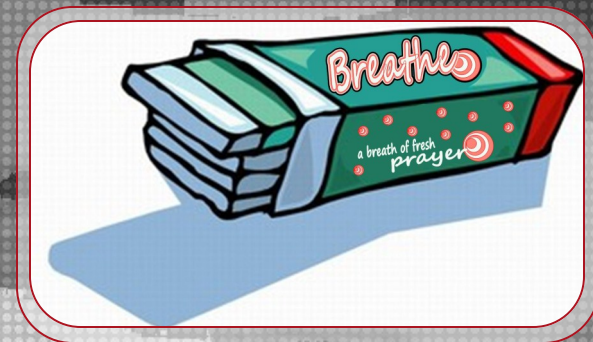


Breathe
PRAYING BEYOND OURSELVES

TO REACH THE
WORLD



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Lighting of the Candle...

Read John 20:21-2

“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Together, recite the Lord’s Prayer

(see right)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.



Confession...

Consider your personal sins. In your mind name them specifically. Now pray Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Now praise God. His love covers us our actions yesterday, today, tomorrow!

Meditating over the scripture...

Read Nehemiah 4:1-6 (See Insert)

1. Chapter 3 outlines the division of labor. Read verse 5 (bottom of insert). Are there places in the church you will not participate?

2. When people discourage, what is your reaction? How is this the same or different than Nehemiah’s?

3. Chandler Focus: Our efforts can seem feeble (“a fox would break down their wall of stones”, v3). Do you feel like the church, Chandler, is making a difference in society?



Divide into pairs and pray over each other...

[Note this person on your card]



Voiced prayer for our church... Share your responses to the 3rd question and we will pray for each one.

♦ Focus: Chandler and Unity



Praying the Front Page... Taking a story from this mornings front page. Pray for Christ to bring grace and salvation into the situation.

A time of silence... Reread John 20:21-2. Then silently pray that Chandler will move beyond the walls of our building. That we will take the breath of Christ—the Spirit—to transform the world.

Service Concludes when the candle is extinguished.



*Please continue to pray throughout the week.
Use the Breathe card as a guide.*