

Recapturing the Lost Art of Praying
Scripture Back to God

1 Timothy 2:8a

I want the men
[and women]
in every place
to pray...

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Mark's Bio

For 4½ years Mark led the Men's Prayer Ministry (Sons of Thunder) for Dr. Charles Stanley at First Baptist Church of Atlanta. In November, 2010 he went out on his own, to help churches develop prayer, both corporate prayer and personal prayer.

Mark is a STRONG proponent of "Praying Scripture Back to God" yet he often admits that prayer does NOT come easily to him and he has to work at it.

His honesty in the area of prayer will comfort you as well as challenge you and is why you will appreciate his teaching. Remembering, as recently as 2004, when he was in the congregation, a new Prayer Pastor was introduced, and Mark clearly remembers thinking, "What a boring job that must be."

But his life is radically different in that area today. As you consider having him speak, be assured, you and your congregation will have fun, as he is a dynamic and engaging speaker.

Mark was in the corporate world until July 2008 and worked at First Baptist

Atlanta until November of 2010 when he started Common Thread Ministries, full time. You can go to the website to see Mark's speaking schedule and to see how you can participate by praying for him and for the churches, associations and

groups that he meets with.



Mark is married and he and his wife Naida live in Atlanta.

Besides being an avid collector of antique Christian books (usually on prayer, of course), he and Naida have a horse, Sterling, boarded in North Georgia where they spend much of their spare time.

Find them and Common Thread Ministries (and Sterling) on facebook.

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Speaking/Training Options

- All of which are **completely** customizable



From this church...

Regardless of the size of your group, your church, your

association, etc., if you want us to help you, we will.

The purpose of this brochure is to demonstrate the breadth and the width of how we can serve you.

Let this brochure serve as an "IDEA" piece, or tool, that you can use to craft an event to what the Lord has put on your heart.

Remember, that a telephone call is the best way for us to help you craft an event. Please feel free to call Mark's cell: 404-606-2322 or email him at: Mark@CTMPrayer.org

We look forward to serving you.

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ALL DAY SUNDAY INTENSIVE

Whether you have one service or more than one, we will teach *Prayer Basics* on Sunday morning, (usually to the Sunday School classes that would be brought together) and then in the Worship Service, *Praying Scripture Back to God*. Returning for the evening service, *Ongoing Prayer Events* will move your people to choose one of over twenty events that we walk through and that they can do, either by themselves or corporately. You can trust that EVERYONE will walk away motivated to start doing something, relative to prayer. We find that here is where prayer ministries, however small, are birthed.

A variation on this would be, if you do not have an evening service, to have a lunch after the Sunday morning service and while folks are eating, we can go through the *Ongoing Prayer Events*.

CHURCH LEADERS PRAYER SUMMIT

A fascinating phenomenon that occurs in our churches is that our leaders, whether they be elders, deacons, Sunday School teachers or ministry leaders, whoever the leaders are, they are often unable to say, "Pastor, I need help in prayer...I need to learn...I don't know what to do." This summit was developed as a time of teaching, SPECIFICALLY for the church leadership. They will come together for an

evening where we will spend two hours and walk through basic teachings that they are usually too scared to address.

A variation on this would be for us to teach this over two evenings, or, an evening and the following morning.

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Recently we have started taking folks through a Solemn Assembly. We spend about 15 minutes walking through, who God uses, the beauty of confessing our sins (publicly if needed) and the challenge to be an empty vessel, meaning, emptied of any sin in our lives. We then spend the next 30 minutes or so,



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with our hearts opened unto the Lord, asking Him about very directed and specific areas of our life. There isn't an evening that goes by, where we do this, when someone, and usually many "someones" say, "I need to go home and finish doing business with God." Solemn Assemblies have become a lost art and we need to go back to these if we expect God to heal our land.

A variation on this would be for the Solemn Assembly to be the Sunday evening service and afterwards do *Ongoing Prayer Events*.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

- A Sunday School class recently wanted help "going to the next level." This church is already highly committed to prayer with numerous ongoing events
- An Association came together and we gathered five of their pastors to speak on prayer for a few minutes. Each then brought the congregation to corporate prayer for a few minutes and from there we started a 40 Days of Prayer for all of the congregations, leading up to their Annual Fall Meeting
- We can organize a prayer conference or be a participating speaker

"My remuneration policy is real simple. In December 2010 the Lord and I had a very short and a specific conversation. He said, 'Mark, you're in the prayer business, if you can't trust Me, you can't encourage others to trust Me.'

*"So my remuneration policy is this: 'Whatever you are comfortable with, I will be content with...whatever your church can afford will be fine.' This way 'Dollars' are **never** an issue."*

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