### **COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**



## NEWSLETTER

# THEREFORE I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, AND IT WILL BE YOURS.

MARK 11:24

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- 8/7 ASIAN FOOD
- 8/14 BREAKFAST FOOD
- 8/21 BBQ
- 8/28 FAMILY HEIRLOOM RECIPES

Details of food needed for Wednesday meals will be posted Mondays on Groupme.



Kip & Dawn Myers August 21st

## **AAMA Blood Drive**

Monday, August 5th 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

First Methodist Church 200 Church St, Azle, TX 76020



Clinton Weaver ----- August 1st Steven Smith ----- August 7th Bryan Weaver ----- August 26th



### **Common Practice**

I avoid speaking up when a person or group is being treated unfairly.

Would you want someone to speak up for you if you were being discriminated against?

Remember that sometimes interrupting a hate crime can stop the violence in its path, so just saying something can help.

Remember that accountability doesn't require shaming or deepening divisions.

Consider how your community's response to hate embodies your values.

Educate yourself and people around you about the causes and effects of hate crimes and how to respond.

### TRY THIS...

To the perpetrator: I noticed you doing X to this person, please stop. I'll call the police if you continue to hurt this person.

To the victim: Hi, my name is \_\_\_, I want to help. What do you need right now?

To yourself: How diverse are the people I interact with? Do I speak up when I hear comments or jokes based on stereotyping others?

To your community: How can we build a community where people don't feel that this kind of behavior is acceptable?

# LET'S TALK ABOUT HATE

### **Best Practice**



It is my responsibility as a good neighbor to intervene when I witness hate and speak out to avoid future incidents.

### Helpful Habits

- Practice the art of listening. Don't assume what others need after they have been targeted by hate.
- Stay informed about the state of hate in your area. If you see that this incident is part of a trend, then it requires broader prevention to break the cycle.
- Stay engaged. After the community vigil ends and the news cameras go away, the work to build peace and safety for all isn't over.

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## **PRAYBOLDY**

Television interviewer and journalist Larry King describes three farmers who gather daily in a field during a horrible drought. The men are down on their knees, looking upward, and praying the skies will open and pour forth a much-needed rain. Unfortunately, the heavens are silent, and the petitioners become discouraged, but they continue to meet every morning to lift up their request to God.

One morning an uninvited stranger approaches and asks the men what they are doing. They respond, "We're praying for rain." The newcomer looks at each of them and shakes his head, "No, I don't think so." The first farmer says, "Of course we're praying. We are down on our knees pleading for rain. Look around, see the drought. We haven't had rain in more than a year!"

The outsider continues to nod his head and advises them their efforts will never work. The second farmer jumps in and says, "We need the rain; we aren't asking only for ourselves, but for our families and livestock." The man listens, nods, and says he still isn't impressed. "You're wasting your time," he says. The third farmer can't take any more, and in anger he says, "Okay, what would you do if you were in our shoes?" The visitor asks, "You really want to know?" The three landowners answer, "We really want to know! The future of our farmlands is at stake."

The guest announces, "I would have brought an umbrella!"

So when you pray, pray boldly to the Lord!

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