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Eleven Suggestion to Make Prayers More Meaningful

1. PRAY MORE

The average Christian spends a very limited amount of time in prayer. We often reserve prayer for emergency use only. How much time would you estimate you spent in prayer yesterday? How much time last week? More Daniels are needed today (Dan. 6:10).

2. BE MORE SPECIFIC IN PRAYER

Prayers are often far too general, too vague. More praying should be done for specific people, specific needs, etc. Prayer should be fitted to the occasion and need. Too often our prayers are like that of the young boy when he and a friend found themselves in the pathway of what appeared to be sure disaster with no way of escape. One of the boys prayed the only prayer he had ever heard his father pray, and that before meals. He said, "God, make us thankful for what we are about to receive!" It may be that our prayers are often no more than appropriate for the occasions.

3. PRAY WITH GREATER FAITH

James said that weak faith and futile prayers are connected (Js 1:6). Doubts and uncertainties hinder prayers. The source for a greater faith is God's Word (Rom. 10:17).

4. RISE ABOVE THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

James also tells us that a covetous spirit hinders our prayers (Js 4:2). Selfish hearts do not gain the ear of God. A loving and giving God is seeking to bless those with generous spirits.

5. PRAY WITH GREATER ZEAL AND FERVCY

Another important ingredient of acceptable prayer is enthusiasm or fervency, so declared James (Js. 5:16). Prayers coming only from the lips, and not from the hearts, are hollow and empty. The Pharisees of Jesus' day prayed such prayers.

6. GROW MORE GODLY

The more righteous we become, the more prayer accomplishes (Js. 5:16; I Pet. 3:12). Elijah's success in prayer was directly related to his righteousness in life. The rebellious spirit and the unrepented sins will always hinder our prayers (Prov. 1:28; Isa. 59:2).

7. IMPROVE MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS

Peter tells us that relationships between husbands and wives either help or hinder prayers (I Pet. 3:7) When relationships break down between marriage partners our

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We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Kitty Bush** is finished with her chemo treatments. She will start radiation treatments later this month
- ❖ **Ron Horton** will have a heart catherization done on Monday, Oct. 2nd.
- ❖ **Harry Johnson** has a knee injury which is quite painful.
- ❖ **Joe Pine and Evelyn Smith** have been ill for a while.
- ❖ **Sylvester Allen** will have surgery on his foot on Monday, Oct. 2nd.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** will have a carcinoma removed from his ear on Monday, Oct. 2nd.
- ❖ **Carmie Green** has continued health problems.
- ❖ **Evelyn Parnett** is having problems with her hip.
- ❖ **Jose Pintor** was in a serious accident.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** still taking radiation treatments.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety**, our shut-in.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Ahbi Rahman**, 15 year old nephew of Laura Ware has a severely broken ankle.
- ❖ **Brenda Keivet**, a neighbor of Linda Cochran and Della Martin, has a thyroid and depression problem.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Debbie Vigar** (Marjorie Vandivor's sister has started radiation treatments), **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown** ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, **Donna Coandrea** and **Marilyn Martin**, friends of Mary Welsh are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mae Dorst**, 96 year-old-mother of Patty Massey, continues to have health concerns
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps is back at the Palms for physical therapy.
- ❖ **Rachel Olerud**, relative of Clyde and Kitty Bush, has a rare form of lymphoma.
- ❖ **Randy Showalter**, friend of Patty Massey, has a brain tumor.
- ❖ **Thelma Eubanks**, Gwin Barnum's mother, has been placed in the care of hospice and is in a declining condition. Gwin has gone to be with her.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaal and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil

Our Record: September 24, 2006

Bible Study	63
Sunday AM Worship	91
Sunday PM Worship	56
Contribution	\$2636
Wednesday Bible Study	72
Building Fund	\$60
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 9/28	16

Upcoming Birthdays



Jean Neel	10/02
Vera Cribbs	10/02
Sandy Marcum	10.04
Amy Horton	10/07
Gwin Barnum	10/11
Jean Fulbright	10/18

Upcoming Anniversary

Harry & Carol Johnson	10/05
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Visitors for September 24, 2006

Cam and Charlotte Usher
Sylvia Figueroa

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relationship with God is affected.

8. GROW IN HUMILITY

The first beatitude named by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount was humility (Mt. 5:3). The proud heart is rejected by God (Jn. 4:6). The Pharisee's prayer was rejected because of pride. (Lk 18).

9. CULTIVATE A FORGIVING SPIRIT

Jesus declared that we can not expect forgiveness from God if we refuse to forgive our fellowman (Mt 6:12). This is just one of numerous biblical warnings that God's treatment of us is connected with our treatment of others.

10. PERSIST IN PRAYER

Jesus taught two parables regarding the importance of persistence in prayer (Lk. 11;18) In each instance, perseverance was a key ingredient to success.

11. COMBINE ACTION WITH PRAYERS

Pray as though everything depends upon God. Then work as though everything depends on you. Somewhere I read about a farmer with this sign on his farm: "Pray for a good harvest, but keep on plowing."

By Charles Brown

Preaching Schedule

10/1 Charles Wilson
AM & PM
10/8 To Be Announced
10/15 Ted Edwards AM & PM



Ladies Class Schedule



October 3rd, 10am, Laura Ware will be the teacher.
October 10th, we will start a new series on Worship.

Clothing Room

A thank you to all who helped with the two day give away. We will resume the normal Thursday schedule this week. If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

The supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* is temporarily depleted. When a new supply comes in we will let you know. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

Please check your information on the updated directory sheets in Classroom 2 if you have not already done so. As soon as all information has been verified, we can begin to publish the new directory. Families with children need to have their pictures updated.

Social

On Saturday, October 7th, at 6pm we will hold a social entitled Italian Night. Group 4 will be in charge of setup and cleanup. Please bring a green salad, garlic bread or dessert. Entertainment will be provided.

From the Elders

We will continue with a number of preachers trying out. It may take several months to make a selection. Please give the elders your input in writing as to any feedback you wish them to consider. There are forms on the tables in the back for you to use for this purpose. Remember the scale to use with 1 being best and 5 being poorest.



Canned vegetables & fruits of all kinds
Canned Meats
Spaghetti and Sauce
Chili & crackers
Stew
Chicken & Dumplings
Canned White and Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Baby Food & Baby Cereal
Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Small Boxed Cereal

Things to Remember

1. **REMEMBER** to smile at people. Scientists say it takes 72 muscles to frown, only 4 to smile.
2. **REMEMBER** to be friendly and helpful. Prov.18:24 says, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly..."
3. **REMEMBER** to speak to people. Nothing is any nicer than a cheerful greeting.
4. **REMEMBER** to be generous with your praise and cautious with your criticism.
5. **REMEMBER** to show an interest in all people. If you work at it you can like almost everybody.
6. **REMEMBER** to be considerate when dealing with the feelings of others. Someone said, "There are usually three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellow's and the right one."
7. **REMEMBER** to trust people. Not all people are dishonest, and trusting people build lasting relationships.
8. **REMEMBER** to give service to others. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
9. **REMEMBER** to have a good sense of humor, patience, humility and you will receive many rewards.

Kenneth McClain

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson 655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)
Dave Marcum..... 385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)
Olin Shinholser..... 382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)
Paul Talbert..... 385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton 453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)
Chris Fowler..... 386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)
Roger Gurganus..... 453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)
Tracey Stalter..... 471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)
BJ Thomas..... 385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)
Don Ware..... 382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

What's Your Name?

The Indians used to give their children the name they earned. Thus some girl would be called *Laughing Water, Sunshine or Timid One*. A boy might be named *Running Feet, Wise Owl or Black Hawk*.

Suppose God gave His children the name they earned. Some would be *Helping Hand, Faithful Teacher, Lively Stone or Generous Heart*. But on the other hand, there would be many wearing names such as *Unreliable, Worldly Minded, Never Attend, Evil Tongue, Luke Warm or Stingy Giver*. If God named you according to your Christianity or lack of it, what name would you have?

A WORTHY WORK

Saturday, September 23, I had my eyes opened to the good work that is being done in the “Clothing Room”! Since most of this work is done on Thursdays, I had not seen first hand the labors and fruits of this benevolent work. Words of praise are not adequate to ALL those who help now and have worked in the many areas to get this effort going. The building that is “first class” and the orderly arrangements of the items to be given away bring honor to our heavenly Father.

This is one of many efforts we make to reach out to precious souls. Jesus, in His earthly ministry, used many methods to open hearts to the gospel: teaching, feeding, healing, social occasions! Each visitor to the clothing room is given gospel materials and register with address. There is some personal follow up and we have seen fruits from this work.

Is it worth all the work? Only eternity will answer this! How many souls have to be saved through the glorious gospel of Christ to make this ministry worthwhile? One? Fifty? I have had the honor and privilege of teaching in the prisons/jail for some 35 years. To my knowledge, one precious soul today remains faithful as a child of God. Worth it? You bet! This one saved soul is a faithful servant and now preaching the gospel of Christ to others in prison and on the street!!

These clothing room “guys and gals” manifest a heart of compassion to those who have such needs that are met in this ministry. They do not only see families in need of physical things but more importantly spiritual needs. The love, compassion and kindness shows in their faces and the visitors know it and see it. You may have observed that I have not mentioned any names...they would want it that way. Why don't you become one of the unnamed servants in this great work and door of opportunity and labor of love? Share in the warm smile and sincere “thank you” from those you have helped and befriended. What more pay would you want?? If this is not your niche, find it and get busy in the Lord's vineyard! There is work to be done.

Frank Parker

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	
<p>Prepare Communion: Trudy Benton</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Betty Abrams Bill Sweeton Amy Horton</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Austin Ritenour & Andrew Pintor</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler</p> <p>Sound Room: Tracey Stalter</p> <p>Secure Building This Week: Tracey Stalter</p>	<p>Prepare Communion: Trudy Benton</p> <p>Greeters: Ron Horton Edison Green Bill Sweeton Carmie Green</p> <p>Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour</p> <p>Pick Up Communion Cups: Austin & Forest Ritenour</p> <p>Sound Room: Bill Benton</p> <p>Secure Building Next Week: Bill Benton</p>	<p>Announcements: Harry Johnson</p> <p>Song: 624 Seeking the Lost</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Rick Cochran</p> <p>Song: 581 I'd Rather Have Jesus</p> <p>Song: 344 Low in the Grave He Lay Communion</p> <p>Song: 117 God is the Fountain Wence</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Song: 853 When We all Get to Heaven</p> <p>Lesson: Charles Wilson</p> <p>Invitation Song: 926 What Will You Do With Jesus?</p> <p>Song: 852 When the Roll is Called Up Yonder</p> <p>Closing Prayer: John Roberts</p>
<p>Announcements: Harry Johnson</p> <p>Song Leader: Olin Shinholser</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Rick Cochran</p> <p>Lord's Supper:</p> <p>Preside: Carl Martin</p> <p>Serve: 1. James Ware 4. Chuck Miller 2. Troy Talbert 5. BJ Thomas 3. Bill Benton 6. Herb Ellis</p> <p>Closing Prayer: John Roberts</p>	<p>Announcements: Olin Shinholser</p> <p>Song Leader: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Harry Johnson</p> <p>Lord's Supper:</p> <p>Preside: Dave Marcum</p> <p>Serve: 1. Rick Cochran 4. Leon Tubbs 2. Robert Capps 5. Dale Spung 3. Telles Oregon 6. Wayne Anderson</p> <p>Closing Prayer: BJ Thomas</p>	<p>Reminder</p> <p>If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.</p> <p>Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.</p> <p>Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	
<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Don Gunter Dwain Chambers</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Carl Martin Cliff Blain</p>	<p>Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Don Ware Roger Gurganus</p> <p>Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Dave Marcum Chuck Miller</p>	
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	
<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Dave Marcum</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Don Gunter</p>	<p>Song Leader: Invitation: Dwain Chambers Carl Martin</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Dale Spung</p>	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL	MEET WITH US	
<p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p>Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Age Range: <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs</p>	<p>Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM</p> <p>Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com</p> <p>Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	<p>Experience is a wonderful thing.....It enables you to recognize a mistake every time you repeat it.</p>

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