

# NORTONVILLE NEWS

## “The Magnificent Prayer Life of Jesus”

Pastor Joe O’Neill

One great thing we learn from the Lord Jesus is the importance of prayer. His prayer life is described for us often in the four gospels. Here are some examples:

The Lord Jesus would sometimes get up a long while before daylight to go to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35). We read in the Bible that He would often go off by Himself to pray, sometimes on a mountain (Mt. 14:23, Mark 6:46; Luke 5:16). He even spent the whole night in prayer before choosing the twelve apostles (Mark 3:12; Luke 6:12). We might get up before sunrise to go on a trip, to go fishing, or to prepare for a surgery. But our Lord Jesus would get up early just so He could spend uninterrupted time in prayer and fellowship with His Father in heaven.

The Lord Jesus was praying when He was baptized by John the Baptist (Luke 3:21). We know from Luke 9:28-29 that Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him to a particular mountain and was praying when the transfiguration took place.

We read in the Bible that parents would bring their children to Jesus and He would put His hands on the little ones and pray for them. (Luke 19:13). We know that He was praying before He asked the disciples the question, “Who do people say that I am? and who do you say that I am?” (Luke 9:18).

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## Stay Connected

### Sunday

**9:30** am **Sunday** School

**10:45** am **Sunday** morning

**6:00** pm **Sunday** night

**6:00** pm **Sunday** Youth Group

### Wednesday

**Prayer Meeting** at 6:30 pm

### Everyday

Please join us in prayer for the requests and the praises on the **Prayer Sheet**, included as the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you!

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We know that Jesus prayed for over an hour in the garden of Gethsemane when the disciples all fell asleep, even though He specifically asked Peter James and John to stay away and watch and pray so that they wouldn't fall into temptation. But they slept, while Jesus prayed. (Matthew 26:33-44; Mark 14:32-39; Luke 22:41-45).

We know that Jesus prayed while on the cross. We know that some of His 7 sayings from the cross were quotations of Scripture, specifically Psalm 22. (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34;)

We are told that one time when Jesus was praying, the disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13). That is when He gave to them the "Our Father" or "The Lord's Prayer." Actually, it is better termed "The Disciples Prayer" because Jesus told us to pray it. I hope you pray that prayer regularly because the Lord gave it to us to help our puny prayer lives.

I mention all these times that Jesus prayed to remind us two things:

First, even though the Lord Jesus is the eternal Son of God, when He was on earth, Jesus lived as a child of God should live. And as a man, Jesus prayed regularly because He was dependent on His Father for all things. He never acted independently of the Father's will. Throughout His whole life, He lived as a man who was in full obedience to God the Father (John 5:19). And no one can be obedient to God the Father without regular prayer and humility before Him.

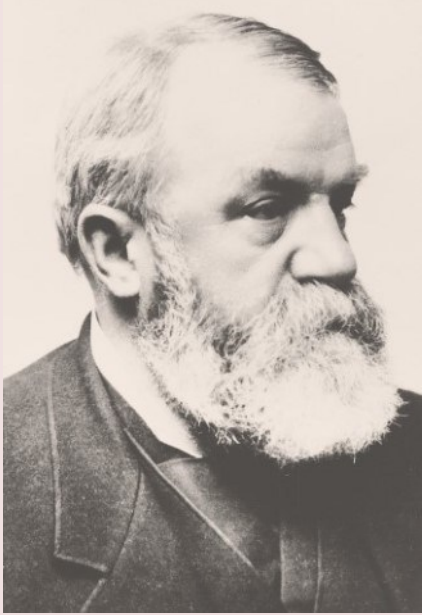
Secondly, Jesus demonstrates for us how we too are to depend on God through prayer. Just as Jesus trusted in His Father for all things, you and I are to be in steady communication with the Father for our needs. We are to pray when we are making small decisions and large ones. We are to pray for children and pray the Disciples Prayer because Jesus told us to pray it. We are told to cast all of our cares on God because He cares for us! (1 Peter 5:7). We are to pray for the needs of others because that is what our Lord did for us.

Jesus is the model of a praying man. So, are you a person of regular prayer? Do you pray as if you depended on God for everything? Jesus prayed like that and we should too!

**"Fervency in prayer by the power of the Holy Spirit is a good preservative against thoughts rushing in. Flies never settle on the boiling pot." – D.L. Moody**



# Spotlight: D. L. Moody



Dwight Lyman Moody was born to Edwin and Betsy Moody in Northfield, Massachusetts on February 5, 1837. When he was 4 years old, his father passed away, leaving Betsy, their 7 children, and the twins she was carrying, to fend for themselves. She struggled to provide for the now 9 children, and later sent Dwight and his older brothers to work as farm hands. It was difficult work, but their food and lodging was provided. During this time, Betsy continued to send her children to church.

After struggling to find work locally, Moody moved to Boston to work at his uncle's shoe store. In an attempt to keep him out of trouble, his uncle required that to remain in his employment, he attend the Mt. Vernon Congregational Church.

Moody's Sunday School class was taught by Edward Kimball, who was convicted to share the gospel with Moody. On a Saturday afternoon, Kimball visited Moody at the shoe store, and spoke with him about his need for the savior, and led Moody to Christ.

A year later in 1856, Moody moved to Chicago to further pursue selling shoes. He was very successful, and Moody was making over \$5,000 a year, approximately \$180,000 today.

Moody wanted to reach the underserved youth population, and began serving as a janitor and doing odd jobs at the local YMCA. Around this time, Moody also started his Mission Sunday School, reaching out to orphans, the uneducated, and the impoverished youth of Chicago. In 1860, Moody left his successful business life and entered into full time ministry.

By 1864, the Sunday School had outgrown the converted saloon they had been meeting in, and Moody was encouraged to become the pastor of his own church. In 1864, the Illinois Street Church, later renamed the Moody Church, opened its doors. Between 1861 and 1865, during the Civil War, Moody also made visits to both Union and Confederate camps, preaching the Word of God to thousands of soldiers.

On a October 8th, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire swept through the city, levelling the church, his home, and the homes of most of the congregation. While God had temporarily closed one door, another door was about to open for Moody. After re-evaluating his ministry, in 1872, Moody left for England, to share the gospel abroad. In subsequent trips to the UK and Ireland between 1872 and 1875, Moody and his song leader Ira Sanky would share God's Word with thousands, frequently attracting crowds numbering in the tens of thousands. Moody became acquainted with Charles Spurgeon during this time, who showed him his "wordless book", which Moody brought back with him and introduced to the United States. Moody's tours helped fuel the spirit of revival in the UK and Ireland, and by following God's call in his life, many lives were won for Christ.

D. L. Moody came from a troubled home, a delinquent, who had no interest in the things of God. But God had an interest in Moody! By sending him those who would share the gospel, and encourage him in his walk, God was able to do amazing things through Moody. Those effects are still felt to this day! It's amazing what God can do, when we are obedient to His call!

## August Birthdays



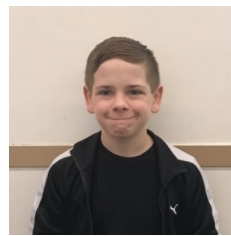
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Dave Nietering



August 17  
Robert Castillo



August 25  
Mary Jean Rose



August 27  
Russell Hildebrandt

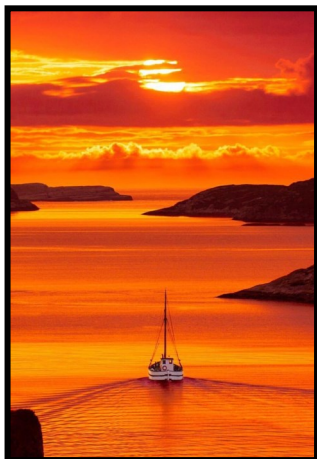


August 30  
Vondra VanEizenga

## August Anniversaries



August 22  
George and Nancy Czinder



**CHURCH PICNIC**  
*At the Peterson's farm,  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm*

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BBQ Pork will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass! Sign up sheet is in the lobby.



**Olympians**

Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm  
Sign up online!

## Calendar

8/12 Sandra VanEizenga celebration of life service 11:00 am.

8/14 24/7 Prayer opportunity.

8/16 Prayer meeting 6:30 pm.

8/20 After glow meal after evening service.

8/23 Robbinswood church service 1:30 pm.  
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm.

8/26 Church picnic at the Peterson's 4:00 pm.

8/30 Olympians leaders meeting 5:30 pm.  
Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm.

9/3 No evening service (Labor Day Weekend).

9/6 Olympians Kick-Off Meeting 6:30 pm.  
Prayer meeting 6:30 pm.