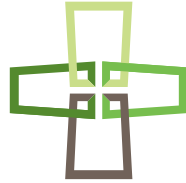


Praying for What's important at



BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

What we consider most important stands like the banks of a river that directs its course. Core values are what we deeply believe. They are the non-negotiable in life. They are more than what we say we believe. They are seen in what we really do.

During this series we want to pray for guidance and courage to stay focused on what is really important. People and churches can be easily distracted with the *tyranny of the urgent* and allow the urgent things crowd out the important.

For us at Briarcliff there are five core values [5 G's].

Gospel of God's Grace

Growing in Christ

Gathering in worship

Gifts used in serving

Generosity

These values are closely aligned with our own personal values. Allow this to be a time that you evaluate your own core values. Pray that these core values will be more than a statement on paper but truly the values of your life.

MONDAY: GOSPEL (good news) of God's grace

Mark 16:15 Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

- Guide me to see opportunities around me today to go, show and tell the gospel (good news).

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- Keep me mindful of the power of the gospel to change lives.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

- Help me use every means I have to reach people with the gospel.

Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

- Guide me today to conduct myself in a way worthy of the gospel

Colossians 1:23 You must not be moved away from the hope brought to you by the Good News that you heard. That same Good News has been told to everyone in the world, and I, Paul, help in preaching that Good News.

- Help me to stand firm in the hope of your gospel and help others to know that hope.

TUESDAY: GROWING in Christ

Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- Guide me to grow in wisdom from your word and in my relationship with you.

2 Corinthians 10:15 Nor do we boast and claim credit for the work someone else has done. Instead, we hope that your faith will grow so that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended.

- Help my faith to grow and the boundaries of your work will be extended.

Ephesians 4:15-16 we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

- Help me to grow in loving you, work like you, serve like you and be like you.

1 Peter 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

- I pray my hunger for your word as I make it a part of my daily diet.

2 Peter 3:18 grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- I will take daily steps in growing more gracious and knowing you more personally.

WEDNESDAY: GATHERING for worship

Psalms 100:2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

- Fill my heart each day with gladness and joyful worship.

Psalms 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

- Lead me to truly worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness throughout the day today.

Psalms 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker

- Guide me to humbly surrender each day in worship.

Psalms 96:9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

- Help me to never lose a sense of awe in worship.

Hebrews 10:25 let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

- Guide me to encourage others when we gather to worship.

THURSDAY: GIFT used in serving others.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

- Guide me in using my gifts in serving the church.

Ephesians 4:7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

- Protect me from underestimating the gifts you have given me.

Ephesians 4:16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

- Help me to faithfully do my part in our church.

1 Corinthians 12:7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

- Lead me to unselfishly find ways to help in our church.

Romans 12:6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

- Keep me mindful that I can do "certain things well."

FRIDAY: GENEROSITY

Matthew 10:42 And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.

- Protect me from being blind to the least of those around me

Proverbs 22:9 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

- Keep me open to always share with those in need.

Proverbs 19:17 He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

- I will take steps to helping and serving the poor.

Luke 6:38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

- Help me to trust you in giving to the church.

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

- Help me to faithfully give the first part of my income to your work.