

## Following God's Leading

### I. God wants us to experience abundant life.

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly." John 10:10 (NKJV)

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." Psalm 16:11 (NLT)

### II. If we seek His will, God will guide us along the best pathway for our lives.

"The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives." Psalm 37:23 (NLT)

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."  
Psalm 32:8 (NLT)

- *God guides us through the Bible.* (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- *God guides us through prayer.* (Psalm 5:3)
- *God guides us through godly counsel.* (Colossians 3:16)
- *God guides us through circumstances.* (2 Corinthians 2:12)

*Life Application:* We need to pray for God's guidance.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

*Life Application:* If we are following God's leading, we don't need to second-guess our decisions.

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. *Do not waver*, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do." James 1:5-8 (NLT)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. *Then you will experience God's peace*, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

### III. If we seek His will, God will guide our church too.

"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:7,13 (NIV)

*Life Application:* We need to pray for God to guide our church.

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike." Ephesians 6:18-19 (NLT)

"So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy..."

Colossians 1:9-11 (NLT)

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### Five ways we can pray together for Centerpoint Prattville this week.

Please spend some time individually or together with friends and family each day this week using the guide below to pray for our church. Look up the Scripture readings, reflect on how they apply to our church and then turn them into prayer requests beginning with the suggestions listed.

**Monday.** Give thanks to God for how He has blessed our church so far.

Scripture readings: Psalm 100, Philippians 1:3-5, 4:6-7

Prayer requests:

- Thank God for the many people who have come to Christ and been baptized through our church.
- Thank God for how He has challenged you, corrected you, encouraged you, convicted you and helped you mature spiritually.
- Thank God for the opportunities He has given us to reach out locally and globally through missions.
- Thank God for Christian friendships you've made.
- Thank God for meaningful worship services during which you've encountered God's presence.
- Thank God for changed lives (marriages restored, addictions overcome, fears faced, sins forgiven, etc.)
- Thank God for wise, godly elders, deacons, staff, and connect group leaders.
- Thank God for the practical Bible teaching.
- Thank God for the opportunities to serve and minister to others.
- Thank God for the facilities He has provided for us to rent in Prattville. (The Marriott, church office, PCA)

**Tuesday.** Ask God to guide us to the right location for a permanent facility in the Prattville area.

Scripture readings: Hebrews 11:8, Deuteronomy 1:30-33, Psalm 23:1-3

Prayer requests:

- Ask God to lead us to the piece of property that He has prepared for us.
- Ask God for enough land for facilities, parking and future growth.
- Ask God to give us a great location with easy access and good visibility.
- Ask God to place us where we can be a blessing to our community.

**Wednesday.** Ask God to provide us with the financial resources to build a permanent facility.

Scripture readings: Luke 14:28-30, 2 Corinthians 9:7-11, Philippians 4:19

Prayer requests:

- Ask God to bless our church financially and show us favor.
- Ask God to help us contribute generously and cheerfully when needed.
- Ask God to give us good deals on property, building materials and equipment.
- Ask God to give us a fiscally responsible building plan.
- Ask God to provide the resources we need, so we can avoid going into debt.

**Thursday.** Ask God to give our church leaders guidance and wisdom.

Scripture readings: James 1:5-8, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 1 Chronicles 12:32

Prayer requests:

- Ask God to bless our elders, deacons and staff with exceptional unity and teamwork.
- Ask God to protect our church leaders from attacks from the devil.
- Ask God to guide us to the right architects, engineers and contractors.
- Ask God to give our leaders good counsel from other churches and ministries.
- Ask God to help our leaders clearly communicate with each other, with our congregation and with our community.
- Ask God to give our leaders great sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit throughout the building process.

**Friday.** Ask God to use this facility to help our church reach more people for Christ and make more disciples.

Scripture readings: Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8

Prayer requests:

- Ask God to help us use this facility as a ministry hub for starting sites wherever God leads us.
- Ask God to help us use this facility to share the gospel with more unchurched people than we ever have before.
- Ask God to help us use this facility to train up children in godliness.
- Ask God to help us use this facility to disciple our people to disciple others.

- Ask God to help us use this facility to help people build meaningful relationships with God and with each other.
- Ask God to help us use this facility to develop Christian leaders.
- Ask God to help us use this facility to equip and empower people to serve where God has gifted them.
- Ask God to help us use this facility to help give people God's vision for the entire world.