

# PRAYER WEEK 2023

Sunday, January 22, 2023



## Dear Members & Friends,

Each new year invites us to seek a stronger grip on our use of prayer! **Prayer Week** begins with a sermon from God's Word. This year **Rev. Dr. Drew Grumbles** will preach from **Isaiah 64:7** on "Why We Don't Pray."



**Rev. Grumbles** is a *Congregational Teacher* serving at Albany Baptist Church, Albany, NY, where he is a prospective pastor. He met his wife, Helen, at Virginia Tech and they have three children: Owen (12), Clara (11), and Simeon (10 mo. old). Drew has

served in pastoral ministry for about ten years. He received his M.Div. and Ph.D. (in Old Testament) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, in North Carolina.

Rev. Grumbles will also teach a special session of our **Adult Sunday School Class** on the topic of **Prayer**, in the Fireside Room, taking time to answer your questions on prayer.

**Sunday night** is our annual "**Concert of Prayer**" at 6:00 PM — an orchestrated sixty minutes of praying!

**Monday through Friday** we have four prayer meetings led by an Elder; all are in-person meetings, with one also to be shared on **ZOOM**.

These meetings will begin with a brief devotional message from God's Word then our requests are shared, and conversational praying begins. (*Note: praying aloud is our practice, but it is never required of anyone attending any meeting.*)

May the Lord again open our eyes to the power, privilege and potential of prayer at CPCC throughout our "**Prayer Week 2023.**"

Yours by divine mercy,

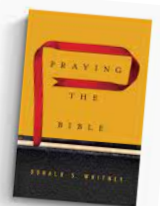
*Pastor David J. Bissett*

## Prayer Week events:

- ✦ Sunday, 6:00 PM a **Concert of Prayer** in the Fireside Room
- ✦ Monday at 7:00 PM at **Bissett's** (14 Par del Rio, CP, NY 12065)
- ✦ Wednesday, 10 AM at **CPCC**
- ✦ Wed., 7:00 PM; **CPCC & Zoom\***
- ✦ Friday at 7:00 PM at **Schwartz's** (15 Cider Mill Dr., CP, NY 12065)
- ✦ Saturday, 9:00 AM our annual "**Prayer Breakfast**" at CPCC

\*Zoom link distributed by email.

To make the most of Prayer Week 2023 take a copy of Donald Whitney's book, **Praying The Bible** (2015) from the display table. It was provided to us free from Crossway Publishers.



[1 copy per household]

## Prayer Week History

### Preachers & Scriptures

1996, Rev. David Bissett, Jn 14:13-14  
1997, Pastor Joel Rischel, Ps. 81:10  
1998, Rev. David Green, Psalm 123  
1999, Rev. Mark Janke  
2000, Rev. Cecil Siriwardene, Ps. 62:8  
2001, Rev. Ron Baines, Malachi 1:11  
2002, Dr. Don Kistler, Jude 20-21  
2003, Pastor Steve Graham  
2004, Rev. Dan Erickson, Isaiah 65:24  
2005, Rev. Mark Bell, Psalm 145:18  
2006, Rev. Tyrone Lynch, Ps 60:11-12  
2007, Rev. Robert E. Davis, Ps. 69:13  
2008, Rev. Sam Owen, Matthew 6:6  
2009, Rev. Jim Hale, James 1:17  
2010, Rev. David J. Bissett, Luke 10:2  
2011, Pastor Steve Graham, Isa. 56:7  
2012, Dr. Craig Troxel, Jer. 29:12  
2013, Rev. John VanMeerbeke, Rom 12:12  
2014, Rev. David J. Bissett, Ezek. 36:37  
2015, Rev. David J. Bissett, Psalm 63  
2016, Rev. Brent Nelson, Rev. 8:1-5  
2017, Pastor Ken Prater, Jn 12:27-28  
2018, Pastor Ed Reed, Acts 4:31  
2019, Dr. Andrew Smith, Eph. 3:14-21  
2020, Rev. Neal Patel, James 5:13-18  
2021, Rev. Matthew Mierski, Col. 4:2-6  
2022, Rev. Stephen Unthank, Luke 18:1-8  
2023, Rev. Dr. Drew Grumbles, Isaiah 64:7



*Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised. — John Bunyan*

*Prayer as it comes from the saint is weak and languid; but when the arrow of a saint's prayer is put into the bow of Christ's intercession it pierces the throne of grace.  
— Thomas Watson*

*Prayer is the sweat of the soul.  
— Martin Luther*

*Neglect of private prayer is the locust which devours the strength of the church.  
— Charles H. Spurgeon*

### A Prayer for the New Year

(From *THE VALLEY OF VISION*, 1975)

#### **O LORD,**

*Length of days does not profit me — except the days be passed in Thy presence, in thy service, to Thy glory.*

*Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour, that I may not be one moment apart from Thee,*

*but may rely on Thy Spirit to supply every thought, speak in every word, direct every step, prosper every work, build up every mote of faith, and give me a desire to show forth Thy praise; testify Thy love, advance Thy kingdom.*

*I launch my boat on the unknown waters of this year, with Thee, O Father, as my harbor, Thee, O Son, at my helm, Thee O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.*

*Guide me to heaven with my loins girt, my lamp burning, my ear open to Thy calls, my heart full of love, my soul free.*

*Give me Thy grace to sanctify me, Thy comforts to cheer, Thy wisdom to teach, Thy right hand to guide, Thy counsel to instruct, Thy law to judge, Thy presence to stabilize.*

*May Thy fear be my awe, Thy triumphs my joy. Amen*



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### Colossians 4:2-6

*[2] Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. [3] At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— [4] that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

*[5] Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. [6] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (ESV)*