

The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

“The Blessings of Prayer”

One of the greatest blessings a child of God has is prayer, the right to communicate with God. Anyone who is striving to do the will of the Lord will have an active prayer life.

Give Yourself to Prayer

In several New Testament passages the Christian is urged to give time, to prayer. In Luke 18, Jesus taught a parable to demonstrate that people "always ought to pray and not lose heart" ([Luke 18:1](#)). The apostle Paul, in [1 Timothy 2:8](#), encouraged men in every place to pray. In [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#) Christians are commanded to "Pray without ceasing." To "pray without ceasing" is not to have some incessant babbling on your lips but to have the attitude of mind to regularly and frequently pray. It means to have a willingness to talk to God -- to share burdens, to confess sins and to pray for strength and courage.

Many Neglect to Pray

Even though many commands and encouragements to pray are contained in Scripture, sometimes children of God neglect this glorious privilege. It is only at worship assemblies or in times of trouble, sickness or need that some who claim to be Christians even give thought to prayer. Why the neglect?

Many reasons could be given which are too lengthy and varied to explore in this short article, so instead we will just consider one.

Neglect of prayer usually indicates neglect in other phases of one's life as a child of God. The mind of such a person is often on worldly things. Prayer, which can so easily be put off, is postponed then forgotten.

A hymn often sung asks, "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?" Did you? Or were other things on your mind? If you did not think to pray, you let a great opportunity escape which can never be recovered. You should have at least thanked God for the new day and the breath of life that is in your body that enables you to experience and enjoy it.

Things for Which to Pray

Some may be hesitant to pray as often as they should because they do not know the things for which they should pray. If they were to properly study the Bible, they would know those things for which they should pray because it reveals them.

According to Scripture, included in those things for which the Christian should pray are:

- ◆ Those who persecute you ([Matthew 5:44](#))
- ◆ The Lord's will to be done ([Matthew 6:10](#))
- ◆ Daily bread ([Matthew 6:11](#))
- ◆ Forgiveness of sin ([Matthew 6:12](#))
- ◆ Kings and all who are in high places (1 Timothy 2:2)
- ◆ All men (1 Timothy 2:1)
- ◆ That you enter not into temptation ([Matthew 26:41](#))
- ◆ If you are suffering ([James 5:13](#))
- ◆ The sick ([James 5:14-15](#))

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study

GOSPEL MEETING:

November 13, 14, 15
- Fall Singing
- Jeff Wilson - Lessons from Isaiah.



Morning Lesson

“Prayer Requests”
Steve Garrett

News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Anita and I arrived back in Houston Thursday evening, a little later than we had hoped. Traffic was horrible the last 100 miles. But we got home when some didn't. We are blessed. But we aren't current with what's going on here. I do know...

Keep David and Josie in your prayers. They had a scare this week with the baby. Hope all is well.

This afternoon is the last women's class for this period. 2 pm. Thanks to Shannon for taking charge, and to all who taught lessons.

Youth devo is also this afternoon at 2. At the Smith's house.

Hope our worship is wonderful this morning. May we all draw closer to God thru these efforts.

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Why the Emphasis on Prayer?

Why emphasize prayer? [James 5:16](#) gives the answer: "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." It works! [1 Peter 3:11-12](#) states that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers." He hears and answers in accordance with His will if the Christian prays in faith ([James 1:6](#)).

Conclusion

Make your life a life of prayer. If you are going to be truly like Jesus, it will be. Jesus was a man of prayer. He recognized its vital role. Often in His life on earth, He prayed. John 17 contains His prayer for His disciples. Matthew 26 has His prayer in the garden prior to His capture. He also spent time teaching His disciples to pray ([Matthew 6:5-15](#)). Be a faithful Christian. Be Christ-like. [Be a prayerful person.](#)

by Gene Taylor

The first duty of love is to listen.
-Paul Tillich

“Many people die at twenty five and aren't buried until they are seventy five.”
— Benjamin Franklin

To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves.
- Will Durant

WHO ARE WE?

A group of Gods children, striving to maintain the organization, doctrine and worship as taught in the New Testament.

ASSIGNMENTS

Morning Service

Opening Prayer - D. Kimbrough
Hymn Director - R. McDonald
Lords Supper Lesson -
D. Haley
Announcements - B. Haley
Closing Prayer - A. Morolez

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

- Joshua and Judges
(In the Auditorium)
- Great Lessons from Jesus
(In Room 204)

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