

Weekly Newsletter

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Lord, Teach Us to Pray

We often use prayer to ask God for many things. And so we should. How good are we, though, at asking Him for the best things? Consider Solomon's example. In I Kings 3, God allowed Solomon to ask for whatever his heart desired. Most people in Solomon's position would have asked for health, wealth, or the destruction of his enemies—the "best" things life has to offer. Solomon, however, saw a need far greater than any physical thing. He asked for wisdom. These are the prayer requests that God loves to answer! They reveal both a discerning heart and a truly spiritual life. As a result of Solomon's request, God showered him with incomparable wisdom.

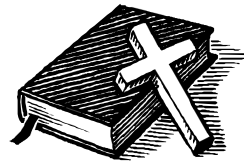
Similarly, God wants to shower us with His greatest blessings, but we must first recognize how great they truly are. Please consider some of the following adjustments we could make in our prayers and how they might even improve our spiritual outlook:

- Do I ask for relief from difficult circumstances or the strength to endure & grow by them?
- Do I ask for physical comfort in all ways or the faith to be content in whatever state I am in?
- Do I ask for the sick to be healed & the lost to be saved or that I might be used to minister to them?
- Do I ask that the U.S. succeeds in world affairs or that God's kingdom prevails in all nations?
- Do I pray asking God to do something for me or asking that I be used for His glory & honor?

CHRIST IN *Youth*

Upcoming Events

- Saturday—Parents Day Out will be provided from 9 am to 5 pm (time of potluck dinner). Please pack your child's lunch and snacks. Entertainment will be provided.
- Monday, Dec. 10—DEADLINE for signing up for Evangelism University (Jan. 18 - 20)
- Wednesday, Dec. 12—Representatives from Freed-Hardeman will be here at 6 pm to talk to our 7th grade & up Bible class. Dinner will be provided.
- Saturday, Dec. 15—Ages 7th Grade & up will meet at 3:30 pm to assemble & deliver holiday fruit baskets. Dinner will be provided.
- Sunday, Dec. 16—After the church potluck, ages 6th Grade & under will leave the building at 1:30 pm to deliver holiday fruit baskets.



Bible Boot Camp

"Bible Boot Camp" begins this Sunday, December 2 for the Sunday AM high school Bible class. If you have not have yet received your notebook, please see Blaine this week. Weekly homework assignments will be posted both in this space and on the forthcoming website. For December 2, students should read John 1, Romans 8 & Philippians 2 and memorize Philippians 2:5-7. If parents or students have any questions, please see Blaine.

Spiritual Triage

By Steve Higginbotham

Yesterday, as we were finishing lunch, my youngest daughter walked over to my seat and sat on my lap before we finished our meal. As she sat there, I noticed that the scar above her eyebrow had practically vanished. As you may know, a little over a year ago, my youngest son was practicing his "swordsmanship" with his plastic sword. As he was slaying dragons and other imaginary threats to his family, he made a mighty swing of his sword and connected just above the eyebrow of his unsuspecting sister who happened to walk around the corner. The result was a wide, one inch gash needed medical attention.



We hurriedly took our daughter to the emergency room, only to discover that we had a long wait in front of us. A triage nurse evaluated our daughter, and we waited for two hours while other people, with more serious injuries, treated first. Objectively, I know that's the way the emergency room works, and that's the way that I want it to work, except this was my little girl!

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So while we sat and waited, I couldn't help but think of how we may need to have a little "spiritual triage" applied to our lives. I sometimes must wonder if we place emphasis on the wrong things. I wonder if we could be found treating scratches and bruises while there are other injuries that threaten our spiritual lives and we leave these injuries untreated. Not every command in God's word carries the same weight. Now, I didn't say that, Jesus did (Matthew 23:23). Of course, that is not to minimize some commandments, but it does teach the priority of others.

The Pharisees practiced tithing, as the law commanded and as they should. But apparently, they had neglected such things as mercy, justice, and faith. In the Old Testament book of Hosea, the prophet said that the knowledge of God was more important than burnt offerings (Hosea 6:6). Isn't that interesting? Why, that's exactly opposite of what people think today. Modern thinking is that if I "go to church" I'm okay, even if I don't open my Bible through the week. While "going to church" is something you should do, increasing your knowledge of God is better.

Friends, make sure you're priorities are right. Don't major in the minors. Take a little time to evaluate your priorities and do a little spiritual triage on yourself. You might just find that you've been treating scratches and bruises, when you have more critical needs to which you need to attend.

Family Matters

Sick List

- Ruby Cloyd is in room #213 at the Community Hospital.
- Ronnie Berryman, son of Ella Berryman, will undergo heart surgery in Bowling Green on Friday. Prayers are requested for him and his family.
- Orvel Nunnally, brother-in-law of Maude Nunnally is in room #205 at the Community Hospital.

Prayer List

- Lucy Byrd Every, Debbie Gray and Wilma Williams
- The brother of Jospeh Barr, friend of Erica Wilson, was injured in an auto accident
- Doug Burgess, member of the Beckton Church of Christ
- Geneva England, mother of Hugh England
- Tyler Estes, nephew of Larry Estes
- Joan Jones, friend of Patty Brown

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Dixie Strode. She passed away Wednesday, November 21. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Strode Funeral Home. Dixie was the mother of Charlotte Birge.

Annual Parade Dinner

The annual Christmas Parade Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1. The meal will begin at 5:00. Following the meal we will be able to go out and watch the Parade as it passes by the building.

Gospel Meeting

The Center Church of Christ will conduct a Gospel Meeting, December 2-6. The speaker will be Parker Henderson. Services will begin at 7:00 each week night. Everyone is invited!

Thank You Notes

Thank you very much for the prayers, phone calls, visits and wonderful cards while I was in the hospital. Everything is much appreciated.

Alberta Lafferty

I want to thank the Youth Group, Blaine & Caroline for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanks again,
Edna Vibbert

Thanks to the Youth Group for remembering me with a really delicious Thanksgiving meal. The food was wonderful and the fellowship was very nice. Thanks to the four who stayed and ate with me. Thanks also to Blaine and all who helped in preparing the meal.

May God bless all,
Lucille Jolly

I would like to thank Blaine and the Youth Group for the delicious Thanksgiving meal brought to me. Also, thanks to Beverly Smith for the food she prepared for me. Thanks again for thinking of me. It was very much appreciated.

Jesse Abney

Christmas Potluck

The annual Christmas Potluck will be held Sunday, December 16, following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited!

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	409
Sunday Contribution	\$6,209.21
2007 Weekly Budget	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average	\$6,876.87

Sunday Morning, December 2, 2007

Deacons in Charge..... Kevin Redford
 Robert Spear
 Announcements..... Chris Page
 Song Leader..... David Fant
 Opening Prayer..... Trent Ferguson
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Blaine Kelly
 Robbie Fudge
 Serving the Assembly..... Campbell Beals
 Branson Redford
 Michael Higginbotham
 Andrew Page
 Serving the Balcony..... Dickie Barrick
 Dan Button
 Jimmy Smith
 Closing Remarks..... Billy Pritchard
 Dismissal Prayer..... David Alls
 Greeters (Front Door) Lori Siebold
 Susan Simmons
 Greeters (Back Door) Seth Groce
 Eugenia Groce
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Jo Hughes
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Walter Smith
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Scott Fife

Ushers Jeff Harp
 Gary Denham
 Usher & Serve Basement James Williams
 Glen Birge
 Count Contribution..... Mark Bowman
 David Gray
 Basil Surber
 Jewett Steenbergen
 Nursery Attendant..... Barbara Polson
 Bake Bread..... Fran McCracken
 Bus Driver..... Mason Matthews
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Chase Watkins
 Riley Fudge

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements..... Chris Page
 Song Leader..... David Fant
 Opening Prayer..... Jim Searcy
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Rollin Simmons
 Stanley Walton
 Dismissal Prayer..... Glenn Pitcock

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader..... Scott Bradford
 Prayer..... Darrell Pitcock

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.

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