

Let's Visit



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A Praying People

James tells us in James 5:16, "*the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*". That said, do you pray? How often do you pray? These are searching questions that none of us can afford to ignore.

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?” (Luke 18:1-7)

There is a very simple lesson in this parable. Though our prayers should long appear unanswered, we should not grow weary. God will hear, and He “knows how to give good gifts unto His children.”

As you study the Bible and read there of the lives of great men, you will find they were praying men. Their prayers were never hindered by their condition. While the blood ran down their mangled and lacerated backs, they prayed from the prison cell. As they were about to be dinner for the wild beasts, they approached God through prayer. In cold, musty, damp, insect inhabited dungeons, they prayed. They prayed for their enemies as Jesus had taught them to do. They prayed for the spread of the gospel and for the growth of the church.

Do you remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 21:22? He said "*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive.*" There is

no place where sincerity is needed more than when we pray. Instead of being afraid of what we might say before men we should be afraid of what we say to God. You see, if we please God, it does not matter whether man is pleased or displeased.

There were those in Jesus' day, who had within them a selfish desire to appear to be something important in the sight of men. They enjoyed long and loud prayers in public places. Jesus talked of these people in the Sermon on the Mount. *"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."* (Matthew 6:5) Listen to what Jesus has to say later in that same sermon, *"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"* (Matthew 7:7-11)

Have we ever stopped to think of the power of multiplied prayer? Think what would happen if 25

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



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Gathered Here and There



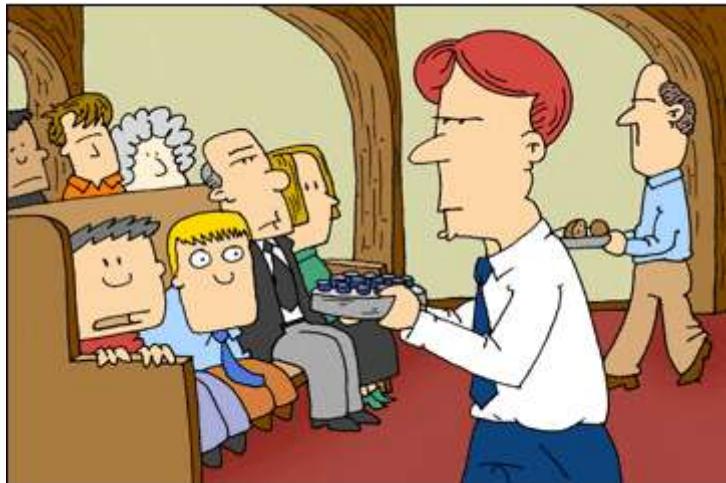
New Sermon Series

**Beginning
November 3, 2019**

The Misunderstood Church

**Invite your friends to come
and join us for this series
of lessons.**

On The Lighter Side.....



**THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG SERVICE
... THEY'RE SERVING FOOD**

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Don't Fear Criticism

The galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes, because they are attempting nothing. Down in the arena are the doers.

Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in this first automobile. Edison once spent two million dollars on an invention which proved of little value.

The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure. He is the one who never tries anything. He is the brake on the wheel of progress.

And yet, it can be truly said he makes no mistakes, because the biggest mistake he makes is the very fact that he tries nothing, does nothing, except criticize those who do things.

-Just A Moment

We are pleased to have with us today,
Brother Marvin Whitt

From Cherokee Home for Children
He will be bringing us an update on the
work we help support at Cherokee in
Bible Class and Preaching this morning.

FOR THE PANTRY....

Dried Pasta

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Miscellaneous



Singing and Dessert Fellowship!

Wednesday
October 30, 2019

Plan to be here and
Bring a friend!

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COVERED DISH LUNCHEON



Sunday
December 8, 2019

Please plan to
come and bring
someone with
you!

What To Forget

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbors faults. Forget the temptations. Forget the faultfinding, and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them,. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you have heard by accident, and which, if repeated would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeable of life; they will come, but will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness or worse stil, malice, will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet today, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and loveable.

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Those To Remember In Prayer

Our Church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Anne Burson, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Janice Willaims, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Krysta Andrus (Norma Perkins' niece) **Leyton Bell** (Ryan Perkins' grandfather) **Jacob Benton** (friend of Ann Burson) **Edward Lee Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's Brother) **Pauline Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), **Bethany Bridges** (Debra Pate's friend), **Jennifer Britt** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Kaden Butler** (Debra Pate's great grandson) **Marcus Cruz Cranford** (Sue Hagler's-great-great grandson) **Ronnie Emanis** (Sue Hagler's nephew) **Mary Fleming** (Mike O'Brien's aunt) **Hugh Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother) **Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's sister-in law) **Mike Fults**, **Jonica Glaze** (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) **Virginia Goodrum** (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) **Buddy Hancock** (Martha Jean Golden's brother) **Allison Harbison**, **George Holder**, **Larry Landry** (Glenna Noles Brother) **Vickie Lee** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Juston Lout** (Patricia Lout's son) **Shirley Lout** (Mike Lout's mother) **Glynn McCleod** (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) **Mitchell McLeod** (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew), **Elsie Lee McDaniel** (Alice Hall's sister-in law) **Roger Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) **Robert Shull** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Winston Smith** (Thelma Hinton's brother) **Margie Weaver** (friend of Debra Pate)

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), **Laura Cuzzippi** (Ann Burson's niece) **Harold Dawkins** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Reita Doty** (friend Ann Burson) **David Greer** (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) **Carla Holt** (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) **Dora Livingston**, **Connie Mettauer**, **Tem Morrison**, **Teresa Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins) **Bobbie Smiley**, **Ronnie Stanfield** (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) **Tina Vaughn** (Sue Hagler's daughter) **Jo Windham** (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember **Leland Bradshaw** and **Amanda Bradshaw**, (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter) in Iraq.



Across The Preacher's Desk

When we meet Moses in Exodus chapter 4, he is 80 years old. He has spent 40 years in Egypt, growing up in the household of Pharaoh and 40 years in Midian, herding sheep for his father-in-law on the back side of nowhere.

He had a stammering voice and some serious self-esteem issues. There was nothing about his physical appearance or disposition to make him outstanding as a leader among men.

But, when he submitted himself to the Lord, when he allowed God to direct him, he became mighty in the history of the people of God. You see, God can take the little things and change them into something great. God asked Moses, "What is that in thy hand?" Moses answered "A rod". Something that was simply a stick in the hand of Moses by the power of God became the force that brought the plagues on Egypt, divided the Red Sea, brought water from a rock, and won a battle when Moses used it as God directed him. Little things, when placed in the hand of God become great things.

David's sling and five small, smooth stones by the power of God were able to slay a Philistine Giant. Five loaves and two fish that belonged to a small boy became enough by the blessing of the Savior to feed five thousand.

We must be willing to take our talent, our ability and commit fully to God and become an instrument in the hand of God to do great things to His glory.

it's something to think about....lbp

Great Churches are built with Commitment!