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PRAYER: THE CHRISTIAN'S SPARKPLUG

"Devote yourself to *prayer*, being watchful and thankful. And *pray* for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. *Pray* that I may proclaim it clearly as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Col. 4: 2-6)

Paul's challenge to his brothers at Colossi is a relevant one ---"*devote yourselves to prayer.*" God's family should accept that challenge. As you know, in this family there are varying levels of spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity on the part of every member is very important. **Prayer** to the Father makes mature saints.

Prayer develops intimacy with God. By it we grow in our understanding of Him and become more conscious of His presence. Rather than view Him as an unapproachable irate tyrant, we begin to see Him as an interested understanding father and friend. That is the God of the Word.

Prayer develops and deepens our love for one another. As we thank God for our respective strengths, it is much easier to rejoice with a brother. In **praying** for another's weaknesses, it is easier to empathize and bear with a sister's misfortune. The more we talk to God about one another, the more love grows.

Prayer develops a much needed focus on our mission. Paul directly petitioned God to open doors for the Word. We should ask God to help us find some lost soul to teach. By **praying**, we will be more conscious of looking. When a prospect is located, **prayer** helps develop a proper attitude for teaching.

Intimacy with God—closeness to one another—sharing the Word; these are the results of prayer. **"Devote yourself to *prayer*, being watchful and thankful."** **Prayer** is the Christian's sparkplug of power—a word to the wise is sufficient.

Robin Wadley

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** has started her radiation treatments and is doing fine.
- ❖ **Carmie Green** has continued health problems.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having problems with her diabetes.
- ❖ **Ernie Zink** is 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.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, is in the final stages of cancer.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Lori Anne Hessler**, a friend of Carolyn Thomas, has had a kidney transplant. Pray that her body will not reject the transplant.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Jim Leisey**, a former member, has terminal cancer.
- ❖ **Jim Gilbreath**, brother of June Hackbart and father of Shannon Ritenour, has a fractured vertebrae.
- ❖ **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: October 8, 2006

Bible Study	71
Sunday AM Worship	96
Sunday PM Worship	64
Contribution	\$3945.67
Wednesday Bible Study	77
Building Fund	\$100
Ukraine Building Fund	\$80
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$25
Clothing Room/Pantry 10/12	29

Upcoming Birthdays



Jean Fulbright	10/18
Arlon Dale	10/25
Jim Headley	10/27
Linda George	10/29

Upcoming Anniversary

Herb & Norma Ellis	10/31
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Visitors for October 8, 2006

Ray Fisch
Sylvia Figueroa

The Lord's Supper and 7 Fingers

In your partaking of the Lord's Supper, what do you concentrate on? What helps you to remember the Lord's sacrifice? Use 7 fingers and remember these things about the Lord's sacrifice as you partake of the Lord's Supper.

1. We serve **ONE SAVIOR**, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12, Eph. 4:5).
2. Our Lord was crucified, placed on the cross for my sins between **TWO THIEVES**. (John 19:18)
3. In our minds' eye we remember **THREE CROSSES** on Golgatha's hill. (John 19:18) One cross of redemption (Eph. 1:7) one of rejection (Luke 23:39), and one of reception (Luke 23:40-43)
4. On cruel Calvary's hill the earthly garments of our Lord were divided into **FOUR PARTS**. (John 19:23)
5. Those who rejected the Son of God hammered the nails into his hands and feet and one soldier pierced his side causing him to suffer **FIVE WOUNDS**. (John 19:34; 20:25-27)
6. For the sins of All Mankind, our Lord suffered **SIX CRUEL HOURS** on the cross. (Mark 15:25-37)
7. While on the cross Jesus Christ uttered **SEVEN SAYINGS**. (Matt. 27:46; Luke 23:34, 43, 46; John 19:26-30). Eddie Helms

Preaching Schedule



10/15 Ted Edwards AM & PM
 10/22 Carl Martin AM & PM
 10/29 To Be Announced

Ladies Class Schedule



October 17th Lord's Supper
 October 24th O Jehovah
 October 31st Through Christ

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, is when the clothing room is open for the community. We can always use more help. 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

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. 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.**

Communion Sign-up

No one has signed up to prepare communion for the month of **December**. It also might be necessary to have a replacement for Carmie Green for the month of **November**. If interested, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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
 Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup
 Spaghetti and Sauce
 Chili & crackers; Stew
 Syrup
 Chicken & Dumplings
 Canned White and Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Baby Food & Baby Cereal
Toothpaste
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Small Boxed Cereal

Paradox--Truth Standing on Its Head

The dictionary defines "Paradox" as something which seems absurd or unbelievable, yet may be true; a statement that appears contradictory. The Bible contains a number of paradoxical ideas such as:

- (1) To conquer we must surrender (I Cor 15:57);
- (2) To live we must die (Johns 12:23);
- (3) To save our life we must lose it (Matt. 16:25);
- (4) To reign we must serve (Luke 12:42-22);
- (5) To be wise we must become fools (I Cor, 15:57)
- (6) To be exalted we must become humble (Matt. 18:4);
- (7) To be first we must be last (Mark 9:35);
- (8) To be strong we must become weak (II Cor. 12:9, 10);
- (9) To get we must give (Prov. 11:24).

Jim Martin

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)

CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, October 19th, at the Spring Lake Restaurant.

Sympathy

Clyde and Kitty Bush's only grandson died Thursday evening. Please pray for them in this difficult time. Send your condolences to:

Clyde and Kitty Bush
 1353 Murfreesboro Rd
 Woodbury, TN 37190

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	Announcements: Paul Talbert
Prepare Communion: Trudy Benton Greeters: Ron Horton Don Gunter Bill Sweeton Anne Gunter Pick Up Cards: Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler Sound Room: James Ware Secure Building This Week: Don Ware	Prepare Communion: Trudy Benton Greeters: Ron Horton Bob Parnett Bill Sweeton Evelyn Parnett Pick Up Cards: Nicholas Stalter & Forest Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Forest & Austin Ritenour Sound Room: Harry Johnson Secure Building Next Week: Harry Johnson	Song: 97 I Sing Praise Song: 96 I stand in Awe Opening Prayer: Wayne Anderson Song: 150 Worth the Lamb that was Slain Communion Offering Song: 239 In Moments Like These
Announcements: Paul Talbert Song Leader: Chris Fowler Opening Prayer: Wayne Anderson Lord's Supper: Preside: Clem Smith Serve: 1. Harry Johnson 4. John Roberts 2. Dwain Chambers 5. Herb Ellis 3. Rick Cochran 6. Troy Talbert	Announcements: Dave Marcum Song Leader: Olin Shinholser Opening Prayer: Dwain Chambers Lord's Supper: Preside: Dan Luidhardt Serve: 1. Leon Tubbs 4. Edison Green 2. Bob Parnett 5. Nicholas Stalter 3. Chuck Miller 6. Don Gunter	Song: 959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus Lesson: Ted Edwards Invitation Song: 922 Jesus Paid It All Song: 129 Amazing Grace Closing Prayer: Tracey Stalter
		Reminder
		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. Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts. 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. Thank you for your cooperation.
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	
Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Mike Tubbs Dwain Chambers Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Clem Smith Don Gunter	Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Don Gunter Wayne Anderson Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Dan Luidhardt Dale Spung	
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	
Song Leader: Invitation: Bob Parnett BJ Thomas Closing Prayer: Edison Green	Song Leader: Invitation: Mike Tubbs Paul Talbert Closing Prayer: James Ware	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL	MEET WITH US	<h1 style="color: green;">Reaching Goals means reaching Souls.</h1>
If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to: Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870 Name _____ Address _____ 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	Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F	