

# FRANKLY SPEAKING

What comes to your mind when you hear the word *prayer*?

I suspect some people think of guilt. You might feel you don't pray enough. Maybe you used to pray more than you do now, but you've become too busy. You have broken out of all the patterns that used to serve you so well, and you feel guilty for not keeping them up.

Maybe what comes to your mind is being frustrated. You have been praying diligently and it seems like nothing happens. You cry out, but all you get is silence. You lift your voice to God and you feel as if it falls on deaf ears.

Possibly the word that comes to your mind is *apathetic*. You are willing to sit in a group and listen, but you don't have any real strong feelings about prayer. Maybe you tried prayer in the past and it left you cold. Now you don't really care a whole lot about it.

Or maybe the word *prayer* brings to mind being fearful. You don't really know how to pray. You are terrified about the possibility that someone might ask you to pray out loud. The very thought causes your throat to get dry and your hands to get sweaty. You feel like your words are clumsy while everyone else prays so naturally.

God has given us a direct line to His throne room. He wants to hear about our joys, victories, and successes as well as about our burdens, concerns, fears, and needs. Through Jesus Christ we can approach Him in prayer at any time.

Set aside a specific amount of time to talk to God each day. Then establish a set time to connect with God. Commit to dialing in and talking with God every day.

*Jeff*

*The effective prayer  
of a righteous man  
can accomplish much.*

James 5:16

Hattie Berch  
Jim & Daisy Chatman  
Toria Chatman  
Randy Clark  
Edward Earl Craft  
Violene Craft  
Mark Davis  
Molly Davis  
Stephen Davis  
Jacob & Alana Fleming  
Frank Family  
Kimberly Griffith  
J.L. Hicks  
Richard Hicks  
Drake Hughes & Family  
Kathi Ingram  
Hazel Jones (Brad Brumfield  
grandmother)  
James & Sue Moak  
Nancy Porter (Serrie Smith's  
sister)  
Freda Sims  
Sims Family  
Alice Smith  
Justin & Clare Taylor  
Dicky Willingham  
College Students: John  
Barnes, Kate Barnes,  
Matthew Davis, Ruston Davis,  
Rebekah Frank, Newlon  
Gillihan, Drake Hughes

Prayer Requests

# News & Notes

## **TV Program**

Channel 2, 1pm Sunday

## **Fellowship**

Today, 01/06/2019

## **Volunteer Sign-Up**

Set-up/clean-up crew needed for monthly fellowships. This includes preparing tables, setting our dinnerware and clean-up.

Teachers are needed for 2019 Bible classes. The list is from January – June.

Communion preparation for 2019.

## **Please Double-Check**

If you are the last person to leave building, please check that the glass doors have locked properly and are completely closed. If the doors don't close, there is a button at the top of each door that needs to be pressed in order for the doors to close completely.

## **News & Notes**

If you have any news & notes, please notify Terri and Jeff.

**WELCOME  
SINGING  
PRAYER  
COM**

**01/06/19am**  
Jeff Frank  
Blake Brewer  
Charlie Newlon  
Brad Brumfield  
Jim Chatman  
Richard Hicks  
Brett Hicks  
Henry Brewer  
Jack Brewer  
Jeff Frank

**01/13/19am**  
Chuck Barnes  
Blake Brewer  
Jim Chatman  
Jim Chatman  
Richard Hicks  
Brett Hicks  
Brad Brumfield  
Henry Brewer  
Jack Brewer  
Chuck Barnes

**PRAYER**

**01/06/19pm**  
N/A

**01/13/19pm**  
Praise & Prayer  
Brent Fleming / Logan Coker

**COM**

Prayer Requests

Rhonda Baker  
Holly Barefoot  
Sammy Brown Jr  
Abby Covington  
Zack Embry  
Joe Freund  
David Greer  
Dalvis Rawls  
Christopher Newman  
Kirk Stinson  
Carl Wilkinson

Wanda Barnes  
Josiah Brandt  
Lisa Causey  
Dave Collett  
Tamara Fowler  
Emett Greene  
Brittney Leiby  
Mike Rhodus  
Mary Frances Sutton  
Jesse Williams

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**SUNDAY**

Bible Class // 9am  
Worship // 10am  
Worship // 5pm

**ELDERS**

Chuck Barnes  
Kirby Fleming  
Ken Jackson  
Charlie Newlon

**DEACONS**

Blake Brewer  
Brad Brumfield  
Jim Chatman  
Randy Clark  
Brett Hicks

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study // 6:30pm

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# The MESSENGER



## DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Some of the decisions in life we make are not earth-shattering. History will see little difference in the cereal we decide to eat for breakfast. There are decisions in life that are important, even life-altering. These are decisions made by every person.

- A. We choose whom we will serve.
  1. We can't straddle the fence.
  2. We can't choose Christ lightly.
  3. We must boldly share our faith.
  4. We must give all we've got.
- B. We influence others with our choice.

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