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Paul Waller:
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**THE POWER
OF PRAYER**

CHURCH GOSSIP

Not everyone is called to be a missionary, but everyone should struggle with the possibility. – Clifford Clark

THE POWER OF PRAYER

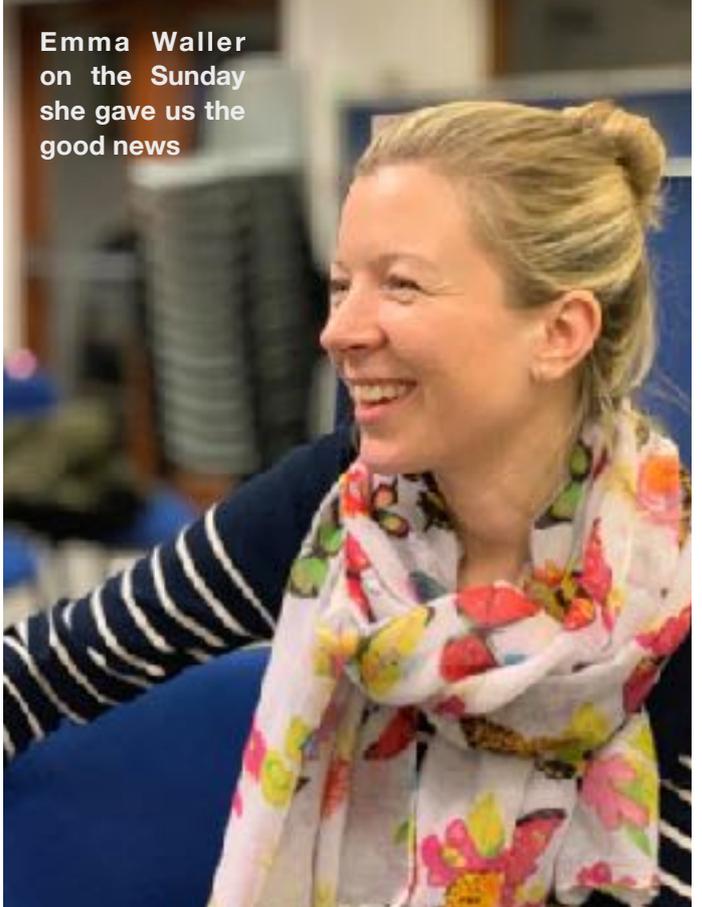
My pastor, Sam Miles of Midtown Baptist in Kansas City, always taught the power of prayer. And from the very beginning, prayer has been the place from where we sought our help. I believe in the power of prayer and if my prayers have ever failed, you can be sure the failure was on my side of the conversation. So naturally we have tried to disciple our church in that same biblical truth.

Some of the guys and I have started meeting early on Saturday mornings to pray together. We meet early so we can sneak out and get back before the world or our flesh notices. We love the time together. It is our time. We have laughed about how we want to invite others to join us but then we kinda don't. Our new brother Marcus loves it most of all. We pray for the "need to's" and the "everything's", but mostly we pray to be holy and we pray for the lost.

Also we have adjusted our Sunday gatherings to include a time where we break into groups of 3's and 4's to pray. We pray for all kinds of things, but always for open doors, boldness, and the right words (Ephesians 6:19-20).

We pray hard and a lot because in London, open doors are a rarity and a new born is a miracle. But then I suppose they always are. I guess the scarcity makes us more aware of it. We are lucky that way.

So you can imagine, but then again I am not certain you can, how we felt when Emma Waller, at the beginning of a Sunday prayer session announced the good news. She had just a few days prior won her good friend Sarah to Christ. She has been speaking to her off and on for some time. And then God, in answer to pray, just opened the door wide. Sarah spoke with Emma and looked at her and

A photograph of Emma Waller, a woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a colorful floral scarf and a dark top. She is smiling and looking to her right. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with blue elements.

Emma Waller
on the Sunday
she gave us the
good news

asked, "So, what do I need to do?". Which seems to be a very biblical question for a lost person on the edge of Christ to ask (Acts 2:37; Acts 9:6). When Emma relayed the news to us she was beaming. I think we all were. We were all that stunned speechless kind of happy.

And that seems to be the way it happens around here. We pray and plod along and then all of the sudden a baby is born. But I am convinced that the secret to these, "we can't believe it" moments is prayer. We are always preaching that people will listen to the gospel if we will Just ASK. But we are reminded that before we ask men about God we must ask God about men.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:13-14

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Fellowship for Fun

This Sunday we are going to do something a little different. Instead of our normal service we are having everyone to our house where I will be doing something dreadful on the grill and everyone else will come and present their cakes and casseroles for admission. What is strange about that? Well nothing I suppose except maybe the reason we are doing it. There is no reason at all. We are doing it for the fun. It is possible to spend a great deal of time around people and actually spend very little of it with them. If we are going to establish our disciples in the fellowship of the believers, which is one of the goals of our discipleship process, then there must be fellowship. And for a Baptist that means food: starchy, sweet, and charred delicious food. There is no doubt we will be inviting a few of our lost friends to join us, but that is an aside. The goal is to get uncomfortably close to one another; just on the border of inappropriate.

Delightful Debbie



Speaking of our body I must tell you something about Debbie. She is an Australian and she is delightfully out of her mind. I met her years ago on the highstreet. We approached one another, both with the intent of evangelising the other. She has been with us ever since. Well, Debbie has been growing tremendously as of late and it really has been down to her appetite for the preaching. It seems every Sunday she is awed again at how awesome the Word of God is. She has always had a heart

to evangelise, but now she is beginning to really sink her teeth into the word. And being an Aussie she lets us all know about it. She always makes me laugh, but then she warns me of all the chemicals and sugar in my chocolate biscuit and ruins the whole thing. Please pray for her that she would stop judging me.

Waller on the Way



Big news, the Wallers are pregnant with number three. Their other two are absolutely edible, so we are excited to see this new ball of sugar. She is due in July so please pray she and the baby remain healthy.

Recently Ruth

Another friend of Madison's named Ruth has been joining us on Sunday's regularly. She seems to be loving it and told me she wants CBC to be her church. Please pray that she will grow and get disciplined.



Much More

So it has been a pretty good year so far. And there is still so much more to come. Easter and The Campaign is on the way and coming quick. Please join us in our passion for prayer. God has given us permission to move his hand with our asking. So by all means, ask. We could not be more thankful for all of you who have chosen to stand with us as we pursue London for Christ. We could not love you more.

Thank you so much for choosing to PUSH with us. We would not be here without you.

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PRAYUNTILSOMETHINGHAPPENS

For Paul & Emma as I prepare Paul to pastor

Pray for Emma and her new baby boy on the way

For our 20/20 VISION that God would bring it to pass

Pray our Fellowship Day taking place this Sunday

Pray for Marcus (new believer) to grow

Pray for Ruth that she gets disciplined

For the upcoming campaign

For new open doors to share the gospel and make more disciples

For me to preach the Bible with power from the Holy Spirit

Praise God for Sarah who Emma led to Christ

*For those that our family is witnessing to
that they would come to Christ.*

*For God to protect our family and our
church from the Devil and from evil men.*



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