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Pray for the Church in Hood County

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

Reflections

We're living in critical times in our country, there is a sense of urgency in the air. Many Christians point at the decadence of American culture and they are desperate for change. Many look to our governing authorities for that

Challenge

In desperate times it is easy to turn to men or manmade systems

change. I understand that, but if we want to see real change in our nation and culture, our priority must be to BE the Church God has called us to be. We're the household of God, we're called to be a light in this crooked and perverse world. In our hearts we know that to be the church we're called to be will require Divine Intervention, there's no two ways about it! The task at hand goes far beyond anything we can do on our own. It is time to humble ourselves and pray. If we truly believe there is power in prayer, let's refocus our hearts, nothing is too difficult for our God. It is time to bend the knee before the Almighty and Pray for the church in Hood County. God has blessed us with godly men and women to lead His Church, to equip His people to do His Work and edify the Body. An edified Body won't be "blown here and there by every wind of teaching". An edified Body will not be swayed by clever double talk and lies. We will know the truth and speak the truth in love because we will have "unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God". In other words, we will know where to place our trust. It begins with prayer, it is time to make prayer a priority. I want to encourage and invite all of you to join me by making a commitment to pray. Pray for the Church in Hood County to be strengthened, edified, built up! Pray that the Church stay the course and never lose sight of the mission. It won't be easy, we live in an age of tolerance. Tolerance requires that we hold firm our convictions while at the same time we demonstrate love towards those who may disagree with us. Tolerance means enduring the foolish, hurtful and offensive behavior of others. Being tolerant doesn't mean our mission will be any easier. When we

first, then pray. Trust that God will equip the Church Body like He says and make a commitment to pray! The enemy has no defense against prayer.

For Discussion

If God has equipped you for works of service, is the Love of Christ revealed in the way you approach adversity?

Are you truly committed to Prayer?



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as the Church are tolerant while holding firm to our convictions, we can be sure that we will still be labeled as intolerant. That is why we need to pray more than ever! It is so easy to be drawn into petty and pointless arguments that only serve to distract and divide us. Remember our struggle is not against flesh and blood people, it is against the dark powers of this world and the spiritual forces of evil. Prayer is our primary weapon against such. Don't be discouraged, our adversary has always raised up opposition when God's people pray, when the Gospel message is being spread and when souls are being saved. Pray that we, the Church in Hood County, would rise up with renewed strength and resolve to stand firm by the courage of our convictions that are rooted in our faith in Christ. Pray that the Church in Hood County not waiver even when it means suffering. Pray that the Church in Hood County will be able to discern the things of God from those which are not. Pray that we be the Church that God has called us to be! We are the Body of Christ in Hood County and in Christ we are invincible!

Prayer

Father in Heaven, I come before you today recognizing your Great Love for me, and your Sovereignty over your Creation. Impress upon us all the importance of the mission and the lost souls in our community. I pray that we would be able to discern your Truth and your Will. In Jesus' Holy and Precious Name, Amen.

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