

My Spiritual Life Would Be Improved By...

1. "1.) Reminding myself that I am a child of God.
2. 2.) Increased devotional time.
3. 3.) Increased prayer time."
4. A better understanding of the Bible.
5. "A feeling of community among my church members. Closer connections and small groups.
6. A lead pastor who was actively engaged in the future of the church - who cared for church members and reached out to them. Seems like he is doing the bare minimum to get the job done."
7. A new full-time pastor
8. "A Pastor that is positive in attitude with good energy.
9. More small group bible studies
10. Young families and children, need more!"
11. A pastor that isn't about his agenda.
12. a removal of spiritual influence.
13. A steady presence in the pulpit and outside of Sunday mornings.
14. A weekly adult Sunday School class that was attended by many rather than a few with materials that could be studied during the week prior to the class.
15. Adult classes offered during the week.
16. Adult group get-togethers
17. As a relatively new pastor in this community, I would benefit from spiritual friends from outside of this community.
18. Bible study groups
19. Bible study with peers my own age (30's-50's)...parents with kids still living in the home.
20. Bible study, Sunday school
21. Bible study. We do this each week.
22. Can't think of anything.
23. Classes in Spiritual Growth
24. "Coarseness and rude behavior were a thing of the past.
25. Knowing that serving on a committee is not a life sentence. I think a lot more people would participate in a lot more things if they knew they wouldn't be appointed to or chairing a committee for life."
26. Consistency in my personal daily devotions.
27. Continued Bible study classes
28. Continued opportunities for Bible Study and fellowship
29. Feeling challenged
30. Following through on a personal commitment taking time to pray every day without exception
31. "From Children and youth being in worship and touching the worshipping body more.
32. If my health would allow to be more active in mission of the church."
33. Greater personal spiritual discipline; serious group study.
34. Having a larger congregation to connect with.
35. Having my church family is everything!

36. "I feel, as the pastor, that I have a full spiritual life - however, I also believe that we can all improve our spiritual lives in some ways.
37. Also, in regards to the following question, I have been VERY active in Presbytery until the past two years, when personal issues and community service became too much for me to serve. I am ready to be active in Presbytery again!"
38. I have a good spiritual life. I attend church every week and belong to a weekly spiritual direction group
39. I really like how our pastor's sermons are not about the "do not" tenants, but how the practice of Christianity is in learning how to work at relating positively with others, not just fellow "believers" but people of all stripes and colors. Not being judgmental but practicing kindness, seeking justice, and walking humbly with God. (to paraphrase an old reference)
40. I regularly wish I was around people who were flexible. less judgmental and want to try new things or new ideas.
41. I'm happy with my spiritual life.
42. Increased adult Christian Ed classes.
43. Increased interaction with committed Christians
44. increasing time and effort to study the Bible more.
45. Keeping our church from closing.
46. Later morning services.
47. "Less surveys like this. There are some poorly worded questions like Question 21 on Change. I am open to change, and welcome change There is no answer choice on that question that reflects that. Certainly we do know how to change. Doing it is the hard part.
48. The question on feeling ashamed if the church was to close should have been reworked. Feeling ""ashamed"" is a poor word choice. Members should not feel ""ashamed"" if their church was to close. Sad, yes. Disappointed, Yes. Ashamed, no.
49. It anyone should be ""ashamed"" it is Presbytery staff who are paid to support local churches. But even in that context, I think the word ashamed is not a good choice for the emotion that would be present"
50. "Meditation
51. Talking about American Indian beliefs
52. Especially how they cared for the planet.
53. Being a part of a prayer chain.
54. Talking about finding Awe in everyday life."
55. Meeting regularly with other believers outside of Sunday morning. This could be with others from different churches in the community or other Presbyterians (both Teaching Elders and lay people).
56. Monthly small groups around scripture; monthly small group gatherings for food and socialization centered around the Bible; a yearly activity that calls the community into our building/grounds that is sponsored by the church (Fall Harvest, health fair, children's art fair, live Nativity, men's group for mission, women's etc.) We currently have community groups that use our church for events such as November Election Day Soup Supper by Hospice House, May plant fair.
57. More , daily, meditation.
58. More adult Bible study

59. "more adult classes
60. meditation (prayer, breathing, chanting...) worked into services"
61. More adult education classes at varied times.
62. More adult study groups.
63. More Bible study group options during weekdays.
64. "More free time
65. More sit and listen time. I am a doer and have a hard time sitting down, without a list in my head
66. Focused habit of daily resting in the Lord, morning devotions.
67. Lots of things could be of benefit to my spiritual growth
68. Reading of more deeply spiritually challenging material to ponder
69. Christian book club/discussion group."
70. More leaders to help teach the word in small groups that I too can attend and be fed the word.
71. More materials blending progressive theology with contemplative sensibilities.
72. more prayer
73. More prayer and more humility in my daily walk. Just a note about question 21. I do not mind change in my church as long as it is decided in my church session and is prayed about with much care. I like my Calvin roots and would like to guard against fleeting ideas of the culture we have. The Bible should be the measuring stick when talking about change in the Body of Christ.
74. More prayer time
75. more prayer time
76. More prayer, more service to others, discerning where my skills are most needed, etc.
77. More quiet time
78. More regular home meditation/bible study
79. More scripture study on my part.
80. more time in the day to devote to spiritual practices. More time in the week to devote to sabbath.
81. More time spent in prayer.
82. More upbeat music
83. More upbeat music
84. More vibrant worship, current messaging in sermon, music with energy
85. More young people in the congregation.
86. Mutual support group where I can be myself (single parent, recovering addict, raising grandkids)
87. My personal commitment to be more Christ-like.
88. My spiritual life is fine. My pastor meets my needs.
89. Not sure, but open. Time is a big factor to doing more things.
90. Other people in my congregation delving into spiritual growth and challenging me.
91. Praying more
92. reading and practicing bible teachings. We do have a Bible study group which is very active.
93. Regular Bible study
94. "retreats
95. song services with other area churches"

96. Securing a part-time pastor for our church.
97. Serious Bible study with others.
98. Sermons and pastoral leadership that challenge me to live into the gospel, to reconsider things, to take action.
99. Small group Bible study and how to live out our faith in these days.
100. stop the modern woke nonsense
101. Study and prayer.
102. The church serves as a home base and a place to come together to worship with others.
103. Time without interruption and too many demands.
104. Trusted conversation partners and serious theological discussions. Most local options feel superficial or casual / lacking in respect.
105. "Weekly Bible Study which we have now.
106. Biblical Sermons including Revelation and End Time Prophecy."