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.

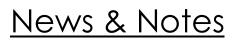
God has given us a direct line to His throne room. He wants to hear about our joys, victories, and successes as well as about our burdens, concerns, fears, and needs. Through Jesus Christ we can approach Him in prayer at any time.

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. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16

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Prayer Requests

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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	01/06/19am Jeff Frank	01/13/19am Chuck Barnes
SINGING	Blake Brewer	Blake Brewer
PRAYER	Charlie Newlon	Jim Chatman
СОМ	Brad Brumfield	Jim Chatman
	Jim Chatman	Richard Hicks
	Richard Hicks	Brett Hicks
	Brett Hicks	Brad Brumfield
	Henry Brewer	Henry Brewer
	Jack Brewer	Jack Brewer
PRAYER	Jeff Frank	Chuck Barnes
	01/06/19pm N/A	01/13/19pm Praise & Prayer
СОМ		Brent Fleming / Logan Coker

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 earthshattering. 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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