## Life in Community Brings Healing

by

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James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.





This week we are praying for:

Lindsay Church of the Nazarene and Pastor Rachel

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## **GIVING TOTAL**

Weekly Giving	Weekly Budget
\$6,726.20	\$7,361.59
YTD Giving	YTD Budget
\$248,627.49	\$242,932.47

## **Ideas for Pastor Appreciation Month**

Find out what problem in the church that, if solved, would move the church forward in the coming year. Then, roll up your sleeves and offer to help the leadership solve it.

Help him get some exercise by either meeting him 3 or 4 times a week at a health club or jogging with him in the morning.

Clean his car while he's at the church office one day. (One of the pastors at our church even told me where he leaves his keys!)

Call and express appreciation to the pastor who started you on your spiritual pilgrimage, or who helped you at a critical time in your life. Be specific about how he helped you.

Let him know that you appreciate the load he carries: the pressure of caring for sheep, the pace of a growing ministry and the daily sacrifices he makes for ministry. Communicate that you understand he does more than just show up and preach.

If you're an elder or deacon, then why not schedule annual job performance evaluations, walk through his year and express appreciation for a job well done. How about a bonus if he's really been effective ... and a raise! After all, just think how much a raise encourages you.

Go to your pastor and ask him where you can assume a position of responsibility. As one pastor put it, "A position in the church where I can learn the fellowship of Christ's suffering—you only suffer for what you care about and you can only prove you care by taking responsibility" (See Philippians 3:10-11).

And don't forget your pastor's wife. She makes many sacrifices too in giving up her husband to ministry opportunities. Send her notes of appreciation, flowers or a gift certificate. Express gratitude for the part she plays in the teamwork of pastoring your local church.

Morning Worship Service: Sun. 9:30 am Evening Worship Service: Sun. 6:00 pm Wednesday: Youth Group @ 6:30 pm



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