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Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” John 16:24 (NIV)

Recently, a friend said to me that we are not a praying church. That really pushed the conviction button in my heart and so I’m purposing to focus on prayer this year.

Oswald Chambers said, *“Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished. We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.”* How often do we think of the *life of God in us* as we go through our daily routine? And, that it needs to be nourished! Chambers says that prayer is *“a matter of working miracles in a person’s inner nature.”* The Bible says we have a new nature and that nature (Gal.2:20) (Col.3:9-10), *“the life of God in us,”* according to Chambers, is either starved or nourished by prayer.



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Tim Keller writes, *“to reinvigorate my prayer life.” “...to reawaken the intimacy with God.”* That is what prayer is all about! In Psalm 27, Keller says that David’s *“devotional life is more than only the study of the Bible and then prayer for the strength to practice it. David’s meditation is deeply mystical. ‘One thing ... I seek: ... to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.’ (Psalm 27:4). He is looking for a transformation of the affections of his heart as he prays.”*

That’s what I want in my heart as well. I hope you will join me in pursuing God more intimately in prayer this year.

2016 Annual Report February 2017

Praise God for His provision for FMQC. We are so grateful: to those who help with our prayer letter, administration; training, to the many churches and individuals who support us prayerfully and financially, and to the host of prayer warriors who make this ministry possible.

We are so thankful for our part-time secretary, Kim Roach, who has served eleven years and now retired.

We have been blessed with a Board of Directors who serve sacrificially: Carol Jacks, our secretary, Kevin Hamilton, our chairman, who is going off the board after faithfully serving for six years, and Dave Brummitt, our treasurer. We are so grateful for their commitment to this ministry. We are excited to welcome Jim Brubaker as our new board member.

We continue to use Augustana Web Guild to design and manage the web site.

2016 began with significantly less income from supporters. With much prayer and encouragement from our board, in August we began reducing our expenses by retiring our secretary, moving out of New Hope Community Center, moving our admin office to our home and our counseling office to Homewood EFC. These changes led to saving over \$1000 per month. We have seen God’s gracious hand in these changes as support giving increased to the point where we even have a cushion in our bank account. Praise God for his nudging us out of our comfort zone and into this new phase in our ministry!

Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.



Happy Valentine’s Day

Speaking/Ministry/Conferences/Fund Raisers:

- Attended monthly area EFC Ministerials
- Participated in Bill Patrick funeral Feb.6, long time FMQC supporter
- FMQC Trivia Night fund raiser Feb.12
- Attended the Caring for the Heart Retreat April 3-9
- Preach at Homewood Free, Moline June 19, 26, July 3
- Moved our office from New Hope Comm. Center to Homewood EFC August 8-12
- Preach at Grace FFC, Davenport August 14
- Spoke/counseled at CFTH conference, Kolona, IA Sept.19-23
- FMQC Trivia Night fund raiser Oct. 14
- Preach at Elim Covenant, Moline October 16
- Spoke at MOPS Panel, Bettendorf Christian Church Oct.2
- Taught/MC'd CFTH Annual Conference Palm Bay, FL Nov. 6-10

We offered four day intensive marriage counseling to 7 couples, three day intensive sessions to 16 individuals, and 65 phone counseling or 1½ hour sessions.

Thank You

"We want to thank you so much for your kind and Godly counsel these past few months. You have helped more than you know to bring us to a place of blessing and closer to God's will for our lives together."
- a couple who came to FM

"Thanks for your time and care for us this week. I can't say, 'It was fun.' but I can say it was a good start on a long journey." God bless you richly,
- another couple who came

Testimony

I am reflecting on the blessings of the past year and feel so blessed by having been able to spend those 3 days with you guys, the phone call, the emails and most of all for leading me to Jesus and the good, good, Father. Thank you for your prayers and holding onto hope when it was so dark that I couldn't see it myself. Thank you for speaking truth and love and grace into those ugly and dark vaults that had been barricaded away for so long. I have been incredibly blessed and thank God for you guys!



Prayer & Praise

Praise

- ♦ For God's provision through the year 2016
- ♦ For our new office provided by Homewood Free Church
- ♦ For God providing a new board member
- ♦ For successful cataract removal surgery for Jeanine this January

Prayer

- ♦ God's softening of hearts as we lead people to Him to heal their wounds
- ♦ Marriages healed by God's love and redemption
- ♦ CFTH Counselor Retreat March 27—31

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