

Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

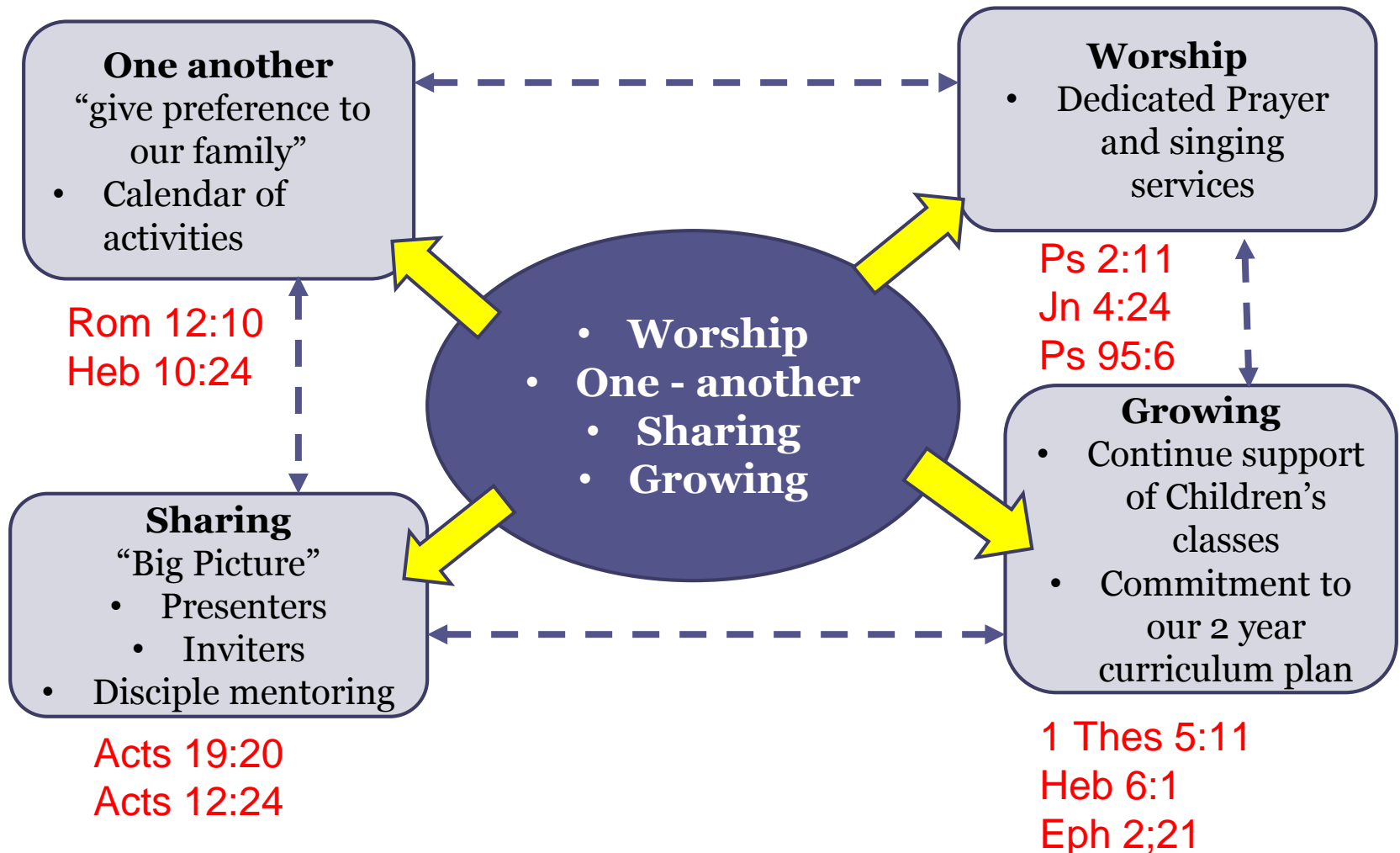


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Vision Statement

- “At Kirkland we are people redeemed by Christ’s blood, who seek to **worship** God reverently in truth, who glorify God through our un-conditional love, caring and service of **one-another**. We are **growing** in knowledge of truth and in joy and commitment, **sharing** our hope with others that God’s light might shine in a dark world.”

Current areas of focus:



THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Jeremiah 29:12-13



THESIS:

1. Introductory thoughts . .
2. Why is prayer so important?



It is the Nature of God to Answer Prayers

- Ps 65:2 “Thou that *hears prayers.*”
- Heb 11:6 “Rewards those that *diligently seek Him.*”
- Jer 29:12 “Pray to me, & I will listen.”



GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

2 Chron 7:14 “If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”



PROPHECY

Isa 65:24 "It will also come to pass that *before they call*, **I will answer**; and *while they are still speaking*, **I will hear.**"



WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?

GOD COMMANDS IT!

“Pray without ceasing” (I Thess
5:17).



Consider “**Arrow Prayers**”



“Short, brief, communication with
God that we shoot up to Him all
day long.”



Closet Prayers . .

“Set aside time in a certain place where you will not be interrupted.”



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“For this is the will of God concerning you, that in everything you give thanks” (I Thess 5:18).



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- Lk 18:1 “*Pray always* and faint not.”
- Phil 4:6 “In *nothing* be anxious but in *everything* . . .”
- II Tim 2:1 “I exhort that first of all, that supplications, prayers, and giving of thanks be made **for all men**.”



WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?

**JESUS RELIED UPON IT (Lk 9:18,
Lk 6:12, Mk 1:35, Lk 5: 15-16).**



WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?

**BECAUSE OF THE ATTITUDE OF
THE EARLY CHURCH.**

--Acts 6:4 “Gave themselves
continually to prayer and the word
of God.”



WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?

**BECAUSE THERE IS A DEVIL
(JAMES 4:8).**



WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?

**BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S MEANS OF
OBTAINING BLESSING.**

- *Receive wisdom (Jas 1:5).*
- *Receive mercy and grace to
help in time of need (Heb
4:16).*



WHY IS PRAYER IMPORTANT?

**BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT
WORK OF JESUS CHRIST.**

- Hebrews 7:25 “He is able to save them that draw near unto God through Him seeing **He ever lives to make intercession for them.**”

