



Women's Fellowship

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class
10:00 -11:30 am.
Study is in Acts.

Ladies Hand & Foot Card Fellowship: 2nd & 4th Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Play begins at 1:00pm.
Card Fellowship will begin on the second Tuesday this month.

OutReach

Christ's Closet

Free Clothing for anyone in need. Open Wednesdays 9:00 – Noon.
Please bring men and boys clothing. There is a need for any men's clothing.

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to bring supplies for the children's home box. Bring Non-Perishable Items.

Food Pantry

The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar, Anna Maria, Queca and Tony Woods in their outreach in Peru.

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Meeting times:

Sunday :
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

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The Meaning of Prayer

Through the ages men have read the accounts of the Sod with open astonishment have expressed their bewilderment at the wisdom and power of Jesus. Until He came to earth, no one like Him had been among men. Never again on this earth will mankind behold one possessing such wisdom and power as that demonstrated by Christ. When all creatures gather around the great white throne to sing praises to Jehovah, we, then, will behold at God's right hand the Elder Brother, the One who died that we might live, the One who lived here on earth that we might go home to God in heaven and then worship our God through eternity. Only then will we behold One possessing such wisdom and power.

In studying Christ's life one cannot escape the place that prayer had in His life. However, we can never understand Him and that which He was able to do unless we begin to understand the true meaning of the simple words He uttered, "I can of myself do nothing." If the Son of God in all of His wisdom and power had to depend upon God, how much more should we, weak mortals that we are, depend upon God. We must learn how to pray and then learn to pray.

If there were but one sermon for me to preach, one lesson for me to present, one article for me to write, or one paragraph left for me to compose, I would use that precious opportunity to try to help people to learn to pray. With my parting breath, I would want to convey, to the lowly creatures that we are, the lofty peaks we can reach when we truly learn to pray. We must use the great opportunities of prayer to possess much of the power God means for us to have. Yet such power remains neglected and unused because of our failure to depend upon our Maker. By turning to Him in the outpouring of our soul, we pray and pray and pray.

Of all of the subjects that I believe individuals must be taught and actually want to be taught – none are more important than the subject of prayer. Luke 6:13 states in a very simple way, "It came to pass, in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray. And he continued all night in prayer to God."

I wonder, how many times have you ever prayed an entire night? Now, I'm not necessarily saying you have to pray an entire night. However, it does seem to me that sometime in your life – before you select your companion for life, or at the birth of a child, before you have a gospel meeting, before you select elders of deacons, before some important event – that you would feel such need to pray. You'd want to kneel and pray – and pray all night long.

You must learn as an individual that prayer, when properly learned, is one of the most natural things a person can do. A carnally minded person, a person who does not live close to God, a person that does not depend upon God, a person that doesn't have faith in God and His promises, a person that does not live for God, His works and His will, one who does not love God and look forward to coming home some day to live with God eternally, cannot pray. But the person that is given to God is a prayerful person.

Let us study three simple scriptures about prayer. Philippians 4:6 , "But in everything, by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made know to God." John 14:14, "If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." Matt 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. " **-Alan Bryan**

Attendance 1/15 A.M. Worship: 62 / Budget: \$2000.00 / Contribution 1/15: Not Available

Keep these Dates in Minds:

- 1/27 Game Night 6:00p
- 1/29 Open Congregational Meeting at 5:00p
- 1/29 Fifth Sunday Singing
- 2/5 First Sunday potluck
- 2/11 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
- 2/15 Soup Night 6:00p before Wed Bible Study
- 2/25 Game Night 6:00p

¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph. 1:19-23)

Little Boy with a Slingshot

Sammy and his sister Marie visited their grandparents at their farm. Sammy picked up a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for the lunch. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck.

Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly which hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the pile of woods. Marie had seen it all from the window but she said nothing. After the lunch, the next day Grandma said, "Marie, let's wash the dishes." Marie said, "But Grandma, Sammy told me he wanted to help in the kitchen."

Then she whispered to Sammy, "Remember the duck?" Sammy got nervous knowing his sister knew about the duck and if he doesn't obey, she may tell his grandparents about it. So without saying anything he did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing but Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Marie to help make a supper." Marie just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Sammy told me he wanted to help."

She whispered again to Johnny, "Remember the duck?" So Marie went fishing and Sammy stayed to help. After several days of Marie taking advantage of Sammy, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck.

Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Marie take advantage of you." **-Niya, Japan**

Always confess of your mistakes. It will take away a load of guilt from your heart and no one will take an advantage of your secret mistakes! Accept your mistake, apologize and seek forgiveness.

Bible Studies:

- Adult Class (S) – Hebrews; (W) – Romans - Fellowship Hall
- Young Adults (S, W) – Acts - Spanish Room
- Youth Classes – Classroom Wing

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

- Hannah Minor 1/5
- Linda Lafferty 1/8
- Gayle Caldwell 1/12
- Holden Minor 1/15
- Henry Walker 1/18
- Larry Moore 1/19
- Mary Beth Walker 1/22
- Shirley Childers 1/24
- Eddie & Eunice Petross 1/24
- Loretta Slettene 1/26
- Mary Lewis 1/27
- Casey Berry 1/28



Health Issues: Pam Fox's grandson, Canaco & Eli , Abigail Jones, Karen McBurney, Dustin Stecker, Doris Pennington, Betty VanVoorst, Logan Johnson (Amanda McCrickard's friend's son), Bob Childers, Eddie Petros, Gayle Caldwell, Frank Shaw, Darlena Moon.

In the Military: Levi Toombs

This Week: Shirley Childers, Amanda McCrickard (fell on ice), Bruce Pennington (Still in hospital, readying to move to rehab.)

Abandon it All

When I played college basketball, I made a conscious decision at the beginning of each season to walk into that gym and dedicate myself totally to my coach—doing whatever he might ask me to do.

It would not have benefited my team for me to announce, "Hey, Coach! Here I am. I want to shoot baskets and dribble the ball, but don't ask me to run laps, play defense, and get all sweaty!"

Every successful athlete has to trust the coach enough to do whatever the coach asks them to do for the good of the team.

In Christ, we are to become God's "living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1). We say to our Savior and Lord: "I trust You. Whatever You want me to do, I am willing." Then He "transforms" us by renewing our minds to focus on the things that please Him.

It's helpful to know that God will never call on us to do something for which He has not already equipped us. As Paul reminds us, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us" (v. 6).

Knowing that we can trust God with our lives, we can abandon ourselves to Him, strengthened by the knowledge that He created us and is helping us to make this effort in Him. —Dave Branon

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. ⁴ I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. ⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! ⁹ Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. ¹⁰ The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

¹¹ Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰ He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. ²² The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned. (Psalm 34)