

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that God will help us (parents, teachers, and helpers) help Linglestown Life kids to be fully engaged in the new building project and to grasp God's vision for their lives and Linglestown Life church.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Commit yourself to searching out God's vision for your life, and to helping our children do the same.

Saturday

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3

Pray for the ministry: Pray that God would renew and refresh every teacher and helper - to not grow weary in well doing, and to feel greatly appreciated because they sacrifice so much time and effort, rarely seeing the fruits of their labors.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that all the teachers will take hold of God's vision for Linglestown Life.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Pray about your spiritual and financial commitment to creating welcoming spaces for our children and teachers to use for learning and worship. Pray that you can support the teachers at Linglestown Life through your prayers, your assistance, and your financial commitment to expanding our education spaces.

Prayer Event – Saturday and Sunday, May 2 & 3

You, your family or small group are invited to participate in a self-guided prayer walk at Linglestown Life. This prayer event is intended to assist you in praying for the church and its ministries. Since it is a self-guided event, you may access the prayer event at the time which best suits your schedule.

The prayer event will take you around the perimeter of our property and provide several prayer stations at which you will be given suggestions for your prayers. If you are unable to walk that distance, a smaller event will be set up in the parking lot. So when you arrive to pray, begin at the front porch of the church. Directions and maps will be provided on the porch.

Questions can also be e-mailed to enterthedream@comcast.net

Sunday, May 17 is Commitment Sunday when you will be given a Covenant Card to express your step of faith. *Sunday, May 31* is our First Fruit Celebration when we will gather in worship to express our thankfulness to God and present our first offerings toward the covenant you and God made together.



Prayer Guide

April 27 – May 2

Enter the Dream... Children and Youth Ministries

The Best Gifts Ever

As a Children's Minister, I am often the recipient of the most precious treasures anyone could ever hope to receive – a toy dinosaur with an ever so slightly chewed tail, a wall full of priceless original masterpieces, a Jesus night light, a tree made out of feathers, a yarn angel holding a dove, flowers in homemade pots, a pine cone animal, a rock with a smiley face meticulously painted on it, a wide variety of exquisitely scented candles, the most scrumptious candy, and other sweet treats. An odd assortment, but what all these items have in common is that each was purposefully selected or ingeniously crafted, then lovingly given to me, just to let me know that I am appreciated!

Each gift was delivered by a precious little child sporting a beautiful bright smile, often accompanied by a gentle squeeze or a little hug, making it really hard to ever part with such gifts. Of course, over the years, some of the things have fallen apart. However, the little faces with the grateful smiles remain as bright as ever, permanently etched into my heart. While the gifts do eventually disappear, the grateful attitude, the generous loving spirit in which they were given, remain forever. Each one is a precious gift from a little child's heart, not silver or gold, but each the best present the giver could think of to give, especially selected for me! I can only hope that I am worthy of their efforts.

When I think about the gifts I give to God, I want so much to put the same purity of thought and effort into my gifts as these little children have done. Perhaps I can't exactly give God a gentle squeeze or a little hug with my gift, but having a truly grateful, cheerful attitude in giving and a having a generous loving spirit, taking the time to pray about giving God my very best, is the least I can do to let God know how much I appreciate everything He does for me. This I know for sure, He deserves our very best. He is truly worthy!

Monday

Their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God...

Deuteronomy 31:13

Pray for the ministry: Pray for the children in Sunday School and Nursery School, that the Holy Spirit will soften their hearts to hear the gospel message. Pray that they will learn the social skills they need to be successful in school and in life. Pray for the friends they make at Linglestown Life. Pray for their growth and development.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that we can extend our reach into the community and bring the message of Christ's love to more children.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: More children will require more space, seven days a week. But more importantly, increased numbers of children will require more volunteers to serve. Pray about the use of your spiritual gifts and talents to serve in this growing ministry.

Tuesday

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Pray for the ministry: Pray for the parents, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit as they parent. Pray that they can show love to their children and to their spouse and raise the children in a Christian home. Pray for parents who are unchurched or may not have a vital connection to a local fellowship of believers. Pray that the parent's interactions with the Sunday school teachers, Nursery School staff, church staff, and congregation may plant a seed of faith in their hearts. Pray for parents who are single, divorced, dealing with addictions, lost jobs, and conflict in the home.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that God inspires us to create new opportunities for families to learn, worship, and play together in a spiritually healthy environment.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Commit yourself to supporting our ministry to families through Sunday school, Linglestown Christian Nursery School and other children's ministries. Pray about your part in encouraging families you know to get involved in our children's ministry.

Wednesday

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Pray for the ministry: Pray that our kids (and their parents) will stay actively committed to Jesus Christ and Linglestown Life through their often difficult and extremely busy teen years. Pray that God will be their first priority in their life and that through their sports and other social activities they may be a witness to their faith and commitment to Linglestown Life.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that we can create more connection points that are interesting and fulfill our commitment to share the Gospel in ways that keep children, youth, and their families committed to God and Linglestown Life.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: If you have children, commit yourself to maintaining God as a priority in your family's life and use your additional activity time as an opportunity to teach biblical values. If you don't have children, pray for an opportunity to invest yourself in the life of a busy family or become a vital witness for Jesus by participating in extra-curricular activities for community children.

Thursday

...Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.

Matthew 25:40

Pray for the ministry: Pray that children and youth would develop a selfless lifestyle and esteem others higher than themselves.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that God will give children and youth many opportunities to minister to those around them.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Pray that you can be a good example to our young people by your own selflessness and support of missions.

Friday

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

Pray for the ministry: Pray for God's wisdom, understanding, creativity, and character to be bestowed upon all the adults (parents, teachers, and helpers) working with children and youth.