MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH Sunday, August 10, 2008 – 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Barry Klinck

COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

Luke 11:1-13

God loves to hear His children pray

A Pattern of PRAYER

- "Prayer covers all of life"
- Present need
- Past **sin**
- Future <u>trials</u> and/or <u>temptations</u>

Our Attitude to Prayer

Jesus gives us a **humorous** parable (Luke 11:5-8)

- In the Middle East, <u>hospitality</u> is a Sacred Duty
- **Boldness** in prayer is encouraged and rewarded

God Invites Us to <u>Initiate</u> the Asking, Seeking and Knocking (11:9-10)

God Gives Good Gifts To His Children (11:11-13)

Application

- God <u>responds</u> to <u>bold</u> initiated prayer (e.g., Elijah on Mt. Carmel)
- God sent Jesus to be the **atoning sacrifice** for our sins (1 John 4:10)
- God's gift of the Holy Spirit is for **empowerment**