

## A New Man in the Suit

The program committee for a national barber's convention devised a graphic means of demonstrating the effectiveness of their profession. They found a social derelict on skid row with long, dirty hair. His face was unshaven and his clothes were ragged and filthy. His body reeked with odors of cheap liquor and filth. The barbers cleaned him up. They gave him a bath, shampoo, shave, haircut and manicure. They liberally sprinkled talcum powder on him and added spicy cologne. He was dressed in a new suit and was presented before the convention as a changed man. He certainly looked the part.

However, within a week the man was back on skid row, back in the gutter, back in his former pattern of living. The barbers altered his appearance, but their tonsorial services had not changed his inward nature.

**Anyone who has the money to spend can put a man in a new suit, but only Christ can put a new man in the suit.** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Christ alters us from the inside out.

~ Author unknown

**Prayer is the dressing room to put the New Man on!**



**Sunday  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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### **Today's Order of Service**

- Message
- Prayer
- Worship

**Today's Message:** Prayer – Why? Optional?

### **Tithes & Offerings:**

Please place your financial support for the church in the Offering box located at the rear of the sanctuary. We do not take up an offering during service

# River of Life Church Announcements

## Upcoming Events

- Online Teen Group – Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (Tentative)
- Prayer Gathering – Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the church.
- Mid-week online group – Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm

## January Birthdays

- Paula Kern – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Dave Kjoberg – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Travis Farleigh – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Todd Stone – 18<sup>th</sup>
- Kristal Hanson -19<sup>th</sup>
- Emma Bahr - 25<sup>th</sup>

## Quotes For The Week

- "Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado
- "She (my mother) became a warrior far superior to any epic hero. She became a giant on her knees. With a sword in one hand she battled the enemies of death and disease, and with her other hand stretched toward heaven she kept beseeching God's help and His mercy." - Bishop T.D. Jakes
- "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie ten Boom
- "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - Martin Luther

## Prayer

### Be Much in Prayer

He that would be little in temptation, let him be much in prayer. Praying only for carnal things shows a carnal heart, and leaves it carnal. Prayer is a key in the hand of faith to unlock God's treasures.

A family without prayer is like a house without a roof--exposed to every wind that blows, and every storm that rages. Prayer will compel a man to leave off sinning; or sinning will make him leave off praying.

The greatest and hardest preparation for heaven is within; but the spirit of prayer can effect this. Do you profess to love anyone for whom you have never prayed? Prayer is heart-work. Rhetoric cannot pray, with all his words; but faith can pray, even when she has no words. In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Pray not only in the name of Christ, but in the faith of Christ. The gift of prayer may have praise from men, but the grace of prayer has power with God.

~ *Author unknown*