our area to meet and mingle with the students of OBU. Come help us pass out popcorn & fun items!

See Ann or Desi if you want to help!!!

Welcome

Nursery Worker

Hi! I'm Krystle Lawson, and I'm really happy to be joining the church nursery team.

I love spending time with my daughter, whether we are playing outside, going on adventures, or just relaxing at home. I also enjoy exploring nature, working on diamond art, and going on vacations when I get a chance - I love experiencing new places and making memories with my daughter!

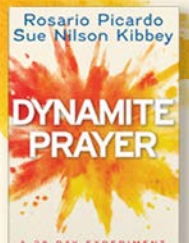
I'm excited to get to know the kids, have fun, and help create a positive, caring environment for everyone. I believe that every child is special and deserves lots of love and attention. I can't wait to meet all of you and be a part of this wonderful community!



Thank you so much for welcoming me.



**PRAYER SHOULD NOT ONLY
PRECEDE ACTION, BUT ALSO
DEFINE OUR ACTION.**



If you would like a copy of this book that goes along with our current sermon series they can be pick up in the office for \$10 or can be downloaded on a Kindle

Thank you....

It has been a busy few months with receptions and funeral lunches. Many thanks to all of you who have cooked, baked, set up, served, and cleaned up. It could not have happened without you.

Sharron Bruton Pounds

And I would like to thank Sharron for her organizing all of the occasions--Mandy

*CONNECT *SERVE *SHARE

Though the giving spirit of St Paul's, we were able to give 75 families a stress-free dinner on the first day of school. This included not only the families of the kids in the daycares but also the staff.



Sharing their gifts this past Sunday were Trish Lenora, and Steve and Sharon Reese. We are blessed with such great talent. Please listen and enjoy!



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
Closed on Fridays

Service Times

Sunday Mornings
Small Groups 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45 AM

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