

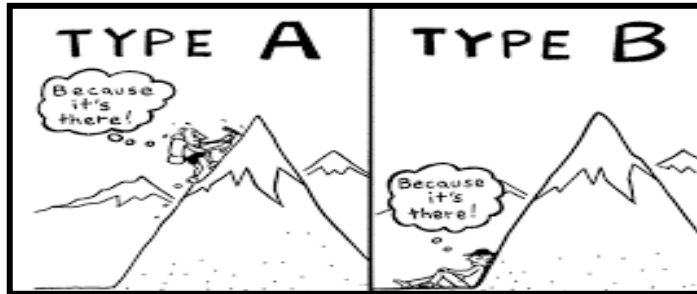
Why is Prayer So Hard?

Sept. 8th, 2019

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Why is prayer so challenging?

1. We become frustrated because we have been unable to master the “discipline of prayer”.



A Problem with Prayer: It isn't natural!

2. We refuse to understand our quest for independence.

An Answer: To break the chains of autonomy and discover the freedom to pray, become like a child.

Matt. 18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (NIV)

PRAYER



GRAND RAPIDS
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

SERVICES AT 9:00 & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please grab an "I'm New" card located at the main entrance to the building to help you understand how Sunday mornings work here.

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out a blue connect card and drop it off at the Welcome Center so we have a record of your visit and can contact you. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Music
Announcements
Message – Pastor Ken Abramson

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

9:00 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Nursery is open the entire service.

10:30 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Fall Classes will start next week!

On September 15.



Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If you have a need, please ask an usher for a receiver.

GIVING UPDATE

| Last Week Actual | Weekly Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$14,325.88 | \$7,507.42 | \$248,911.13 | \$262,759.70 |

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

First Day of Preschool: 8:30-11:30 am, Stepping Stones Preschool.

TUESDAY

Student Ministries Equip Mtg: 6-7:30 pm, Youth Room.

Young Adult Ultimate Frisbee: 7-9 pm, RJEMS Fields (this is a change in location!)

WEDNESDAY

Family Meal Starts:

5-6 pm, Community Room, meal will be pizza!

KidzROC Starts: 6-7:15 pm, Room 106 (Barn Door Room).

Immerse (Jr. High) & Infuse (Sr. High) starts: 6-7:45 pm, Worship Center.

THURSDAY

Bible Study Fellowship: 6-7:30 pm, Room 106 (Barn Door Room).

Student Ministries Parent Meeting: 6:30-7:30 pm, Youth Room.

Worship Practice: 7:30-9:00 pm, Worship Center.

FRIDAY

The Gathering: 6-11:30 pm, Steve & Faith Wick's Home, 24566 Hillcrest Drive, Cohasset.

STUDENT MINISTRIES
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



THURSDAY, SEPT. 12
6:30-7:30 PM

BRICK
Bible Foundations for
6th & 7th Grades

Sundays @ 10:30 am
Starting Next Sunday!

UNCHAINED

Phillipians: Living a Life of Freedom



Adult Conversational Study
Wednesdays
6-7:15 pm

Starting Sept. 18

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

FAMILY OF THE WEEK
Helen Patterson
MISSIONS FOCUS
Kris Driscoll - Honduras