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Prayer Training

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<p>OVERVIEW: This is a supplemental guide that accompanies four video teaching sessions. The training is for all prayer dream team members at all Clover Hill Assembly of God location. This is also a great tool for those who would like to go deeper in the study of prayer.</p>

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SESSION 1 | AUTHORITY AND IDENTITY IN CHRIST

This first session will address many common questions about prayer and cover the topics of our authority and identity in Christ.

Why Pray?

God instructs us in His word to pray:

- “Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- “When you pray...” (Matthew 6:7)
- “... in everything by prayer and supplication...” (Philippians 4:6)
- “In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayer and supplication...” (Hebrews 5:7)

If God is all powerful, why would He need us to pray?

God has chosen to work through people to accomplish His will on the earth. By giving us free will, God limited His control over our lives. Jesus even instructed us to pray that God’s will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. “Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10) Our prayers give Him the earthly right to move on our behalf.

Psalm 115 tells us that the heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind:

“The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind.” (Psalm 115:116)

According to Hebrews 2, God crowned man with glory and honor, and set him over the works of His hands:

“You have crowned man with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” (Hebrews 2:5-7)

We were created to rule and reign on the earth.

For example, God gave Adam the task of naming the animals. We have been given authority over creation and circumstances on this earth.

Even in the last year we have seen prayer change circumstances at here:

- Woman healed of neck pain
- Man rotator cuff injury- no need surgery & healed
- Man healed from rare form of cancer
- Several debt forgiven from \$1000 medical bills- > \$60K school loan
- Baby in utero with deformed heart healed by 2nd ultrasound

You also have been given the dominion and responsibility on this earth to take care of and pray for those in your area of influence.

1 Corinthians- "We are co-laborers with God."

What difference do our prayers make- doesn't God's divine will happen anyway?

God's perfect will does not happen automatically! If it did, everyone would be saved (2 Peter 3:9, 1 June 2:2) and everyone would be in perfect health (3 John 2). However, this is not the case, and God empowers us to participate in spiritual warfare to accomplish His divine will on earth through the weapon of prayer. Knowing the authority God has given us will help us pray effectively.

What is authority?

Authority= the power to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience. Authority gives people the right to pray and have those prayers answered. Genesis 41 is an example of delegated authority- Pharaoh gave Joseph authority over His kingdom-

"You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you. See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

In the same manner, God has given us authority over his kingdom on the earth- to rule and reign under His leadership.

To understand our authority now, let's review a timeline of man's earthly authority- both how it was lost and then later restored.

When God created the earth for mankind, it was perfect.

- Paradise where God walked with man and woman
- No storms or natural disasters, no death- even animals vegetarian, earth perfectly watered, no sickness, no toil or lack
- All earthly things were subject to man's dominion until Adam and Eve used their free will to choose to disobey God and gave up their earthly authority to Satan

Impact of sin

- Shame, death, sickness, all creation under curse
- Satan became "god of this world" b/c he had man's earthly authority

Redemption Plan set in motion

- God removed Adam and Eve from the Garden so that they would not eat of the tree of life and stay forever in that fallen state (Genesis 3:22-23)
- Evil increased among mankind and God sent the flood and preserved only Noah's family. He then established the Old Covenant with Abraham. Under the OC, man was judged by his works according to the Law. The law was meant to show need for a Savior.
- Jesus was God's redemption plan. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and redeem us from our sin. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8)
- He became cursed so that we could become free. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us." (Galatians 3:13) This ushered in the New Covenant of grace through faith.
- His *grace* and *righteousness* enables us to reign as kings in this life (Romans 5:17)
- At the cross he proclaimed, "It is finished!" Jesus paid our ransom once and for all and bought back our earthly authority from Satan.

Mystery revealed

The Bible talks about a mystery being revealed. Not only did Jesus' death and resurrection free us from the bondage of sin and restore our earthly authority, but the Spirit of God Himself would come to live inside each person that believes. According to Colossians, the mystery hidden for ages and now revealed is

"Christ *in* you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:26-27)

So, what does Christ living in you mean?

- Christ in you is freedom from the curse and bondage under the law.
- Christ in you is power and authority to accomplish His will and live an abundant and victorious life here on earth
- Christ in you is inheritance of His glorious riches and eternal life with Him in heaven

So, what is our new identity as believers in Christ?

- Under the New Covenant of grace- victory is not based on what you do but who you are. Not your merit, but His righteousness
- "as He is, so are we in this world." (1 John 4:17)
- See, the prayers of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16). You are righteous because He is righteous. You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- You are forgiven not only of past sins but also for the sins you will commit in the future. You are redeemed from all curses under the law. Even generational curses are broken off our lives. The place where I have seen the most confusion is people trying to live under both covenants. If you try to live by the law and your own merit, then you will be subject to the

penalty of breaking it- the just shall live by faith not works (Galatians 3:10-12)

- We should have good works accompanying our faith, but our righteousness is only by grace through faith.
- We are new creations in Christ and have received His divine nature. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) “the life of Christ has been made manifest in my mortal flesh.” (2 Corinthians 4:11)

As new creations in Christ, what is our position of earthly authority?

- The Bible references sitting at someone’s right hand as a place of authority, it was a symbol of honor and rulership
- (Ephesians 1:20)- God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at the right hand of the Father in heavenly realms
- (Ephesians 2:6)- And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus
- So Jesus bought back earthly authority from the devil and now we are seated in that place of honor and rulership with Him. He intends us to take our God-given place of dominion over the earth.
- Jesus said in the gospel of Luke, “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...” (Luke 10:19)

To pray effectively, we must know our identity and position of authority as new covenant believers.

So, how should we pray as believers in Christ?

- You are not a lowly sinner begging God to move, now sons and daughters of the King of Kings with all inheritance rights
- You can come boldly before God’s throne to obtain help
- You do not come on your own merit or qualifications but on His righteousness
- You are a *new* creation, let go of your past, get your eyes off yourself and onto Jesus and boldly confess your righteousness in Him
- You have the same power that raised Jesus from dead in you
- The enemy will try to deceive you out of your position. To pray effectively you need to know who you are in Christ, what are your rights as a believer, and by what authority you overcome the powers of darkness.

SESSION 2 | EMPOWERED FOR PRAYER

What does God expect from us with our position of authority?

(Mark 16:20)- “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature... And these signs shall follow those that believe...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover...And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs.”
Our commission= share the gospel and have miracles as evidence to confirm what you share.

How do we fulfill this commission?

(John 14:12-17)- “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son... And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever the Spirit of truth...for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

1. Holy Spirit- Our helper

- Pentecost- (Acts 1:8)- “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”
- “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” (John 16:13)

2. Anointing- God’s presence

- Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound...” “anointed”= “Masah”= to anoint, smear (Yiddish word “schmear”)
- Do you want to know the depth of anointing? (2 Kings 13:21)- A dead man was tossed into the tomb of Elisha. When the dead man’s body touched the bones of Elisha, he came to life! The anointing of God was still present in Elisha’s bones years after his death.

The anointing can be transferred

- Lay hands (Matthew 9:25, 19:13-15; Mark 16:15,18; Luke 4:40; Acts 14:3)
- Peter’s shadow (Acts 5)
- Paul’s handkerchiefs (Acts 18)

We are already anointed!

- (2 Corinthians 1:21)- God has established us in Christ and anointed us
- (1 John 2:20) “you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.”

- (1 John 2:27) “But the anointing you have received remains in you...”
- The Spirit transforms us into a different person! “Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophecy with them and be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you.” (1 Samuel 10:6-7) Example of Clark Kent turning into Superman
- “The yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.” (Isaiah 10:27)

3. **Jesus-** Our example as man empowered by the Holy Spirit

Anointed for ministry

- Anointing= represents Holy Spirit/God’s manifest presence, also a symbol of being set apart and consecrated to divine service
- (Acts 10:38) “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Private prayer life

- Jesus spent time alone with God in prayer and then displayed miracles publicly. Jesus instructed us to go into the secret place to pray & then we would be rewarded openly (Matthew 6:6). Pattern of praying privately, pouring out to others and then being filled by God again (Mark 1:32-42). Jesus walked in supernatural power due to His intimacy with God. Anointing increases when we spend time in God’s presence.

Performed miracles to confirm the Word

- Jesus is our example of how to pray and what to pray for. Jesus healed every sick person who came to Him believing. “Great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.” (Matthew 12:15, Luke 4:40, 6:19)

Knew the will of the Father

- “I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me. “ (John 6:38)

Prayed the Word to combat attacks from the enemy

- “It is written...” (Matthew 4)

Spoke directly to the problem with authority

- (Compare to church today)
- Put His hands in the ears and touched the tongue of the deaf and mute man and said “Be opened” (not a long, religious prayer but one that knew God’s will and was bold in His authority) (Mark 7:31-36)
- To paralyzed man at pool of Bethesda: “Rise, take up your bed and walk. Immediately he was made well.” (John 5:1-14)

Believed when he prayed

- “I knew you always hear me but I say this for the benefit of those standing here.” (John 11:42)
- “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but

believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.” (Mark 11:23)

Compassion for others

- God is love (1 John 4:8) and love was the source of Jesus’ power for miracles: “When He went ashore and saw a great throng of people, He had compassion for them and cured their sick.” (Matthew 14:14)
- “If you want to heal the sick, you must love the sick.”- Dr. Oral Roberts.
- Jesus said that we love others by praying for them in His Name and bearing fruit through answered prayer (John 15:16-17)
- (2 Corinthians 5:14) “For the love of God compels us...”
- (Romans 5:5) “The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.” -> gifts

Spiritual Gifts

Not only has God given us His Spirit but He has also given each of us spiritual gifts for ministry. (Hebrews 2:4) “God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His will”

An overview of spiritual gifts and it relates to prayer:

1. Every person has gifts

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”
- Gifts of the Spirit: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, gift of faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

2. Gifts are not a “side dish of ministry” but necessary for prayer

- Both personal and ministry (example of prepping for this teaching)

3. Gifts should function with order in corporate settings

- “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.” (1 Corinthians 14:32)

4. Gifts will always be in line with the Word.

5. We chose to operate in the gifts and yield to the Holy Spirit

- (2 Timothy 1:6-7)- “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a self-control.”
- Don’t be fearful about using your gifts but step out in God’s power, driven by love, and control your flesh to cooperate with God’s Spirit!
- Example of 700 club seminar- word of knowledge

Key to effective prayer: Be led by the Holy Spirit!

“Not by might not by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” Zechariah 4

SESSION 3 | RECEIVING ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Faith

Many of the times Jesus performed miracles, he attributed the miracle to the faith of the person receiving:

- 2 Blind Men- Jesus asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” they said “Yes, Lord.” So He touched their eyes and said “According to your faith let it be to you.” and their eyes were opened. (Matthew 9:27-30, Mark 8:22-26)
- Woman with the Issue of Blood- She touched Jesus’ garment and He said to her “Your faith has made you well.” and she was healed. (Mark 5:34)

So, what is faith?

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:1,6)

Faith is:

- **Present Tense** (compare to hope)
- **Believing before you see the physical manifestation** Contrary to earthly senses- God’s ways higher than ours. We walk by faith not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- **Expectation of supernatural results** Beyond natural limits
- **Necessary to please God**
- **Knowing God and pursuing Him** “The secret behind getting more faith is to get to know God more.” –Lester Sumrall
- **Rewarded** Faith positions us receive God’s promises and blessings

How do we increase faith?

We cannot stir up faith through will power. It comes by renewing our minds to truth. Faith comes by learning the Bible:

- “So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” (Romans 10:17) Knowing the truth sets us free from deception:
- “And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32) As we learn the truth about God and His desire for our lives, we can activate our faith by agreeing with truth.

The enemy will try to deceive us out of what is rightfully ours through Christ but God’s word is life and health to us. We must protect our heart from deception by renewing our minds to truth.

- “My son, give attention to my words... keep them in the midst of your heart... for they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:20-23)

When you pray for others... share the Word of truth with them and look for their faith being activated:

- Acts 14- "Paul, observing [a lame man] intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, 'Stand up straight on your feet!' and he leaped and walked."

How should I pray?

Pray the Word

- The Word is our offensive spiritual weapon
- Prayer should always be combined with scripture to produce faith to receive.
- "My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they [are] life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. "
(Proverbs 4:20-22)

Pray in the Name of Jesus

- (Philippians 2:9,10)- "God also has given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven [angels], and things in earth [men], and things under the earth [demons]."
- (John 14:13)- "Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it"
- (1 John 15:14-15)- "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us: and we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him."
- (Luke 10:17)- the disciples said that the demons were subject to them in Jesus' name
- (Acts 3:6) Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk, and the man walked."
- (Acts 16:18) Paul said to a demon, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her, and the insane woman was perfectly restored."

Speak directly to the problem

- We do not need to beg God to do what He already has done through Jesus (paid for our salvation, healing, deliverance from demons, peace, etc.) we know receive these by faith and speak to any obstacles in the way.
- Keys (authority) to the kingdom- binding the enemy and losing what is rightfully ours through Christ: "And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven: and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19)

Pray in Faith

- “According to your faith let it be to you.” (Matthew 9:29)
- “Daughter, your faith has made you well.” (Mark 5:34)
- Believe you are healed the moment you pray, not when you feel the symptoms are gone (faith is from our Spirit not our five sense): “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have them.” (Mark 11:24)

Watch your words

- “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” (Proverbs 18:21)
- “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Matthew 12:34)
- “Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering.” (Hebrews 10:23)
- You cannot talk sickness and walk in health: “You are snared with the words of your mouth...” (Proverbs 6:2)
- Faith needs to be spoken (2 Corinthians 4:13): “...we believe and therefore speak.”

Power of agreement

- “If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:19)
- “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.” (James 5:13-16)

Potential hindrances to receiving answers to prayer

1. Lack of knowledge- not knowing God's Word

- (Hosea 4:6)- “My people perish for lack of knowledge.”
- (Romans 10:17)- “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
- Appropriating faith cannot go beyond your knowledge of the will of God.
- “The power of God can be claimed only where the will of God is known.”
F.F. Bosworth

2. Unbelief- not believing God's Word

- The fundamental sin that separated God from man was the attitude that God did not mean what He said (Genesis 3:4).
- “There has not failed one word of all His good promise.” (1 Kings 8:56)
“Now He [Jesus] could do no mighty work there... and He marveled b/c of their unbelief.” (Mark 6:5-6)
- “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief...” (Hebrews 3:12)
- “For with God nothing shall be impossible.” (Luke 1:37)

3. Fear- doubting God's Word

- (James 1:6-8)- "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting... For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."
- When our mind fully trusts God at His Word, we take all other thoughts captive (2 Corinthians 10:5) and enter His rest (Hebrews 4:11).

4. Confession- your words not lining up with God's Word

- Greek word for "confession" means "to say the same thing"
- "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." (Proverbs 18:21)
- "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Mt 12:34)
- "Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering." (Hebrews 10:23)
- You cannot talk sickness and walk in health: "You are snared with the words of your mouth..." (Proverbs 6:2)
- Differentiate from "name it, claim it": You can only name and claim what God's has promised. You cannot use the name of Jesus and His authority for anything outside the will of God.

5. Unforgiveness- not applying God's Word to Others

- "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:25)

6. Lack of action- not acting on God's Word

- "faith without works is dead." (James 2:20)
- "Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect." (James 2:22)

7. Patience- time according to God's Word

- We inherit God's promises through (1) faith and (2) patience (Hebrews 6:12)
- Daniel chapters 9 and 10
- Angel Michael came to help the messenger from Prince of Persia
- Jesus prayed and the manifestation was not instant- Ten lepers "as they went, they were cleansed." (Luke 17:14)

8. Condemnation- shrinking back from God' Word

- Past sin can cause us to feel unworthy of God's blessings. However, we are all unworthy by made worthy through Jesus. Don't let your heart fail (1John 3:21)

Pursue God in faith, know His Word, speak to the mountains that stand in the way of your answer to pray in Jesus' Name, be steadfast in faith, and *receive* the fullness of God's blessings through answered prayer.

SESSION 4 | HEALING

Why can I believe for healing?

- Jesus was made sick and sin for us: “Surely He has borne our grief [also translated sickness] and carried our sorrows... But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)
- “...they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah saying: ‘He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sickness.’” (Matthew 8:16-17) “Infirmities” comes from the Greek word “astheneia” meaning disease, sickness and weakness. The word “bore” implies substitution.
- “... who Himself bore our sins on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness- by whose stripes you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)
- “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.” (Psalm 103:2–3)
- “For I am the Lord, your physician, your healer.” (Exodus 15:26)
- “He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” (Psalm 107:20)
- Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” (3 John 1:2) Connection between body, soul, and spirit: watch your stress level, relationship health, etc.

Is healing part of salvation?

- Yes! Salvation is deliverance from sin and sin’s penalty. Sickness is part of the penalty/curse of sin (Deuteronomy 28:15-61).
- Jesus bore the penalty of sin for us: “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.” (Galatians 3:13)
- Salvation is our inheritance as a believer and includes physical mental and emotional healing on Earth in addition to eternal life. “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9) To be “saved” is the Greek word “sozo” also translated “healed” (Mark 5:23,

Luke 8:36, Acts 14:9) and “made whole” (Mark 5:34 6:56, Luke 17:19, Acts 4:9).

- “You were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:20)

Is healing always God’s will?

- Jesus healed **Every** sick person who came to Him believing. “Great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.” (Matthew 12:15, Luke 4:40, 6:19) “As many as touched Him were made perfectly whole.” (Matthew 14:36) “And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed [them] all.” (Luke 6:19)
- Jesus healed all who came in faith. “News about Him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to Him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon-possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—He healed them all.” (Matthew 4:24)
- The only time Jesus did not heal was when restricted by the unbelief of others: “In His hometown of Nazareth, however, many people doubted Him and He could do few great works there.” (Mark 6:5-6)

Does God ever use sickness to punish or discipline New Covenant believers?

- No- sickness brings destruction and does not reflect abundant life: “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have [it] more abundantly.” (John 10:10)
- The Bible refers to sickness as captivity (Job 2:7;42:10), bondage (Luke 13:12,16), and oppression (Acts 10:38). God wants us to have deliverance (Luke 4:18) and freedom yokes of bondage (Isaiah 58:6)
- God is our heavenly Father and disciplines us with correction, not with death and destruction: “Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:9-11)

Does the devil have any authority over believers?

- No! He is a defeated foe: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” (1John 3:8)

- Jesus defeated Satan’s power over us: “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:15)
- “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” (Luke 10:19)
- “Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom and heal the sick.” (Luke 9:1-2, see also Matthew 10:7-8; Mark 3:14-15; Luke 10:9); “And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.” (Mark 6:13)
- However, the enemy will try to take any ground in your life that you give him or do not know is rightfully yours. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...” (1 Peter 5:8-9) & “Be angry and do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your wrath, not give place to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:26-27).
- God does not rebuke the enemy for us. He told us to resist the enemy in our faith and he will flee (James 4:7).

The devil has NO authority in believers’ lives. He works through lies and deception. Although God’s will for us is physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing, the devil will still try to take unlawful ground in these areas, because his purpose is to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

Satan wants to trick believers out of their covenant rights, but God’s truth brings us out of bondage. “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

The truth is that your sickness was already laid on the body of Jesus, so resist the enemy and the lying symptoms and fight the fight of faith to receive your healing. Healing is not based on anything we deserve or on our own merit; it’s based on receiving what He already did at the cross. Know your rights as a believer and take a firm stand against the enemy and any ground he would try to take in your life in the name of Jesus!

Does God get more glory if I do not use medical intervention and only faith?

- No- all healing is from God whether it is at an altar or through divine knowledge given to doctors for interventions and medication. Only the Holy Spirit can direct each person in each situation on what steps to take for full healing to manifest.

Isn't sickness part of the normal aging process?

We do not need to die of sickness; we can believe for healing at any age.

- We can appropriate the promises of healing and also long life: “the number of your days I will fulfill.” (Exodus 23:26)
- “With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.” (Psalm 91:16)
“He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes [approximately 2 million people- young and old!].” (Psalm 105:37)
- “Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.” (Psalm 91:5–7)

Why are some healings instant and some happen over time?

We don't know!

- Faith and patience We inherit God's promises through (1) faith and (2) patience (Hebrews 6:12)
- There examples when Jesus prayed and the manifestation was not instant:
 1. Ten lepers “as they went, they were cleansed.” (Luke 17:14)
 2. Blind men “saw men as trees walking.” (Mark 8:23-25)

Expect when you pray and keep standing/claiming God's promises until full manifestation:

- If sickness tries to come back on you, resist it steadfast in the faith: “Resist him, steadfast in the faith...” (1 Peter 5:9)
- “Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” (Ephesians 6:13)

Appendix A: Prayer Team Requirements

To join the team

- Must be a partner of Clover Hill (serve faithfully, give Biblically, connect relationally) and have completed Growth Track
- Complete the Prayer Team videos & worksheet

On the team

- Attend the annual meeting held every September
- Must be able to communicate by email
- Altar workers: *serve at least 2x/month (including pre-prayer)*
- Intercessors: *pray over emails & attend at least one corporate prayer.* Sat. night prayer, special prayer meetings, or preprayer

Team Calendar

September - Annual team meeting/dinner

April - Easter rally

Statement of Understanding

As a prayer team partner at Clover Hill Assembly of God, I accept and agree to the following:

- I will be submitted to the leadership of the church and maintain unity in my speech and actions.
- I will pursue Pastor Stan's vision and the Assembly of God doctrine of the church and not entertain another agenda.
- I will be open to feedback from Pastor Stan in reference to any improvement in the prayer team.
- I will be diligent in communications that I receive from the church leadership (returning phone calls, emails, etc.).

Altar Workers Guidelines

1. Attend pre-prayer to be released to pray during altar time (8:15 or 10:15)
2. Wear name tag
3. Remember personal hygiene
4. One lead prayer person (anyone else must pray quietly)
5. Ask the person what they would like to receive prayer for
6. Keep your eyes open when you pray

7. Ask permission to lay hands
8. Touch lightly and appropriately (never push them)
9. Pray in words they can understand
10. Pray the Word
11. Always be edifying and not condemning
12. Don't preach, counsel, or give advice
13. Instruct the person to call the church office if they need counseling (we do not call people for that)
14. Do not suggest anyone stop taking medication. They should consult their doctor to verify healing.
15. Keep everything you hear and see confidential!
16. Do not give out your phone number (only the church office number)
17. Do not ever promote your own business or give out any business cards. This is a conflict of interest.
18. You are there to *pray* not "fix" their problems
19. Something is only considered a "crisis" if a person states that they are going to hurt themselves or someone else. With everything else, don't panic.
20. Intercession at the altar should never be distracting.
21. With a large altar call, pray a short prayer and move on to the next person if necessary.
22. Remember to fill out cards for new believers and rededications and turn them into guest services.
23. New team members will do a role play and interview.
24. Let any of the leaders know if you need assistance

Intercessor Guidelines

Who submits the Prayer Request? Prayer requests usually come from church members, intercessors themselves, and/or the Church Staff. Prayer requests are entered via the link on the church website. Once the prayer request is entered via the form it is sent directly via email to the Intercessory Prayer Monitors.

Handwritten prayer requests as submitted via connection cards in our weekend programs and are either prayed for during the Saturday evening prayer time or sent via emails to the Intercessors.

How is the Prayer Request Processed? Intercessory Prayer Monitors reviews the prayer requests and removes last names, personal information, and sensitive data. The edited prayer requests are sent out via email to the Intercessory Prayer Team. ***The subject of the email should be "Clover Hill Prayer Requests".***

Included in the email is a reminder that the information in the prayer request is confidential and not to be shared with anyone unless permission is given from the Church Staff who will check with the pastoral staff.

There are times that the prayer requests are not distributed due to the nature of the request (makes no sense, computer generated, ranting, comments, etc.). The Pastoral Staff is notified directly of any requests that need immediate attention such as personal prayer or visitations (such as new births, hospital visitations, accidents, death).

Who is on the Distribution List? The prayer requests are only sent to the intercessors. The Intercessory Prayer Monitors send a verification email to the address given them. For example – if Sue Smith wants to be added to the Intercessory Prayer team, she will receive an email that says, “You are getting this email because you have requested to be on the Clover Hill Assembly of God Prayer Line.” Please reply so that we can ensure that we have your correct email on file.” Once Sue responds, “yes” her email address is added to the distribution list. This helps ensure that the correct email address is entered.

If someone wants to be removed from the prayer distribution list, they simply follow the instructions given at the bottom of each email. This notifies the Intercessory Prayer Monitors to remove the person from the distribution list.

The Important Part? The most important part is to *pray*. The decision was made to not email a running list of prayer requests to the team so that each member can pray how the Lord leads them and not be overwhelmed with a long list of prayers. For some it may be a one-time prayer, for others the Lord may bring it to mind for a period of time. Some may want to keep a list that they update with new requests or add to a prayer journal.

Praise Reports Praise reports are handled in the same manner as above. A summary of weekly praise reports are submitted on Thursdays to Pastor Andrew.

Appendix B: Scripture Quick Reference Sheet

Salvation: “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

Baptism of the Holy Spirit: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...” (Acts 1:8)
“And these signs shall follow those who believe... they will speak with new tongues.” (Mark 16:17-18)

Finances: “And my God will meet all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)
“I will rebuke the devourer for your sake.” (Malachi 3:11)
“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.” (Luke 6:38)

Marriage/Relationships: “...as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” (John 13:34)
“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.: (Mark 11:25)

Infertility: “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body...” (Deuteronomy 28:3)
“You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or your livestock.” (Deuteronomy 7:14)

Healing: “For I am the Lord, your physician, your healer.” (Exodus 15:26)
“... by His stripes you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)

Safety: Because you have made the Lord... your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.” (Psalm 91:9-10)
“Whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.” (Proverbs 29:25)

Wisdom: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)

Appendix C: How did Jesus pray for others?

A) How Jesus reacts:

- When tempted- He quotes the Word (Matthew 4)
- What He preached- Repentance (Luke 13:3)
- In Bad Weather- He rebuked the bad weather (Matthew 8:26)
- When anyone came to Him with demons or sickness, He touched them and/or spoke to the problem. He healed all kinds of sickness/disease. (Matthew 4:23, Matthew 15:29-31, Matthew 21:14, Mark 1:32-34, Luke 4:40-41)

B) Examples of how Jesus healed people:

1. **Leper-** Jesus put His hands on him and said “I am willing, be cleansed.” (Matthew 8:2-3, Mark 1:40-42, Luke 4: 12-13)
2. **Centurion’s Servant-** The servant was home paralyzed. He told Jesus He didn’t need to come to the house but only speak the words and he would be healed. Jesus said “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” (Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10)
3. **Peter’s Mother-in law-** She was sick with fever. Jesus touched her hand and the fever left. (Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39)
4. **Many Demon Possessed-** “He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick.” (Matthew 8:16)
5. **1 or 2 Demon Possessed-** The demons requested if cast out to go into swine. In Mk and Lk Jesus asked the demon’s name and it said “Legion”. Jesus said “Go” and the demons left and went into the swine and they drown. (Matthew 8:28-33, Mark 5:2, Luke 8:26-36)
6. **Paralytic brought by his friends-** The friends lowered him through the roof and Jesus saw their faith. He said to the man, “Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you... Arise, take up your bed, and go to your home.” (Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12)
7. **Ruler’s Daughter Died-** Jesus made the doubters leave the room, then took her hand and she arose. (Matthew 9:18-25, Mark 5:21-43)
8. **Woman with the Issue of Blood-** She touched Jesus’s garment and He said to her “Your faith has made you well.” and she was healed. (Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34)

9. **2 Blind Men-** Jesus asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” they said “Yes, Lord.” So He touched their eyes and said “According to your faith let it be to you.” and their eyes were opened. (Matthew 9:27-30, Mark 8:22-26)
10. **Mute and Demon-Possessed Man-** Jesus cast out the demon. (Matthew 9:32-34)
11. **Man with a Withered Hand-** On the Sabbath, Jesus told him to stretch out his hand and it was restored. (Matthew 12:9-13, Mark 3:1-5, Luke 6:6-10)
12. **Blind and Mute Man-** Jesus healed him so he spoke and saw. (Matthew 12:22)
13. **Gentile Woman’s Demon Possessed Daughter-** The woman came to Jesus for help for her daughter. Jesus said He was sent to the Jews, but she persisted. He said, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” and her daughter was healed. (Matthew 15:21-28, Mark 7:25-30)
14. **Epileptic Boy-** The disciples couldn’t heal him b/c of their unbelief, but Jesus rebuked the demon and he was healed. (Matthew 17:15-20, Mark 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-42)
15. **1 or 2 Blind Men-** Jesus asked, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said that their eyes would be opened. So Jesus touched their eyes and they were healed. (Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43)
16. **Lazarus Died-** Jesus went to the tomb after Lazarus was dead 4 days and said “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but b/c of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You have sent Me...Lazarus, come forth!” Then Lazarus came out alive. (John 11:1-44)
17. **Man with Unclean Spirit-** Jesus said, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” and it came out. (Mark 1:23-25, Luke 4:33-36)
18. **Deaf-Mute Man-** Jesus took the man aside from the crowd and put His fingers in the man’s ears, spat, and touched his tongue then said, “Be opened.” The man could hear and speak. (Mark 7:31-36)
19. **Blind Man at Bethsaida-** Jesus took him out of town, spat on his eyes, and put His hands on him and asked if he saw anything. The man saw “trees like men walking” so Jesus put His hands on the man’s eyes again and made him look up. Then he saw clearly. (Mark 8:22-25)

20. **Widow's Son**- The boy died and was in the coffin at his funeral procession. Jesus first went to the mom and said "Do not weep" then said to the boy, "Young man, I say to you arise." and the boy was alive. (Luke 7:11-15)
21. **Man with Dropsy**- Jesus healed him on the Sabbath. (Luke 14:1-5)
22. **10 Lepers**- Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests and as they went they were cleansed. Only one of them returned to give thanks. (Luke 17:11-19)
23. **Nobleman's Son**- The nobleman asked Jesus to come lay hands on his sick son. Jesus said, "Go your way; your son lives." (John 4:46-50)
24. **Man at Pool of Bethesda**- The pool of Bethesda was a place where an angel came down at a certain time and stirred the water. Whoever stepped in first was healed. Jesus saw a sick man lying by the pool and asked "Do you want to be made well?" The man said he had no one to put him in the pool. Jesus said "Rise, take up your bed and walk" and he was healed. Jesus later told him "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you." (John 5:1-14)
25. **Blind Man**- The disciples asked Jesus if this man or his parents sinned and Jesus said "neither... but that the works of God should be revealed in him." Then He spat on the ground and made clay and put it on the man's eyes. He told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The man washed and came back seeing. (John 9:1-7)
26. **Soldier's Ear**- One of the disciples cut a man's ear off b/c he was coming to arrest Jesus. Jesus said, "Permit even this" and touched the ear and healed him. (Luke 22:51)

Healing takes faith on our part but God is always willing. "Now He could do no mighty work there [in Nazareth, His hometown], except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled b/c of their unbelief." (Mark 6:5-6)... "Wherever He entered... as many as touched Him were made well." (Mark 6:56)

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. He was moved with compassion for them, b/c they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Then He gave them power over unclean spirits and to heal all sickness... 'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.'" (Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1, 7-8)

Appendix D: How did the Disciples pray for others?

1. **Lame Man at Temple Gate-** Peter and John said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he was healed. (Acts 3:1-8)
2. **Peter’s Shadow-** The shadow of Peter fell on people as he passed by and they were healed. (Acts 5:15)
3. **Aeneas the Paralytic-** Peter said to him “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” (Acts 9:33-34)
4. **Tabitha raised from the dead-** Tabitha was sick and died. Peter sent the women out of the room and said, “Tabitha, arise.” She sat up and was healed. (Acts 9:36-41)
5. **Girl with spirit of divination-** Paul said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” (Acts 16:16-18)
6. **Handkerchiefs-** Paul’s handkerchiefs were laid on the sick and they were healed. (Acts 18:11)
7. **Eutychus fell out of window dead-** Paul embraced his body and said, “Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him.” and they brought him back upstairs alive. (Acts 20:9-12)

Appendix E: Elements of Prayer

Fervency- “to be hot”, Elijah prayed for 3 ½ years before it rained (James 5:16-18)

Desire- a real God-yearning (2 Corinthians 7:7)

Perseverance- continue until the answer comes or the burden lifts (Ephesians 6:18)

Compassion- displays Divine love and brings deliverance (Matthew 14:14)

Sacrifice- giving of yourself (Psalm 109:4; Acts 6:4)

Position- we are seated with Christ & all things under our feet (Hebrews 2:5-7)

Power- God moves according to the power at work in us (Ephesians 3:20)

Agreement- corporate prayer (Matthew 18:18-20)

Boldness- the shame of sin is gone, we have direct access to the throne (Hebrews 4:16)

Rights- claiming our covenant rights (Isaiah 43:26)

Faith- believe and receive (Matthew 21:21-22)

Timing- due to spiritual battle, manifestation is not always immediate (Daniel 10:13)

Assistance- the Holy Spirit helps us pray God’s will (Romans 8:26-27)

Authority- prayer in the Name of Jesus gives us power over the enemy (Luke 10:17)

Armor- prayer is part of our battle armor (Ephesians 6:13-18)

Fasting- required for some deliverance (Matthew 17:21)

Appendix F: **Worksheet**

Instructions: Please answer the following questions to the four training videos (short answers are fine). By completing this assessment, you are stating that you have watched all four videos. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Chenault at: kathychenault@yahoo.com

Earthly Authority

1. Who was originally given authority over the Earth?
2. What was the Earth like before the Fall?
3. How did sin affect creation?
4. What was God's redemption plan?
5. How was Jesus a role model for us?
6. What did Jesus destroy?
7. What did Jesus pay for in addition to our salvation?
8. What is our commission?
9. What empowers us to do the works of Jesus?
10. Why do we pray in the name of Jesus?
11. Who are you in Christ?
12. Why can we pray boldly?

Empowerment for Prayer

1. Describe how Jesus prayed and give an example from the Bible.
2. How can we show compassion while being strong in spiritual warfare?
3. What power do believers have?
4. Give a scripture for each of these topics that you could use when praying for someone.
 - Wisdom:
 - Finances:
 - Healing:
 - Troubled Marriage:
5. What is the key to effective prayer?

Receiving Answers

1. How do we increase our faith?
2. When should we believe that our prayer is answered (see Mark 11:24)?
3. What are the only things we can “name and claim”?
4. Why do we need to forgive others before we pray?
5. How can we overcome condemnation of our past sin and pray boldly?

Healing

1. Why can we believe for healing?
2. What are some ways we can pray for someone that is sick?

Appendix G: Earthly Authority Timeline

