

For what do you Thirst?

Seventeen members of our congregation are attending a 9 month program entitled “Called Back to the Well”. The expressed purpose of this program is “to provide spiritual renewal for church leadership” with the goal of strengthening the vitality of our congregation individually and as a whole. It is our hope to share what we are learning as we “go back to the well” to replenish the thirst for Christ in our lives. The topic of our first session was Prayer – Forms and Practices. We had a lively discussion on prayer: why we pray, how we pray, when we pray.

We encourage you to join us as we participate in the prayer form of A.C.T.S. Many of you might already pray with the concept of A.C.T.S but perhaps it will encourage us to be intentional as we come before our Lord in prayer.

We begin with Adoration. We come before our Lord with expressions that attempt to define him in our hearts. He is our Creator; He is Lord of Lord, King of Kings. He is compassionate, merciful, and mighty. He is the great healer, the source of love, the ruler of creation. He is unchanging, powerful, and awesome. He is our Lord and Savior. The list in inexhaustible is who He is, was, and will be forevermore.

Secondly is Confession. Let us cleanse our hearts of the things we seek forgiveness for; things we have done and left undone. He knows these things, but admitting them to him allows us to turn them over to him. His mercy is unending.

Third, we come before Him in Thanksgiving. After seeking his forgiveness we come before him in praise and thanksgiving for all the many blessing of our lives, past, present, and yet to come.

Lastly, we come before him in Supplication. Ask him humbly and earnestly for the needs of others and yourself, whether it be healing, wisdom, guidance, protection, comfort or many other things. God knows the needs of his people, but we ask for them still.

Webster’s Dictionary defines the word Act as “the doing of a thing; something done voluntarily”. Perhaps the components of A.C.T.S. will assist you in your prayer life, or encourage you to begin one. Regardless of how you are doing it, PRAY.