



**February 11, 2007**

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## **The Power of United Prayer**

The prayer of one sincere saint can accomplish great things. (James 5:16). God wants us to fully realize that our individual appeals to the heavenly throne can focus divine blessings on our needs and problems. This being true, how much more powerful and effective will be the combined prayer of many Christians, united in their appeal to heaven about a specific object!

Jesus expressed the power of united prayer in these words to his disciples; "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Note here that there is:

- (1) agreement in prayer together
- (2) a known and specified request to the Father
- (3) assurance that such a prayer of faith will certainly be heard by God

Paul realized the value of the united prayers of the saints in his work. In fact, they were to him as critical to the success of his mission as were his own efforts. He besought the Romans to "strive together" with him in prayer (Rm. 15:30). He confidently expected to be delivered from his enemies through the prayer of the Corinthian brethren (II Cor. 1:11). He asked the Ephesians to intercede on his behalf that he might have opportunity and ability to speak the word (Eph. 6:18, 19). See also Phil 1:19 and II Thess. 3:1.

James also points out the value of Christian friends praying for one another (James 5:16). He stresses that such united prayers will especially help us in our battles against temptation and sin. It is truly comforting to know that one who loves God and who loves me is praying on my behalf.

A father may seem reluctant to heed a request from just one of his children, but when the other two or three join in to form a united chorus, what father can easily say "No." This is an imperfect comparison, but it does show the power of a united request.

Brethren, let's learn to pray together with sincerity and fervency. Let's ask the Father for specific needed blessings. A praying church is a powerful church! Dale Turner

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

- ❖ **Carmie Green** will be having more tests.
- ❖ **Jim Headley** had a stint put in his heart.
- ❖ **Chuck and Mary Jo Miller** have both been having health problems.
- ❖ **Linda Cochran** has a broken ankle.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is recovering from another surgery on his neck and receiving physical therapy.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is in Royal Care Nursing Home, Room 121B in Avon Park and would appreciate visitors and calls. His Cell # is 664-9129, **please call after 9 pm & weekends.** He would love to hear from you or see you.
- ❖ **Don Ware Sr.** was in Highlands Regional Hospital but is now at home again.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.

### EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Heidi Jones**, mother of Hayden Parker, has a serious health problem requiring many blood transfusions.
- ❖ **Major Key**, grandnephew of Gwin Barnum has lost his eye sight. He is 2 years old.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Marie are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Andrea Barret**, sister of Helen Underwood and her husband, **Euwing**, both have health problems.
- ❖ **Aimee Lawrence**, sister of Laura Ware, was injured recently as a result of a mugging.
- ❖ **Emily Powell**, great grandchild of the Parnetts, is going to have heart surgery this month. She is 2 years old.
- ❖ **Lee Gurganus**, father of Roger, is now out of the Winter Haven Hospital and in a nursing home in Auburndale.
- ❖ **Thelma Sheets' daughter Kim**, was involved in an automobile accident with a tractor trailer and will require a lot of plastic surgery. They have requested prayer for her.

### MISSION EFFORTS

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

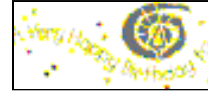
**Perry Tucker**, a former winter member, is now in a nursing home. You may send cards to him at:

Heartland of Perrysburg  
10540 Freemont Hgts.  
Room 28, Bed 2  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Phone for LaVonne is 419-874-2578

## Our Record: February 4, 2007

Bible Study	114
Sunday AM Worship	191
Sunday PM Worship	117
Contribution	\$4849
Wednesday Bible Study	121
Building Fund	\$225
Ukraine Building Fund	\$0
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 02/08	29



Betty Horn	02/11
Gordon Smith	02/16
Ebert Cribbs	02/18
Betty Anderson	02/19



Herman & June Klahn	02/11
Ronald & Amy Horton	02/16
Robert & Helen Underwood	02/16

### Visitors for February 4, 2007

Emma Tedrick	Cam & Charlotte Usher
Alda Horne	Doreen Munson
Jean & Jerry Abram	Keith & Marilyn Dunn
Vernon & Evelyn Mareen	Harold & Paula Williams

### When Life Seems to Go to Pieces

There is a likelihood your life will suffer a shattering blow. Your own little world may seem to fall in pieces. You feel like you are coming unglued at the seams. The youth speak of it in a telling expression: "blowing your mind." You get so tense and uptight, you are sure you can't take another hour of it.

- A son or daughter gets picked up, possessing drugs.
- An aging parent is impossible to satisfy and there is nothing you can do to change things.
- A very significant loved one dies and you can't get hold of yourself.
- An unexpected financial reversal comes and it will take you years to get back on your feet.
- You have an auto accident in which some one is seriously injured.
- You act compulsively and do a wicked thing you never dreamed you could do.

God never alters the laws of nature in order for a Christian to have an easy time! All the faith in the world won't allow you to escape trials and tribulations. Faith is simply the handle by which you can get a firm grip on God's grace, enabling you to weather any storm that beats upon your life. **When you make your life a prayer, you never get to the end of your hope!**

Some of the most marvelous and reassuring verses in the Bible climax the book of Habakkuk:

**"Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,  
The produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food,  
The flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,  
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."**

Habakkuk 3:17,18

## Preaching Schedule

2/11 Ken Joines AM  
Singing Night PM



## Ladies Class Schedule



Feb. 13th the teacher will be Marie Barber, with the topic of *Joyful Noise*.

### Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> the time will be changed to 4-6pm. We will this time change on the last Thursday of the month for a while.** 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.

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## Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. ***Your help is needed. The months of May through December still need people to be willing to do this.***



## CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Restaurant in Frostproof. All are invited to attend.

## Bring a Friend or Neighbor Day

On March 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a special day to invite a friend or neighbor to attend church services with us. There will be a potluck dinner following the morning service.

## Area Meetings

Arcadia: Feb. 18-21  
Okeechobee: Feb. 18-21

## From the Elders

The elders wish to announce that on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Doug Yates and his wife Judy will be here for Doug to try out for the preacher position. He will be speaking to the combined morning adult Bible class as well as preaching on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. They will be here through the Wednesday night service.



- 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 & Toothbrushes
- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Individual Small Boxed Cereal

## 6 P's of Bible Study

Bible study is vitally important. Man's usefulness in life as well as his happiness in eternity demands an understanding of and obedience to the Word of God. As we consider our study of the Scriptures, we must do it in the following ways:

**PERIODICALLY.** Read on a regular schedule. (Acts 17:11)

**PURPOSEFULLY.** Study with a definite plan in mind. (II Tim. 2:15)

**PENSIVELY.** Read reflectively and thoughtfully. (Psalm 119:97).

**PERSISTENTLY.** Keep at it! Don't grow discouraged! (I Pet. 2:2).

**PRAYERFULLY.** If any lacks wisdom, let him ask of God. (James 1:5).

**PROPERLY.** God's word must be rightly divided or "handled accurately." (II Tim. 2:15).

Successful Bible study boils down to this: Begin now and keep on! Read and reread the text without being discouraged. This is the key to everything!

## Fellowship

On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, will be our next social. **Your Favorite Famous Couple** is the theme. Come dressed like this couple and have a story or poem to read about this couple. A sign up sheet will be provided for food to bring. Group 1 will be in charge.

## 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)

## The Christian.....

....is slow to lose patience and quick to be gracious.

....looks for a way to be constructive, even when provoked.

....refrains from trying to impress others with his own importance.

....practices good manners.  
....is not "touchy," even when insulted.

....thinks the best—not the worst of others.

....is wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove in dealing with others.

....does not gloat over the wickedness of other people.

Above all else, a Christian exhibits the love of Christ in his heart and life.

<b>SCHEDULED TO SERVE</b>		<b>ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THIS SUNDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prepare Communion:</b> Robert &amp; Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters:</b> Ron Horton            Robert Capps Bill Sweeton         Rachel Capps</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Cards:</b> Forest Ritenour &amp; Nicholas Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b> Hayden Parker &amp; Austin Ritenour</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Room:</b> Roger Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secure Building This Week:</b> Roger Gurganus</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements:</b> Paul Talbert</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Song Leader:</b> Olin Shinholser</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Ben Shephard</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lord's Supper:</b> <b>Preside:</b> Billy Nix <b>Serve:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prepare Communion:</b> Robert &amp; Helen Underwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters:</b> Ron Horton            Don Gunter Bill Sweeton         Anne Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Cards:</b> Austin Ritenour &amp; Victor Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pick Up Communion Cups:</b> Nathan Ramer &amp; Joshua Fowler</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Room:</b> Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secure Building Next Week:</b> Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Announcements:</b> Bill Benton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Song Leader:</b> Don Gunter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Clem Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lord's Supper:</b> <b>Preside:</b> Allen Barber <b>Serve:</b></p>	<p>Announcements: Paul Talbert</p> <p>Song: 823 Lead Me Gently Home</p> <p>Opening Prayer: Ben Shephard</p> <p>Song: 742 When Upon Life's Billows</p> <p>Song: 375 Oh the Depths and the Riches</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Song: 117 God is the Fountain</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Song: 308 Wonderful Love</p> <p>Lesson: Ken Joines</p> <p>Invitation Song: 945 Kneel at the Cross</p> <p>Song: 448 or 406</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Wayne McElwee</p>
<p>1. Delbert Mason    5. John Roberts 2. Don Yost         6. Bob Lynch 3. Henry Hargrove 7. Bill Benton 4. James Ware     8. Tracey Stalter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Wayne McElwee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Evening</b></p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b>         <b>Opening Prayer:</b> Singing Night         Rick Cochran</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b>       <b>Closing Prayer:</b> Billy Nix                 David Parson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday Evening</b></p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b>         <b>Invitation:</b> Don Ware                 Ken Joines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Wayne Anderson</p>	<p>1. Roger Gurganus    5. Bill Cole 2. Herb Ellis         6. Clyde Bush 3. Edison Green     7. Leon Tubbs 4. BJ Thomas         8. Robert Capps</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> John Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Evening</b></p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b>         <b>Opening Prayer:</b> Don Ware                 Ben Shephard</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper:</b>       <b>Closing Prayer:</b> Allen Barber             Wayne Anderson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday Evening</b></p> <p><b>Song Leader:</b>         <b>Invitation:</b> Troy Talbert             Ken Joines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Prayer:</b> Chris Fowler</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reminder</b></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 style="text-align: right;">Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL</b></p> <p>If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sebring Parkway Church of Christ</b> 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>MEET WITH US</b></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><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sebringcoc.com">http://www.sebringcoc.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Email:</b> sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>" I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Abraham Lincoln</b></p>