

# Generations Praying Together

A Daily Devotional Guide



**GENERATIONS**  
Together



*“Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord.”*

*Psalm 102:18 (ESV)*



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## A Note from Our Pastor

Thanks so much for being part of our *“Generations Praying Together,”* the prayer component of our *“Generations Together”* stewardship campaign. I’m excited to see what God will do spiritually and materially for our church’s future through this campaign.

The prayer guide you hold in your hands contains daily devotionals written by various members of the BFC Family. You’ll notice that they include entries from all generations, young, middle aged, and senior saints, all asking the question: *“God, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will in our church.”*

Praying together around a common theme for the next 28 days is a powerful indication of our belief that without Him we can do nothing. Together, let’s watch God move His hand in answer to believing prayer!

In Calvary’s Bond,  
**Todd Patterson**  
Pastor

# DAY: 1

**Question:** Do I use the blessings in my life as an opportunity to point people to Christ or to improve other people's opinions of me? Do my victories bring me glory or God?



**Scripture:** *"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!"*  
(Psalm 67:1-3)

**Application:** The Psalmist has no issue praying for God's grace, blessing, and presence in the life of the nation Israel, because he knows that as God blesses His people, the world around will take notice. We also should be confident to come into God's presence (*Hebrews 4:16*) and ask for his blessing on our lives, our families, and our church. We must just be careful to point all the praise to God alone when He answers that prayer, that those around us may see and come to worship Him.

**Prayer:** God, thank you that you are a God who hears prayer and invites us into your presence through Jesus Christ. We ask you to bless and be gracious to Bible Fellowship Church so that we might be a blessing to the community around us. We ask you to guide and bless *Generations Together*. May You be glorified by every success and every difficulty you bring our way. Let the nations see your work and praise you, starting in Highlands County.

**Jordan Terrell**

## DAY: 2

**Question:** How are you using your spiritual gifts and developing your spiritual character?



**Scripture:** *2 Timothy 1:5-7 – "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline."*

**Application:** A faithful legacy is the most important thing we can pass down to future generations. As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity to use our spiritual gifts to plant seeds, shine for Him, and further His Kingdom. It is God's intention for each of us to take responsibility for developing our character and utilizing our gifts. God gave us a triumphant spirit to act in love for His Church and His people. May that be our legacy as individuals, families, and a church.

**Prayer:** Thank You, Lord, for the generations who have come before us, establishing strong legacies by living for You. Thank You for giving each of us a bold and powerful spirit. Remind us to use our gifts and develop our character according to Your plan in order to bless future generations. Give us Your heart for the need of the Gospel and to have unconditional love for the world around us. May we employ Your spirit of power, love, and self-discipline for Your glory. Amen.

**Alex and Carissa Marine**

# DAY: 3

**Question:** How did they get to this point? How do we prevent this from happening?



**Scripture:** *Judges 2:10 – "And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel."*

**Application:** The previous generation knew the Lord and had walked with Him for some time. They had seen the miracles performed and the signs had been shown. They also heard the former stories from their parents and the generations prior to them. We need to stay in the Word and be able to recall the miracles and the power of our God, that way it doesn't get lost from generation to generation. This is an essential part in walking with the Lord, being able to recall what he's done and to be able to give that news to others.

**Prayer:** Lord, we pray that you would help us to remember all that you have done and all that you will do for us. Thank you for providing us with your Word to guide us to you. Help us to stay in your Word so we can tell others all that you've done for us. Remind us of your power and help us spread that good news on to the next generation.

**Bauer Smehyl**

# DAY: 4

**Question:** How is God moving your heart as you consider the building of God's house in our new location?



**Scripture:** *Ezra 1:5-7 – “Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—**everyone whose heart God had moved**—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings. . . .”* *Ezra 2:68-69 “When they arrived at the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, some of the heads of the families gave freewill offerings toward the rebuilding of the house of God on its site. **According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work . . .**”*

**Application:** In Ezra and Nehemiah we read the interesting story of God's people being restored from exile. . . God moved the hearts of Persian emperors, and prophets to prod His people and Ezra, a priest, and Nehemiah, a cup bearer to the king, to lead the work of building the temple and the wall in Jerusalem. . . .

**Prayer:** “Holy God, move the hearts of your people at Bible Fellowship Church! We pray for One Heart of devotion to this project. . . move each of us to bring gifts in proportion to the way you have blessed us. May the children in our Body catch this vision and learn from their elders the importance of generous giving! Amen!”

**Esther O'Donovan**



# DAY: 5

**Question:** Will the Lord observe a 'proper' motivation in my stewardship commitment and giving?



**Scripture:** *2 Corinthians 9:6-9 – “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”*

**Application:** The BFC church family has much to be thankful for. He has blessed us with spiritual leadership who love the Lord, love His Word and who have sensed His prompting to lead us in this growth project to obtain sufficient space for our expanding ministry and outreach.

**Prayer:** Lord, please accept and bless our gifts of thanksgiving. May your grace abound in our efforts and provide the sufficiency in our efforts to expand this ministry to our Highlands County community.

**Bob Terrell**

# DAY: 6

**QUESTION:** What type of faith would please Jesus as we move forward with the “*Generations Together*” building campaign?



**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 8:10 – “When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.”*

**APPLICATION:** The faith of a centurion was extraordinary. There was not an ounce of doubt when he asked Jesus to heal his sick servant. The centurion believed in the healing power of Jesus so much so that he knew his sick servant would be healed without Jesus seeing or touching him. Only His word was needed for healing. This type of faith pleases the Lord!

**PRAYER:** Dear Heavenly Father, will you please help our church family to be in unity with the building program? Will you help us to remember your power when strife or doubt comes our way during this campaign? Will you help us to have faith like the centurion? We want to please you and you only during this process. We love you, Jesus.

**Helen Shoemaker**

# DAY: 7

**Question:** Do you believe God means what He says?



**Scripture:** *Matthew 5:48 – “So then, be perfect, as your father in heaven is perfect.”*

**Application:** Being a dentist I’m going to share a story about C.S. Lewis when he was a kid and had a toothache. He would go to his mom, and she would give him an aspirin. But the little boy knew that if he did this, he would also have to go to the dentist the next day and the dentist would not just work on the toothache but want to fix all the other areas of decay until all was perfect. God is like that in the sense he wants to guide us to absolute perfection. And it is only we ourselves that can block this process, through selfish, lazy, cowardly actions.

God’s the painter of our lives and our church life as well, and the final picture will not be completed here on earth, yet God’s goal is to do as much of the work here on earth as possible. We have to do our part by trusting and submitting to his Holy Spirit’s calling. While we are thinking of something simple, God’s intentions are much grander than we imagine, if we let him.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I pray that we as a church family will be obedient to your calling. Setting aside our own selfishness and allowing your will to be done. Give us peace in our hearts moving forward with your hard work. And we give you all the glory in the process.

**Paul Horton**

# DAY: 8



**Question:** If the earth, as well as everything and everyone in it belongs to the Lord, what does the Lord need of me? What do you give the person who has everything?

**Scripture:** *Psalm 24:1 – "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and all those who dwell within."*

**Application:** Everything belongs to the Lord. He doesn't need me or you to do or provide anything. Yet when I consider from where he brought me, and his continued activity in my life, I have to wonder "Why would he do it?" We are so unworthy of his love, and still, he lavishes it anyway. On top of that, he has entrusted us with functioning bodies, material possessions, and financial resources. This is a stewardship which should not be taken lightly, and one for which we must give account. Let's use what he has provided us with to love and minister to others the way he would.

**Prayer:** Lord, it truly is all yours – the earth, and everything, and everyone in it. That includes us too. We are yours, and we are grateful. Thank you, Lord, for providing for us as you always have, and we are confident that you always will. Let us model our faith in you and your provision through our stewardship of what you have entrusted to us. May the next generation of the church reap the blessing.

**Adam Smehyl**

# DAY: 9

**Question:** How can my prayers be specific, bold, expectant, while being thankful for whatever I am going to receive?



**Scripture:** *Mark 11:24 – “Therefore whatever I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

**Application:** When we are praying, we should be...

- **Specific** – telling God exactly what we need to help us. We should present our request with scripture as a reminder that God is our source and provider.
- **Bold** – we can have confidence and faith that the Lord is going to hear us and will give us an answer. We are children of the King which makes us royalty with all the benefits that come with that.
- **Expectant** – If we are praying with God’s will in mind then we can expect an answer from Him. We have to have child-like faith when asking God for anything, fully convinced and expecting Him to answer us.
- **Thankful** – we KNOW that God will answer us, so we thank Him, even though we do not see it yet. THIS IS FAITH! Persevere in prayer and continue in thanks.

**Prayer:** Jesus, in Your Word it says that when we come in confidence and ask anything according to your will that you hear us and because you hear whatever we ask we know that you will give us an answer. Teach us to pray with expectancy that your will be done in all aspects of our life, present and future. Thank you for hearing us and being such a willing and loving God to teach us.

**Chris, Dana and Hannah Hadden**

# DAY: 10

**Question:** How can you praise the Lord for his goodness in your life and the life of our church?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 113:2-3 – “Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!”*

**Application:** One of my favorite things to do is to take an early morning walk along the lake and watch the sunrise. I use this time to pray and reflect on all the ways God is working in my life. Through each sunrise, God reminds me that His name is to be praised for His goodness and compassion. He is good and compassionate, even when things around us are hard. Oftentimes, it is during those things that are hard that God is showing us his goodness and compassion the most. It is also during these hard times that we experience the most growth. Growth can be uncomfortable, both for us as individuals and for us as a church. May we use these periods of growth to praise God for his goodness and compassion as we see him at work in our lives and in our church.

**Prayer:** God, help us to praise you from the rising of the sun to its setting. We know that you are good and compassionate and that you are at work in our church. We trust your plan for our lives and for the growth of our church. May we continue to turn to you and praise you for your goodness and compassion every day.

**Frannie Gillilan**

# DAY: 11

**Question:** How can we help new and old generations find true hope in God alone?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 62:5-6 – “Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will not be shaken. “*

**Application:** For three generations our family has held onto the promise of *Psalm 62:5-6*. It teaches only in God can all ages find true hope. In today’s unsettled world, it is easy to find false hope in the success of work, finances, relationships, and self-worth. Instead, hope in God alone needs to be taught, found, and lived out together.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for being our hope which can never be shaken. Teach us to recognize false hope and show us our part we can have in sharing your true hope to all generations.

**Shelby Marine and Barb Baldwin**

# DAY: 12

**Question:** (from verse 10): What gift(s) has God given you? How can you use them to serve others, both inside and outside our church? How can we use the new building God is giving us, to serve our community?



**Scripture:** *1 Peter 4:7-10 – “The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

**Application:** Even though the chaotic end times are in view here, we are to remain levelheaded so that our prayers will be effective. Rather than retreating into a safe cocoon, we are to be out there loving, showing hospitality and serving one another.

Each of us has been given a unique gift. Let us use these: abilities, interests, hobbies or skills to serve people in various ways.

**Prayer:** Lord God, in the perilous times in which we are living, don’t let us retreat in fear. Keep us trusting you and praying meaningfully. Empower us to love those around us. Also help us to think of creative ways to use the gifts you have given us to reach those we touch in our everyday lives. May our new building not only be a house of prayer, but a source of blessing to those in and around it. Amen.

**Ken Hoffman**



# DAY: 13

**Question:** To whom belongs the earth and all things in it?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 24:1 – "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it."*

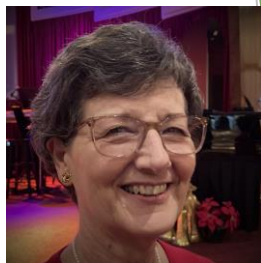
**Application:** The earth belongs to God. The first responsibility that He gave to man was to manage all that God gave to him in the beginning. That has not changed. God is the only source. All else that we receive are called resources. The word 'steward' is not used much today. The on-flight crew of an airplane has been called stewards and stewardesses. They have the responsibility to take care of passengers' needs. What is a steward? In Greek the word is *oikonomon*. That sounds a lot like 'economy' or 'economize.' Sometimes it might be used for 'servant' or 'slave.' Jesus used that word in various places, such as *Luke 12:42*. It means 'to manage' someone's property for them. Read *Deuteronomy 8:11-20* and in *8:16* note that He gives His gifts to man as a test and in *8:17,18* it is read as God's wealth given to us. What are we to do with God's wealth given to us? Think – the parable of the Talents in *Matthew 25:14-30*. What happened to the third recipient of the talents? Read especially *25:28-30*. God is full of mercy and grace, but He is not a jokester. Let us strive to be diligent in these days and be ready to receive His words of welcome at the time we go to Him. *"Well done, good and faithful 'servant' (steward) (Matt. 25:21)."*

**Prayer:** Lord, teach us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Duane Sisson**

# DAY: 14

**Question:** What does God want our BFC family to see?



**Scripture:** *2 Kings 6:17 – “Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.’ So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”*

**Application:** We are about to begin much more than a building project. This is an opportunity for us to see things that only God can show us. As we watch this project unfold, may our eyes be open to see more than brick and mortar and bulldozers and steel. May we all, young and old, enter this project with our eyes wide open seeing God at work; to see His faithfulness; to see that He can be trusted; to see that He is just as present with us as He was with Elisha and the young man who had his eyes open to see the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire. May our eyes be open to see the supernatural work that God is doing all around us and will continue to do for a generation not yet born.

**Prayer:** Lord, just as Elisha prayed, we ask You to open our eyes to see You at work. Let us clearly see the story that You are writing through this project - the story of Your faithfulness to all generations. Let us see that You are present with us today, just as You were with Elisha all those years ago. It's in Your mighty name that we pray. Amen.

**Gwen McQuaid**

# DAY: 15

**Question:** Are you feeling a bit slower these days?



*(This devotional is for those of us who are considered the ‘senior crowd.’ God is with you!)*

**Scripture:** *2 Corinthians 4:16 – “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”*

**Application:** Sometimes, each day brings new health challenges, or family issues that won’t get better. We seem to spend so much time focused on what ails us that we forget the overall picture of God’s plan and purpose for our lives. Our lives get so cluttered with doctor visits and other ‘senior’ related issues, we get worn out. My friends, in the midst of it all how can we continue to be renewed and refreshed day by day? How can we find our way to areas where we can be of use to Him? How can we think about what lies ahead when we just want to make it through today? Well, God’s word gives us the answer: *Psalm 1:2-3 – “But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”*

**Prayer:** Dear Father, your word tells us that it is You who works in us both to will and to do your good pleasure; we ask you to help us to stay engaged in the work you are doing. To help us to grow in our prayer life and deepen our relationship with you and others. All this we believe you will do because you have loved us through all of life and have kept us to be fruitful even now. Help us remember that you are with us today. We pray in the name of Your precious Son, Jesus.

**Sharon Davis**

# DAY: 16

**Question:** What will our church need in the next 50 years?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 133:1 – “Behold how good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity.”*

**Application:** If we focus on our differences our focus will be on ourselves, or on what others think of us if we disagree with them. But if our focus is on God and what He wants then we will have a basis for unity.

**Prayer:** Oh God, what do we need for our next precious generation? We need your guidance. We need you to give us your mind. Thanks for making unity possible through prayer and surrender.

**Yetta Bengtson**

# DAY: 17

**Question:** What were Paul's 2 prayers he prayed for the Ephesians?



**Scripture:** *Ephesians 3:16-19 – “I pray that out of his glorious riches, he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lords holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

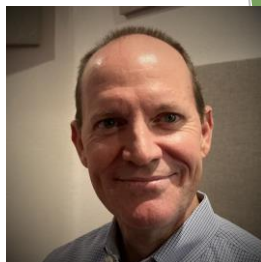
**Application:** #1- Paul asked that the Lord would give the Ephesians, an inner strength that would come from the Holy Spirit. #2 Paul asked that God would give the Ephesians the power to understand that which surpasses knowledge— the love of Christ. #3 Paul ended his prayer *Eph 3:19* by knowing that when his prayers were answered, the Ephesians would be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Prayer:** Father God we pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to comprehend the love of Christ and be filled completely with the fullness of God.

**Donna Mandeville**

# DAY: 18

**Question:** - Are you willing to be zealous in generosity for lives to be changed by the Gospel?



**Scripture:** *Romans 12:11-13 – “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”*

**Application:** Generosity is purposed, not some random spontaneous thing. It is putting the needs of others ahead of your wants. It is saying that everything that I have belongs to God and that I trust you to provide for me if I give it all away. It is showing this world that we trust God far more than our own abilities, and it very often affords us the chance to share Jesus to a world that desperately needs Him.

**Prayer:** Lord, You have given us so very much. Help us be passionate about our generosity. Remind us that we are not storehouses for your blessings but a conduit for them to reach others. Let us trust you with everything we have and have no fear about releasing it all for your glory. Amen.

**Will Swaine**

# DAY: 19

**Question:** To whom are you passing the baton of truth? How are you investing in the next generation?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 78:1-4. "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, Things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."*

**Application:** As I walk down the halls of church, I ask myself, "Who's next?" Are we teaching and loving on the next generation so much, that they must share what has been shown and demonstrated in front of them? Have they seen in us a passion to serve, that is partnered with joy, kindness, truth and grace? Have a relationship with God that is contagious! Talk about Jesus because you have met with him.

**Prayer:** Oh God, I pray that we will act in word and deed with power, so that others will grab the baton of truth and take off running for your glory, in Jesus' name.

**Susan Patterson**

# DAY: 20

**Question:** Do I have confidence that God will accomplish His plans in my life and in the life of our church, or am I striving to carry out my own plans in my own strength?



**Scripture:** *Isaiah 30:1-2, 15 – “Woe to the rebellious children! This is the Lord’s declaration. ‘They carry out a plan, but not Mine; they make an alliance, but against My will, piling sin on top of sin. They set out to go down to Egypt without asking My advice, in order to seek shelter under Pharaoh’s protection and take refuge in Egypt’s shadow....’ For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said: ‘You will be delivered by returning and resting; your strength will lie in quiet confidence. But you are not willing.’”*

**Application:** In an attempt to protect themselves from the terrifying Assyrian threat, Israel had made an alliance with Egypt – an alliance that made practical sense on the surface but was ultimately evidence of an underlying lack of trust in their all-powerful God. As we make our plans, personally and as a church family, we must repent of any self-reliance and remember that the strength to accomplish God’s plans comes through “resting” with “quiet confidence” in Him alone.

**Prayer:** God, we can do nothing without You. We believe you have plans for our church – both today and for generations to come. Align our hearts with Yours, so that, when we make plans, we do so in Your strength to fulfill Your purposes.

**Josie Terrell**



# DAY: 21

**Question:** What we will tell our children today that will create in them a desire to trust in God alone and believe He is worthy to be praised and obeyed?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 78:6-7 “...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.”*

**Application:** God tells us to remember what He has done and who He has been for His people. If the inheritance we pass down is not centered on God and His Word our work has been meaningless. Does the next generation see us putting our trust in the Lord because He has shown generation after generation that He is worthy?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, please give us the desire and wisdom to pour into the next generation the truth of Your goodness. Keep the deeds you have done for your people at the forefront of our minds and hearts that we cannot help but tell the next in line. Let the joy of remembering your steadfast love lead us to a life that longs to keep your commands. Thank you that we will continue to see your unwavering faithfulness as we trust in you.

**Stacy Smehyl**

# DAY: 22

**Question:** What has God equipped you with to serve in this season?



**Scripture:** *Hebrews 13:20-21* "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

**Application:** We serve a big God, and often wait for something extravagant to be used by Him. Moses, David, and the boy with five loaves and two fish are examples of God carrying out His will through what we might consider ordinary objects. However, Moses' staff was used to part the sea, David's stones to slay Goliath, and the five loaves and two fish to feed thousands. We know these things were made of common materials, but a great Shepherd using His sheep used them to carry out uncommon things according to His will. We are offered this same opportunity when we draw near and ask the Lord to work in and through us that which is pleasing to Him. This requires surrender, communion with the Father, and service. I challenge you not to wait until you feel what you have is adequate to be used but ask the Lord what He has equipped you with now to carry out His will.

**Prayer:** Lord, I pray we as a church use the gifts you have given us to glorify your name. May we live in Christ and die to self through surrender. Help us not to go astray but draw near to you as you equip us to serve in such a time as this. Thank you for your Word. Lead and guide us. Amen.

**Emily Landgren**

# DAY: 23



**Question:** Here is a man whose life had focused down to watching and waiting for God's ministry to His people - based upon nothing more than whisperings from the Holy Spirit. Are we ready to watch and listen to what the Holy Spirit plans for our church and our community?

**Scripture:** *Luke 2:25-32 – “Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”*

**Application:** Are we observing a need, praying, listening, and stepping out at His bidding? Serving others as He gifts our abilities? We are not expected to make things happen, but we are expected to be involved, and to be willing to do what He has enabled us to do.

**Prayer:** Father, You are all wisdom and compassion. You are the source of our strength. We thank You and glorify You for all that You have done through us and plan to do through us in the future. We trust You - help us in our distrust. Give us to be wowed by what You can do through us when we thought it was impossible. Let us give You all the glory and rejoice in it.

**Dean Vogel**

# DAY: 24

**Question:** Who will our church and our families look to for peace in this world as we wait for the return of our Lord?



**Scripture:** *John 14:27 – “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

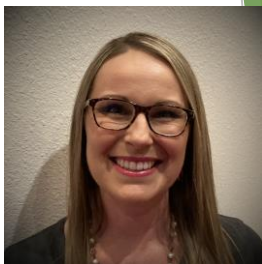
**Application:** As we travel this road called life as the Body of Christ (believers) our peace should be coming from our heavenly Father. We should not be looking to the world or to ourselves but to our heavenly Father. As believers we can find true peace only from God.

**Prayer:** Father it is such an honor to come before You with praise and thanksgiving. We thank You for your promise to give us peace so that our hearts will not be troubled neither will we be afraid. Help us to remember that we are in the world but not of the world. Whereas, earthly peace depends on circumstances and individual ability, but God’s peace depends on You alone.

**Susie Johnson**

# DAY: 25

**Question:** How will we delight in the Lord and trust God's will as a church family today, tomorrow, and for years to come?



**Scripture:** *Psalm 37:4 – “Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*

**Application:** When I was pregnant with my youngest child, my dad was very sick with cancer. He and I had a special relationship. During this season of life, I began to pray God's will over healing for him, and for God to bless our family with a son that would be a little reminder of his grandfather. God brought healing by taking my dad home to heaven when our son was eight months old. God was faithful. He didn't bring healing in the way that my selfish human nature would have wanted, but according to His will. While I miss my dad greatly, it is amazing to look back now, almost 15 years later, and see God's fingerprints all over this story. God had a purpose and plan far greater than I could have ever imagined. As for that little reminder of “B-Pop,” I am still in awe daily of how my son's physical features, personality, handwriting, smile, stride, and even his cowlick so closely resembles those of my dad. The Lord knows our heart. True delight in Him comes when we shift our eyes away from our own circumstances and off of what we want, to what God desires and His will. We are HIS children.

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Just as parents today often long to fulfill the desire of their children's hearts, our Father finds joy in blessing us in the same way. Take delight in God's grace, mercy, compassion, and love for you. Take delight in God's presence and help in troubled times. Take delight in what God has already done and what is yet to come! God is in our story. God is in the details. He goes before us, and he never fails! I can't wait to look back and see God's fingerprints all over BFC's story years from now. Join me in praying God's will and guidance over every step of our building journey!

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for taking delight in us, even when we fall short of Your glory. Help us as a church family to shift our eyes from our circumstances and fix them on You. Equip us with a discerning spirit, courage to remain steadfast, and determination to walk in faith. Empower us to delight in You, as we seek Your will in every step of the journey that lies ahead. Amen.

**Ashley Culverhouse**

# DAY: 26

**Question:** Do you know more about God today than you did last week?



**Scripture:** *Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

**Application:** The path to genuine and lasting love for God goes through knowledge of God. Without a growing knowledge of God, one will be forever an immature Christian. A genuine spiritual experience will generate a spiritual hunger for godly knowledge.

**Prayer:** Father, your word is precious and the sustenance of our spiritual lives. When we invest ourselves in renewing our minds, send the Holy Spirit to enlighten our efforts. Amen.

**Hap Stepheson**

# DAY: 27

**Question:** Should we run or trust our God?



**Scripture:** *Jonah 4:2 “And he prayed to the Lord and said, “Oh Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? This is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.”*

**Application:** God we know you’re a miracle working God so help us to trust you for the Lakewood property. The easy thing to do would be to be a church that just worries about our needs and not the people in our community!

**Prayer:** God, we need You to help us trust you to provide for something that we can’t do!

**Todd Patterson**



# DAY: 28

**Question:** *“Lord, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for our church?”*



*Today, you are invited to write your own devotional and prayer focusing on what God has been saying to you about “Generations Together” these past four weeks.*

**Scripture:** *Psalm 102:18 “Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.”*

**Application:**

**Prayer**

*“Lord, what do You want to do through  
me to accomplish Your will for our  
church?”*

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