

The Invitation

Fill out a pew card with a prayer request

Put them in the Offering Plate

Come Tonight at 6:00pm

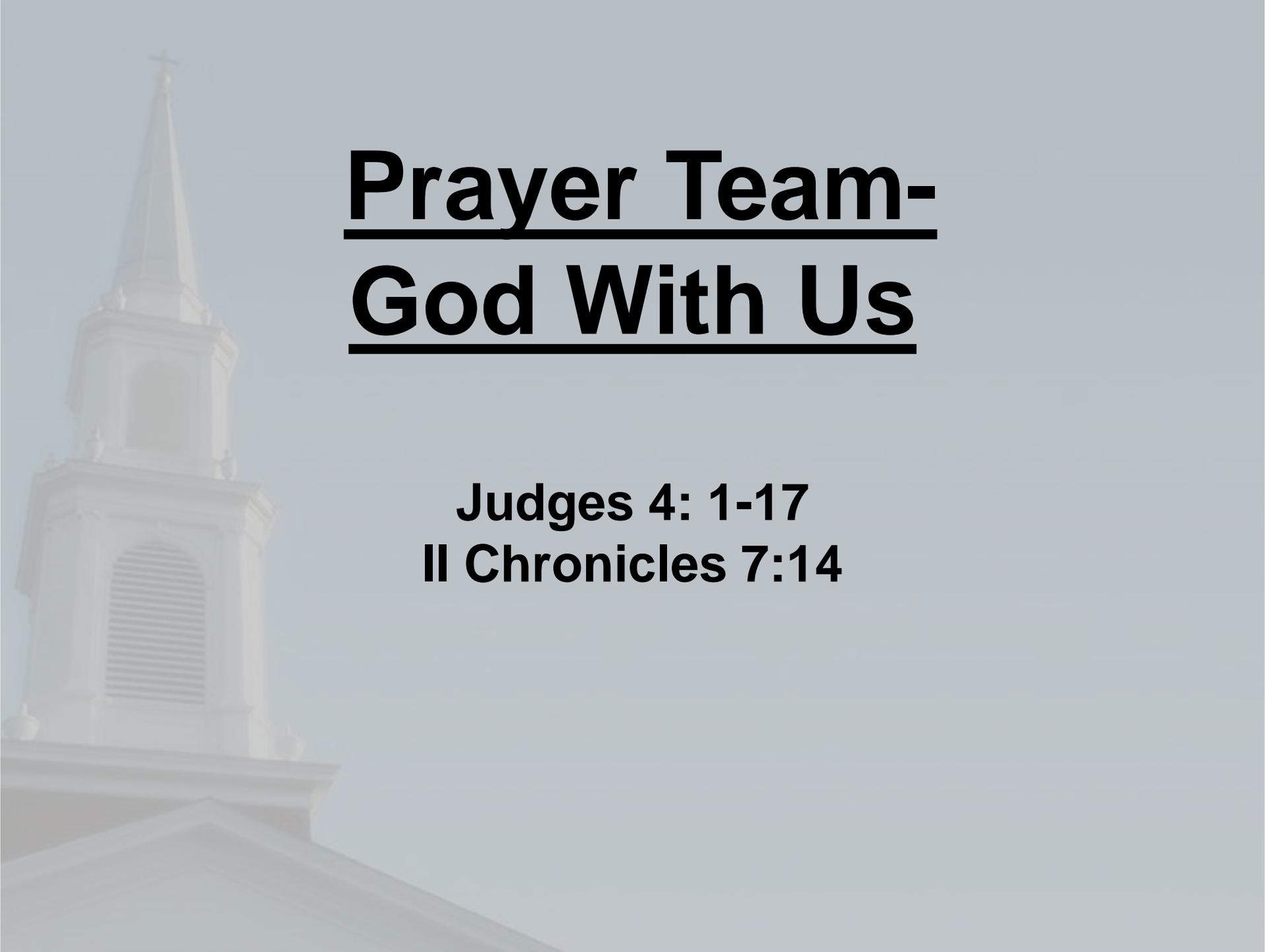
The House of Prayer

Join in

The Word

Confession

And Prayer

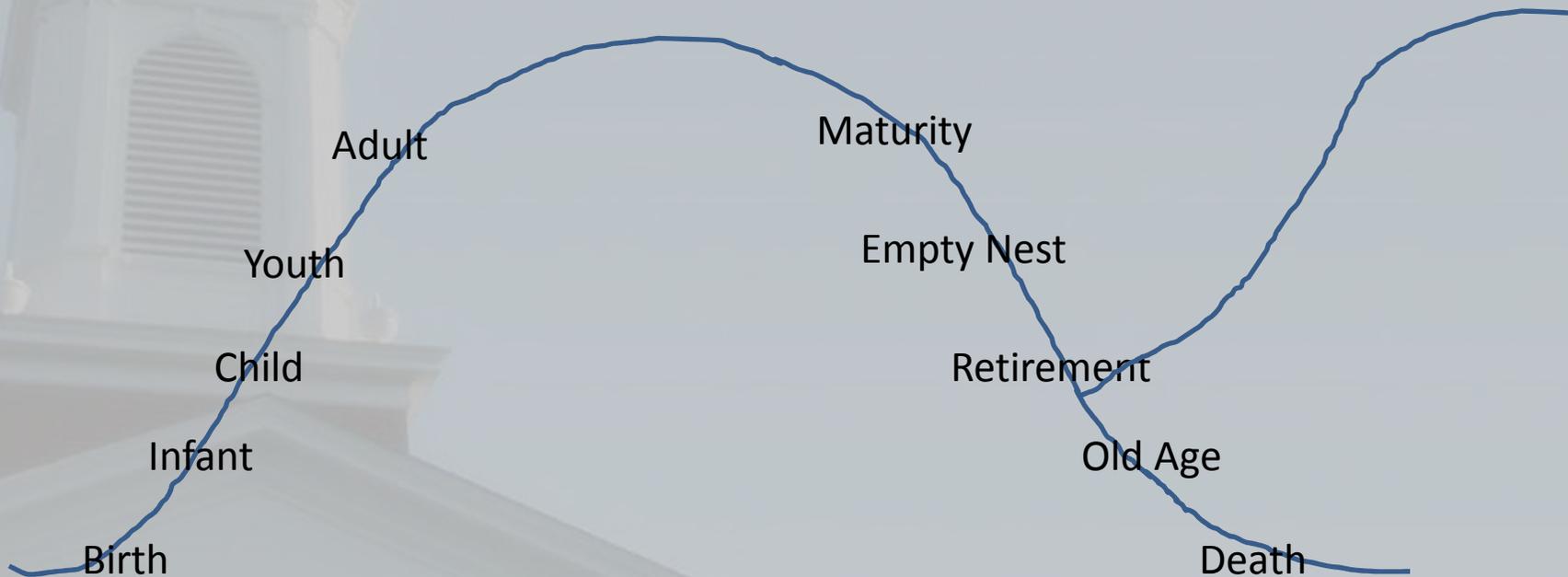


Prayer Team- **God With Us**

Judges 4: 1-17
II Chronicles 7:14

“You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until *after* you have prayed.” John Bunyan

- **Next week your leaders want to talk to you about a Healthy Church Initiative (Health meaning the ability to make disciples, unhealthy meaning we are not reproducing)**



The Focus of Our Calling

- **We will not change our current Mission focus until we learn to focus outward.**
- **Our Vision of who we are will not be clear until we begin to see WE are change agents in our communities.**
- **Our Values will not match our Mission and Vision until we have true Servant Hearts toward those around us.**

1. Relationships: The Good News of the Gospel and of the Community of Faith!

- The people who come to us do not want a friendly congregation.**
- The people who come to us want a congregation where they can make friends.**
- People want to be valued for who they are, not for what they do.**

2. Ministries that Attract, Reach and Really Make Disciples are What people Want.

- Can you reach me where I am and help me move to where I need to be?**

Good Ministry Outline

- **Music and Worship**
- **Relationships/Groups/Friends**
- **Care: Newcomer Care/Member Care**
- **Family Needs: infants, children, youth, adults**
- **Education: training and personal development**
- **Preaching**
- **Well kept facilities**
- **Financial Stability**

The Incredible Need for Prayer

- It is the Humble heart that prays for it does not think less of itself but thinks less about itself.
- The call to our church: II Chronicles 7:14
 - A new charge to our Prayer Teams:
 - Pray that the burden of our hearts will be to change our communities.
 - Pray that God will raise up among us people who will lead ministry and leaders who will lead.
- Two stories to Tell:
 - One from the pages of Scripture: Judges 4:1-16
 - One from a Rotary lunch.

They Cried to the Lord Judges 4:1-16

- The usual concept of prayer: Have need; Ask God; He sends us our answer.
- True, but God answers in many more interesting ways.
 - God's call often involves a courageous call to action ^{6,7}
 - Humorous Reaction: If you hold my hand I will go! ^{8,9}
- The Promise of God often relates to the obedient response of we who have asked.
- Not all obeyed and God was not pleased. They were indicted not for what they did but for what they did not do. ^{5:23}

Does God Need Our Help?

- What I learned about my friends at Rotary.
- God does not need our help, he **WANTS** our help, to share in the power of his Kingdom and taste the sacred privileges and responsibilities of his heart.
- God **WANTS** to fulfill the design he placed within us, to taste the wonder of a real relationship with Him as we do life.
- We must learn to ask for big things. We need to learn to fear the fear that keeps us at the campfire and ultimately judged unworthy.

Pray Hugely!!



**By your words your heart will be
known.**