

I. Introduction.

- A.** In his well-known book *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A. W. Tozer wrote, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
- B.** Having a paradigm that God the Father (and the Son and the Holy Spirit) is always good, profoundly glad and inclined to generously give cannot be overstated. If these fundamental thoughts are in the back of our mind, we live much differently and more fruitfully as a Christian disciple of Jesus.

II. God is good.

Psalms 52:1 | ...The goodness of God endures continually.

Romans 2:4 | Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

- A.** By saying God is good, we don't mean less than great—we mean *only* good.
- B.** God never has anything but good thoughts toward you and desires for you.

III. God is glad.

Hebrews 1:9 | You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

Galatians 5:22 | But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

- A.** God isn't mostly mad or sad, He's mostly glad.
- B.** Though God is capable of having innumerable emotions, He is described as happy and joyous. He knows where it's all going.

IV. God is giving.

John 3:16 | For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 8:32 | He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

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Greater Peoria House of Prayer Announcements for September 15, 2017

1. **Welcome** to the Greater Peoria House of Prayer... we're glad you're here and blessed to be worshipping God with you! Be sure to pick up the **free** materials at the back table in the prayer room or the desk near the front of the downstairs fellowship area, which includes teaching notes, stickers, pens, prayer cards and more. **Daily schedule:** We have morning prayer right here in this room seven days a week from 7-8 a.m. Monday - Friday and 8-9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. We have afternoon prayer four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. - noon. We have evening prayer with live worship from 6-8 p.m. Monday - Saturday. On Friday's, we have an extra prayer gathering from 10-11:30 a.m. Our **Friday Encounter Night** is from 6-9 p.m. and is our main corporate gathering each Friday evening featuring live worship and a teaching to inspire love for Jesus and prayer.
2. **Upcoming events:** In late October/early November we're going to be hosting our first prophetic gathering focused on what the Holy Spirit is saying now to the church in central Illinois. Stay tuned for more information on that front. We're going to also start planning for our hot chocolate outreach during the Parade of Lights on **Saturday, November 18** (always the Saturday before Thanksgiving). Please let Derek know if you'd like to help plan these events.
3. **Prayer room ministry opportunities:** If you are interested in leading or ministering during a live worship set by singing, playing an instrument, prayer leading or behind the sound board, please contact us at info@gphop.org. We'd love to have you serve on one of our teams! **Team ministry opportunities:** If you feel the Lord has gifted you in the prophetic (or would like to grow in this gifting) and would consider helping on a prophetic team, send an email to info@gphop.org. Contact Mandy Kistner at mandykistner@yahoo.com if you would like to schedule a future healing ministry appointment or help out on the healing team.
4. **Missions:** Please keep the following missionaries we support in prayer as well as be sensitive to their financial needs: **Ashley Bucknam** and **Alicia Wright** (ACTS School, Colorado Springs, CO); **Tim and Blair Fraim** (Florianopolis House of Prayer; Florianopolis, Brazil); **Eric and Erin Simmons** (Minnesota House of Prayer Network; Twin Cities, MN); **Amy Dirks** and **Phil Kellenberger** (International House of Prayer, Kansas City, MO). Also keep friends **Tyler and Sarah Cook** and family in prayer who are beginning a HOP in Ottawa, IL.
5. **Social media:** Follow us on Facebook (Greater Peoria House of Prayer - GPHOP), Twitter/Periscope (@GPHOPPrayer), Instagram (@GPHOPPrayer), Vimeo, YouTube and Snapchat for regular updates and inspiration. Use these social media sites to get the word out, share pictures, quotes you heard, etc. Contact Derek at derek@gphop.org if you're interested in helping with GPHOP's social media.
6. **Refuge ministry:** There are several groups who use our facility for their ministry purposes. Please keep the following in prayer: Christian Business Men's Connection Bible studies (Thursday mornings), Kinisi 424 senior worship leader meetings (monthly/as needed), Garage Thinkers kingdom entrepreneurialism class (as needed), prophetic dance classes (as needed) and Sunday church gatherings (as needed).
7. We provide **free wifi** to everyone here! The password for the **GPHOP** router is on the white board in the downstairs fellowship area. You can also connect to either the CableWiFi or xfinitywifi routers if you have a personal Comcast account.
8. **Prayer requests:** If you have a prayer request that you would like our prayer teams to pray for regularly, please submit it to info@gphop.org.
9. **Giving:** The minimum prayer room budget is about \$3,600 per month. If you have been blessed by the GPHOP and would like sow financially into the ministry, we would be more than blessed. You can give in cash, but if you would like to give to GPHOP with a check, please make it out to "Greater Peoria House of Prayer" or "GPHOP"—your gift is tax deductible. Thank you for your generosity! It's helping make day and night prayer with worship possible in central Illinois. You can place your gift in the Saturday night offering during the 7 p.m. teaching or drop it in the black donation box on the wall near the entrance to the prayer room. Donations can also be mailed to our physical address at 117 East Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611. We currently have two active financial campaigns: 1) **Operation 24+7:** We're believing for 31 families, churches, ministries, businesses and organizations to support the ministry at an average of \$100 per month. This will help us meet our minimum monthly budget and ensure we continue to build toward a 24/7 prayer sanctuary with live worship. 2) **Spread the Word** campaign to raise \$5,000 specifically for video projects and website updates.

*Thank you for helping to **keep this prayer room sacred** by ensuring conversations with others are brief and kindly reminding others to do the same. There is a large fellowship area downstairs if you would like to talk at length.*