

Praying, Acts 4:23-31

Prayer is a relationship with God.

Introduction: the early church in Jerusalem

I. Prayer as a normal response to our lives, Acts 4:23-26

Remembering God in our prayers - Psalm 2; Rom 8:31-32

II. The Knowing God, Acts 4:27-28

What is our understanding of God, how does it effect our prayers?

He worked out his plan for Jesus: Eph 1:9-10; 3:10

God's will is for all to repent and come to him: Acts 17:29

III. Prayer as a request, Acts 4:29-30

What do we ask God in prayer, what do we expect?

IV. Prayer and confidence, Acts 4:31; Luke 18:1-8

Do we expect God to answer our prayers? Psalm 131

Consider Jesus' parable on persistence: Luke 18:1-8

V. Conclusion

1. Prayer is a relationship to God - we must understand that He exists and that he rewards those that seek Him, Heb 11:6

2. We need to remember who God is - creator and sustainer of the Universe!

3. We need to learn to accept God's will.

4. We must always remember we serve a God that hears and cares

SPIRITUAL NEEDS: Those dedicated to mission work; the leaders of the church, Piero and Edita Drago, Junice Corn and Claryce Arnold are on a sojourn until mid-June.

HEALTH NEEDS Joe Montello will be having a heart bypass surgery tomorrow. Melissa Vangorder: blood pressure issues. Bob Daubert (June Vogt's friend) has leukemia and is deciding on treatment options. Tim Wilson is recovering from wrist surgery. Mary Gavle: will be having surgery on March 31st to remove a large mass on her thyroid. Jennifer Wright is recovering from surgery. Barbara Nelson (Jim Anderson's mother) - bone cancer has metastasized. Cliff Bennett (uncle of visitor Nathan Hoyle) recovering from heart surgery. Jack King (Linda Conn's brother in law), recovering from quintuple bypass surgery. Maggie Sheperd (Jeff's wife) recovering from an automobile accident. Liz Ribeiro, friend of Pat LeBlanc. Carolyn Capshaw (Suzanne Branard's cousin): recovering from double mastectomy. Pat LeBlanc: recovering from knee surgery. John Branard: broken foot. Rhonda Davis: fractured tibia. Jimmy Hines: recovering from surgery. Joe Ford (Randa's husband): bladder cancer. Through treatments and awaiting results. Richard Pierce (Bruce's brother): stroke. Mark Smith (Jeff Shepherd's friend): Lou Gehrig's Disease Tonya Hausbach: pregnancy. Sandra Vangorder: diabetes.

FINANCIAL AND FAMILY NEEDS The Newtons: legal issues in Massachusetts. Paul Keller, Gary Newton, Lyn Newton: new jobs. Nancy Muiel and her family. Farron Sutherland, Jim Anderson and Jose Gonzalez: away on work assignments.

MOURNING/LOSS: John Wheeler (Rhonda Davis' nephew) died recently. Julia Apple's father, Jack Barham, died recently.

PRaise REPORTS

Lauren Branard -- A second opinion about her hole in the heart confirms no surgery is required.

Claryce Arnold -- Recent medical tests showed no problems for Claryce.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2009

Sunday a.m.: Great Texts of the Bible, (Various Men, Auditorium)

James, (various women., Ladies Classroom)
Old Testament Survey, (Scott Clements, Young Adults)
The Psalms (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)

Wed. p.m.: The Psalms (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)

TEEN HAPPENINGS

Check the Youth Page for further info
Sunday morning classes:
The Abundant Christian Life, David Woodford

Wednesday night classes:

Devotional Topics, CJ Salie
April 1: \$500 due for TORCH trip
June 15-28: TORCH mission
July 10-13: Bible Camp (Teen Week) at CFBC

Family Happenings

YOU ARE INVITED...

To a baby shower in honor of Chris and Debbie Ankersen's daughter, Tonya Hausbach, Sunday, April 5, 1:00 p.m., at their home--243 Waterside Drive, Indian Harbour Beach

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Debbie at DKA5132@aol.com, 777-0881, or 698-8781, before April 3 so proper amount of food can be prepared. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the nail bulletin board.



NEW ARRIVAL!

Nathan David Clements was born on Tuesday, March 17th, at 7:43 am. He was 7lbs, 13 ounces and 20.5 inches long. His head was 14" as were his shoulders. Everyone is home from the hospital and doing fine. Congratulations Scott, Julie, and baby Nathan!



COLLECTING FOR OTHERS

CANS FOR AHBITAT IS BACK

The boxes are back in the hall, and teens are collecting empty, rinsed out, soda cans for Habitat for Humanity. Got an empty can? Drop it in the box!

CAMPBELLS LABELS AND BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

If you do not have a school to collect these for, collect them for Mt. Dora! Give yours to Margaret Waitera.

STAMPS FOR WBS

Kathleen Withers has begun collecting all kinds of stamps for a WBS acquaintance who sells them to collectors and donates the proceeds to WBS. She has a box in the WBS office for any stamps you may have to donate. He prefers the stamps cut off the envelopes.



NEW ADULT CLASS (SPRING QUARTER)

Starting in the Spring Quarter (first Sunday in April), there will be a new Adult Bible Class starting, which will be targeted for all adults in the congregation, especially couples. The topics will be related to the Lord's Kingdom, and our role and His purpose for each of us. The format will be discussion based on the Scripture texts for each lesson. This is also a great opportunity for outreach to visitors, friends, and family members.

HOME-GROWN MISSIONARIES

Piero and Edita Drago are currently in two years of training for full-time Spanish ministry at the Alpha and Omega Bible Institute, 6004 W. 53rd Street, Little Rock, AR, 72209. It is under the supervision of the West Side Church of Christ, 702 West Center Ave., Searcy, AR, 72143 (www.wschurch.net). There is an information letter posted on the bulletin board outside the Library/WBS Room. Let's all be praying for the Dragos as they are taking this step of faith in serving God. **Their new address is:** Piero/Edita Drago, 6004 West 53rd Street, Little Rock, AR 72209

TORCH TRIP June 15-28, 2009 cost: \$1400

Questions? Contact Gayle Davidson at gayledavidson@hotmail.com. There is also information on our website at www.torchmissions.com.

SINGLES HAPPENINGS

TUBING DOWN RAINBOW RIVER- April 11. We are also camping, so coming join us xvbatt@gmail.com
Singles Day day at San Jose Church of Christ, Jacksonville, FL- April 18. BLOG at <http://www.launchingles.wordpress.com>

IT'S TIME FOR SOME FUN!!

Ladies Night Out, Tuesday March 31

Uno's on Wickham near I-95, 6:00
There is a sign up sheet on the hall bulletin board, or contact Jane Fruscella at 610-7605.

There will be a Father/Daughter Retreat at Central Florida Bible Camp on April 3-5, 2009. The theme is "The Wisdom of Proverbs", with Larry Weiland as the retreat coordinator. Cost for the weekend is \$30 (\$25 if registered before March 20th). There is a information flyer on the main hallway bulletin board.



9 year old schmauzer looking for a new home. Has all shots. Owner unable to care for dog any longer due to age related decline. Contact Linda Conn, 676-7954



HELP WANTED

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 9 is the Postal Carriers Food Drive. Volunteers will be needed to help sort the incoming food and prepare it for distribution to local food pantries, including ours. Help is needed from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 pm. Work a shift, or work the whole day. This is a great boost to our storehouse of food for the needy in our community, and your service is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Michael Clarke has been spearheading the Children's Workshop program at Oceanside for many years. Michael is looking for volunteers who would like to be part of a rotation to help out with Children's Worship. That would enable more people to get involved, as well as give Michael some much needed and well deserved rest. Please see Michael if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Jackie Gonzalez is raising money for the Relay for Life (Cancer Society). If you would like to make a donation, even \$1 toward this great cause, please see Jackie.

TORCH TRIP Our teens will be earning most of the money needed to participate in the TORCH mission. Please support the fundraisers the teens will hold to defray some of the costs. **ALSO, Matt Provansil is available to do odd jobs to earn extra money to go.**

PRAYER REQUEST FROM DOUG WHEELER

Doug Wheeler (Westside Church of Christ, Norman, OK) is in Nigeria from January 28, 2009 through April 14, 2009. Doug coordinates our World Bible School follow-up men in Nigeria. Doug is inviting us to fast and pray with him on two days while he is in Nigeria -- March 3rd and April 4th. Doug would especially appreciate any prayers we might offer to God on his family's behalf while he is away from them.

COMMUNION HELP NEEDED: Volunteers are still needed to prepare communion for May through December. Please contact Margaret Grassman at 321-543-8161 to let her know what month(s) you are willing and available to serve. Thank you for being a part of the work of this church family.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

2--Marilyn Salje, Heather Deel
14--Cristine Kleckner
15--Van Gorder
16--David Woodford, Sr.
26--Piero Drago
25--Alex Gonzalez

ELDERS
John Branard 454-4145
Bill Werner 254-0283

EVANGELIST
Jim Conn 676-7954

DEACONS
Chris Ankensen, Teens
777-0881

Michael Clarke, Children
728-4112

Gary Newton, Small Groups
777-1269

Bruce Pierce, Adult Ed
777-9823

Bulletin News: Lyn Newton
777-1269 (home)
321-960-0916 (cell) or
lynnewton@cfl.rr.com

**Counting People because
People Count**

March 15, 2009

Bible Study.....97
Worship.....97
Contribution.....\$3,189.50 *Budget, \$1948.56*

**Sunday Evening
Small Groups**

Location
Building
Palm Bay

Leader
Conn
Bryant@Clarke

Time
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

March 29 April 5

Song Leader	CJ Salie	CJ Salie
Opening Prayer	Bill Werner	Chris Ankensen
Scripture Reading	Tyler Anderson	Juan Gonzalez
Closing Prayer	Tim Chudkosky	Willie Bryant
Communion	Gary Newton	tbd
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Greeters	tbd	tbd
Lord's Table	Burt Kleckner, Joe Montello, Matt Provonsil, David Woodford, Jr.	Chris Ankensen, Willie Bryant, Jeff Shepherd, Daniel Sutherland
Prayer Warriors	Heather Deel, Eugene Foreman, Marilyn Salie	Kristina Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Rhonda Davis, Annie Garner

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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Kids Kingdom
Children's Bible Hour
10:30

Sunday Evening
6:00 p.m.
Bible Study at the building
and in homes (communion
available at all locations)

Wednesday Evening
7:00 p.m.

Pantry Hours
*Available to the neighborhood,
community, and members*
Wednesday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
In case of emergency, contact the
Merediths

stamp

Celebrations

A Guide to Special Occasions at the Oceanside church Family

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W O R S H I P

CJ Salie, Song Leader

Welcome, Scott Clements

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:24, 29, David Woodford, Jr.

Opening Prayer: Willie Bryant

Communion/Offering: Willie Bryant

Dismiss Children

Message: "Prayers of the Early Church" Jim Conn

Invitation Song

Closing Comments: Bill Werner

Closing Prayer: Juan Gonzalez

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. . . . Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:24, 29

Prayer Warriors

This Week's Prayer Warriors:

Heather Deel, Eugene Foreman, Marilyn Salie