



CHECKING OUR HEADING:
VISION & VALUES

The Core Value of Prayer

An Important Question

- Where are we going, what are we attempting to do and be as a church body?



Our Answer:

CBC exists to encourage all people to pursue a lifelong, joyous relationship with Jesus Christ and share His love with those in need.



What will characterize CBC as we pursue this Goal

- Our first core value: PRAYER

Prayer is the foundational work of our ministry; everything else is the result. We make every effort to pray first, and then act individually and corporately.



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A Foundational Pattern

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:

“ ‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.



Pray

Listen

Obey

Glorify



¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'



So What

A value for us as individuals

A value for us as a church

The Prayer Room

Prayer for marriages

ENTER events

Prayer retreats

Learning to incorporate prayer into all
planning and meetings



Significant barriers

- Fear of the unknown
- Fear of failure
- Fear of what God may require



A significant injunction

¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV84)

