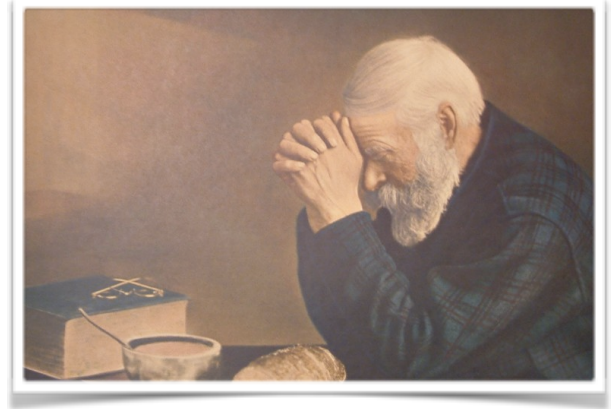

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The Boiler Room

“Brethren, we shall never see much change for the better in our churches in general till the prayer meeting occupies a higher place in the esteem of Christians.” – Charles Spurgeon

Spurgeon’s Boiler Room

Five young college students were spending a Sunday in London, so they went to hear the famed C.H. Spurgeon preach. While waiting for the doors to open, the students were greeted by a man who asked, "Gentlemen, let me show you around. Would you like to see the heating plant of this church?" They were not particularly interested, for it was a hot day in July. But they didn't want to offend the stranger, so they consented. The young men were taken down a stairway, a door was quietly opened, and their guide whispered, "This is our heating plant." Surprised, the students saw 700 people bowed in prayer, seeking a blessing on the service that was soon to begin in the auditorium above. Softly closing the door, the gentleman then introduced himself. It was none other than Charles Spurgeon.



Charles Spurgeon is widely known as the “Prince of Preachers” by the evidence of his powerful oratory gift of articulating the Gospel message and thousands coming to Christ through his preaching. However, Spurgeon never boasted about his talents, but continuously reminded others that the success of his preaching stemmed from the answered prayers of hundreds of his congregational members (usually averaged about 700 people). These individuals fervently prayed for the church body and the corporate worship in the boiling room right before the Sunday service. Despite the discomfort of heat and dirt of the boiling room, Spurgeon’s congregational members consistently gathered weekly to pray. They understood that prayer was the powerhouse, the driving force, for the Holy Spirit to bless the church with growth and vibrancy.

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
– Martin Luther –



Corporate Prayer Meetings

Tuesday Evenings @ 7:30 PM

Sunday Afternoons @ 2:30 PM

“If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith.”

– Charles Spurgeon –

With the start of the new identity as the Mustard Seed Community Church, the importance of prayer as the powerhouse for growth cannot be more emphasized. How are we, the church body, to set our foundation in building up the church? Do we believe and have the mindset that prayer is the powerhouse of the church? One thing I have learned as a pastor’s kid from a small Korean immigrant church is the discipline and the importance of prayer. Perhaps, the lack of resources of the church and in our household led my parents more desperate and reliant on the hope of answered prayers. I fondly remember my family praying before everything and in any every circumstance. However tedious it might have been for my young self to participate to pray for every occasion; one message was clear: walk life in full dependence on the power of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. To be clear, I am not endorsing the prosperity gospel that claims that if you pray, all will be prosperous and happy. What I am encouraging and exhorting us in is to forgo our pride and unbelief by submitting and humbling ourselves in prayer knowing that all blessings are God’s act of grace and not a result of our works.

I have resolved for this new year to dedicate myself to pray daily for different topics/people each day (however long or short). In the two short months, whether my prayers have been answered or not, I at least have noticed a change in my heart. Each time I have prayed, there have been peace, comfort, a growing love for the church, and growing compassion and urgency for the people. Is it not amazing that a Holy God chooses to hear on those who call on Him? He not only listens but also answers. Do you believe?

I challenge you all (individually and corporately) to join me in dedicating yourself to a consistent prayer life whether it may be for the church, for others, or for yourself. Let your prayer life be the powerhouse of your Christian living.

– Sharon Lim –

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