

# Our Purpose

Pastor Jenkins has recently been teaching in a series entitled "Finding You." As part of this series, he has been focusing on "Purpose." Purpose is defined as "the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists" or "to have as one's intention or objective." Some words that are used to describe purpose are motive, reason, case, intend, mean, design, aim, and plan.

We believers know that God has shown the ultimate love to his people in that he "gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus' sole purpose for being was to save mankind from a world of sin. Even though our purpose may not appear to be great or bring notoriety, we can trust God's plans for us "plans for peace and not evil, to give us a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Pastor Jenkins gave examples of individuals in scripture who were chosen by God for a specific purpose. Moses was chosen to bring the children of Israel out of bondage. Although he was on the run because he murdered an Egyptian, God still chose to use him (see Exodus 3). Then there is Gideon who considered himself to be the least in his family, God chose him to lead the Israelites into battle against the Midianites who had oppressed them for seven years (see Judges 6). There is also Paul. As the Bible tells us, Saul (later named Paul) was prosecuting the saints and after an encounter with the Lord on the road to Damascus became the chief crusader for the gospel of Jesus Christ (see Acts 3).

Let us pray. *Merciful and most gracious God, we look to you as the creator of heaven and earth and all that dwell therein. We thank you God for Pastor Charles Jenkins, Rev. Clay Evans, their wives and families and for our Fellowship family. Lord you promised never to leave or forsake us and we stand on your promises. We pray that you will guide us into our purpose and grant us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we can be all that you have called us to be. We thank you Lord for all things work together for good for those who are called according to your purpose. And it is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## The Mission

Share the Gospel | Show the Gospel

## The Vision

The vision statement of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church is to bring generations together to produce holistically effective and productive people for Jesus Christ.

## Prayer Lines

### Men's Prayer Line Prayer Network for Men Every Monday

**6am to 6:15 am (CST)**

Conference Call No. (641) 715-3650

Participant Access Code 781740#

### Women's Prayer Line Prayer Network for Women Every Tuesday

**7:30 pm to 8 pm (CST)**

Conference Call No. (712) 432-0075

Participant Access Code 927220#

### Wife Line Prayer for Wives Around the World Every First Thursday

**6 am to 6:30 am (CST)**

Conference Call No. (641) 715-3294

Participant Access Code 243897#

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## Prayer Calendar

## February 2018

### Pre-Worship Corporate Prayer

15 minutes prior to every  
worship experience

### Midweek Corporate Prayer

Every Wednesday at Noon  
Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				(1) We give thanks to the Lord who declares he knows the plans he has for us, plans for peace and not for evil, to give us a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11	(2) Thank you Lord that even though the heart of man plans his way, it is you Lord who directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9	(3) God we thank you that all things work together for good for those who love you and who are called according to your purpose. Romans 8:28
(4) We thank the Lord who chose and appointed us that we should go and bear fruit and our fruit should abide so that whatever we ask the Father in his name he may give it to us. John 15:16	(5) Give thanks to the Lord of host who swore that as he has planned, so shall it be, and as he has purposed, so shall it stand. Isaiah 14:24	(6) Let us give thanks to God who predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will. Ephesians 1:5	(7) We ask God to teach us to fear him and to keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man and the end of the matter for all. Ecclesiastes 12:13	(8) Praise to our God for before he formed us in the womb, he knew us and before we were born he consecrated us, and appointed us a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5	(9) We thank God that in him we were chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. Ephesians 1:11	(10) We give praise to our God for everyone who is called by his name he has created for his glory and he has formed and made. Isaiah 43:7
(11) Lord, we ask that you help us to look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4	(12) We thank the Lord of hosts for he has purposed and no one will annul it. His hand is stretched out and no one will turn it back. Isaiah 14:27	(13) Lord we thank you that by grace we have been saved through faith. And this not of our own doing, it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8	(14) We thank God that we can get up and stand on our feet for he has appeared to us to appoint us as servants and witnesses of what we have seen and will see of him. Acts 26:16	(15) We thank the Lord who has shown us what is good, and that what he requires of us is to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Micah 6:8	(16) We give thanks to God who so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16	(17) Let us give thanks to God because we can be sure that he who began a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6
(18) We give thanks to God who has raised us up for his purpose, to show his power, so that his name may be proclaimed in all the earth. Exodus 9:16	(19) We thank you God that we are your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10	(20) We give thanks to God who did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17	(21) We thank God who has formed our inward parts and knitted us together in our mothers' wombs. Psalm 139:13	(22) We ask our Lord to help us to commit our works to him, so that our plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3	(23) We thank God for making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ. Ephesians 1:9	(24) We give thanks to God who can do all things and that no purpose of his can be withheld from us. Job 42:2
(25) We ask God to show us how to aspire to live quietly, to mind our own affairs, and to work with our hands as we were instructed. 1 Thessalonians 4:11	(26) Let us praise God who has declared the end from the beginning and from ancient times, things not done saying "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose." Isaiah 46:10	(27) We ask the Lord to help us to be strong in him and in the strength and power of his might. Ephesians 6:10	(28) Thank God that although there are many plans in the mind of man, it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand. Proverbs 19:21			