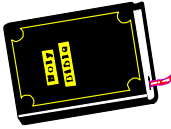


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER

Prayer is an expression of our gratitude: “**Rejoice evermore ... in everything give thanks**” (1 Thess 5:16-18) and also of our need: “**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**” (Heb 4:16) The mercy and grace we must have can only come from God. Prayer helps us obtain them (Acts 8:22).

But **more** than that: Prayer is a demonstration and **proof** of our faith and trust in God. Prayer shows God we think of ourselves as His **children**. Prayer shows our **submission** and **union** to Him—that He indeed **is** our God and Father.

God tested Abraham’s faith (Genesis 22:2,12). Our faith also is tested every day. Do we pass the test? Do we go to God in **prayer** for what we need? The message we send in our prayers isn’t as much the words as the fact that we’re **doing** it. Prayer is a **demonstration** that we **know** we can not do it alone; that we can not provide for ourselves. Solomon prayed “**i am but a little child: i know not how to go out or come in.**” (1 Kings 3:7) and it **pleased** God (v10).

Prayer shows God we know we have a need that only He can provide. And when we go to God in prayer acknowledging this, as Solomon did, God will be pleased and give us much **more** than we ask as He did Solomon (1 Kings 3:10-13). We must know that the **only** place we can get what we need is from God.

Read **Luke 11:5-9**. If we **don’t** go to God, if we don’t **importune** Him as the example here shows, then we’re saying we either don’t want it badly enough, or that we think we can get it elsewhere. Is **that** the message you want to send to God? That his mercy and grace are **not** important! If not then **PRAY!** Be as Peter who cried in desperation to the Lord when asked if he would go elsewhere: “**Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.** (John 6:68)

By prayer we **show** and **prove** to our Heavenly Father our: **gratitude, humility, faith, trust, submission** and the fact that we **are** His children. Prayer is an **essential** demonstration of our faith in God – that we have no other god but Him.

“Pray without ceasing.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Ed Kelleher, elder West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," - Hebrews 12:1

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“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Ted Stidham, Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, **Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **James Mathias** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), and **Jack and Elma Berrier**.
- **Bobby Giles** has severe swelling of his leg and isn't able to get out.
- **Carolyn Lee** has been sick in bed for some time now.
- Let's remember **Tricia Kelly** in our prayers as she is having some difficult times.
- **Bobby White**, cousin of **Doris Sheppard** passed away in Florida.
- **Marilyn Brooks** was able to get up and out this past Wednesday. She requests prayers for her **mother** in Atlanta who is to have eye surgery Friday.
- **Melissa Parks'** father, **Jack Edwards** is having difficulties after cancer surgery.
- **PRAY FOR ALL THESE AND THE CHURCH!**

"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God." - 1 Samuel 2:2

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:21

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN BUILDING IN JULY, AUGUST ...**
- **No first Sunday luncheons** at the building for awhile. We'll have luncheons instead when we have prospective evangelists visiting. None are scheduled at this time, but we might have 2 visiting in July.
- **Brother Chris Crabb** who is home for the summer from **Lipscomb University** will be preaching for us on a part time basis while we're looking for a new man.
- We're grateful for **another large (\$1000) contribution** to help pay off our **auxiliary loan**. The balance is now around \$5000. Many are planning to make a special contribution of \$500 or so this Sunday to help pay this off completely. Please do what you can! We want to get the church on a firm financial footing in order to be able to support more men in **preaching the Gospel** and to better **edify the body of Christ**.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Books of the New Testament—Please memorize them!

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| Matthew | 2 Corinthians | 1 Timothy | 2 Peter |
| Mark | Galatians | 2 Timothy | 1 John |
| Luke | Ephesians | Titus | 2 John |
| John | Philippians | Philemon | 3 John |
| Acts | Colossians | Hebrews | Jude |
| Romans | 1 Thessalonians | James | Revelation |
| 1 Corinthians | 2 Thessalonians | 1 Peter | |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY-FRIDAY

July 24-28, Mon-Fri 7:00-8:30 PM

The Bible is YOUR Book!

To complete the journey of life successfully you need THE BIBLE!

- Monday The Bible is your **Word** (from God)
- Tuesday The Bible is your **Map** (to find your way to heaven)
- Weds. The Bible is your **Light** (to keep you on the path)
- Thursday The Bible is your **Comfort** (when the going gets tough)
- Friday The Bible is your **Sword** (to fight off the devil)

We're doing our own material this year. The elders have laid out suggested lessons plans and will work with the teachers individually to develop them further.

Teacher Planning/Organization Meetings: We'll meet again this **Sunday** (July 2) after the **evening** assembly to discuss the Lesson Plans (questions and suggestions) and review progress. **All** teachers and helpers are asked to attend.

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

It's good to encourage our brothers and sisters with a kind word of recognition of their work. Being human though, we sometimes forget or don't notice. This might cause some to have their feelings hurt. To help with that, remember who it is we really are working for and that **He** never forgets or doesn't notice:

“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” - Hebrews 6:10

But an even better way to say “thank you” is by pitching in and helping in the work **yourself**. This will be a great encouragement to others and of great benefit to **you!** We **all** need to help promote our **VBS**, and remember: **We need people to sign up to help clean the building. Many hands make light work. ☺**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:4

- **Gospel Meeting**—Twin City Church, Batesburg-Leesville, July 7-9 (Fri-Sun). **Steve Lucas**, a recent graduate of East Tenn. School of Preaching and Missions will be speaking. Brother Ralph Jones, one of their elders, said they were borrowing a page from our book by having a prospective evangelist preach a Gospel Meeting for them. Let's support them in this, and be edified by God's word.
- **Singing**—St. Andrews Road church, Friday evening, August 4, RSVP.