

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsRickey Hurst
 Lead SingingCaleb Graves
 First PrayerStanley Graves
 Reading.....Marty Boles
 ScriptureLuke 15:1-2
 Lord's Table (N)*Ray Weddington
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissJason Adams

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsRickey Hurst
 Lead SingingCaleb Graves
 First PrayerKurt Maynard
 Reading.....David McColloch
 ScriptureRevelation 14:12
 Lord's Table*Talan Mullican
*Jared Mullican
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston
 Lead Singing.....Mike Mullins
 First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
 ReadingTucker Gann
 InvitationDon Sullivan
 DismissEddie Palmer

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship 178
 Bible Study..... 135
 P.M. Worship..... 118
 Wednesday Bible Study.....98
 Contribution\$5,386

Welcome Committee

A.M.....N/A
 P.M.N/A

*If you can not serve, please contact
 Jared Mullican (931) 224-1201*

Ushers:Chris Snow, Jason Vandagriff, Clent Kesey
 Un/Lock Building:.....Dwight Barrett/Mike Mullins
 Assist Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Susan Pryor
 Pantry Item:Spaghetti Sauce
 Check Pantry:Maggie Hurst
 Check Kitchen:.....Stephanie McColloch
 Check Workroom:Rebecca Mullican
 VideoTommy Turner
 Elder Closing RemarksDon Griffith

December Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM (van)Travis Adams
 Sunday PM (van)Travis Adams
 Wednesday PM.....Caleb Graves

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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

Shepherds

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Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
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Sick

At Home:

Helen Morgan
WC & Nelma Chilton
Judy Nussbaum (following knee surgery)
Irene Lawrence (at son's home)
Iona King
Corretta Lawrence
Greg Grizzell (hospice care)
Jean Ware (following knee surgery)
Bobby Ashford (tests this week)
Taylor Blanton (friend of Adry & Aryn Snow)
Gabrielle Buford
Vickie Griffith
Sydney Grove (Ruby Huntley's son-in-law and Avie Clemons' nephew)
Randy Neeley (cancer)

Hospital

Rodney Reynolds - NHC for rehab
Lola Barrett - NHC
Thurman Bennett - Willow Branch #318

Holiday Fellowship

Our annual Holiday Fellowship will be on Sunday, December 17th, following our evening services. We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please check this list and let us know what you can bring so we can plan accordingly.

Arlington Bible Study

We are looking forward to our Neighborhood Bible Study in January at the Arlington church of Christ! We will study "In the Beginning - Genesis 1-11." Refreshments served at 6:00 PM and we will study at 6:30 PM - come be our neighbor and study with us! January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3, 4

Youth and Family Activities

Holiday Gift Giving (wrapping)

We will meet at the church building on Friday, December 15th at 6:00 PM. We will be wrapping the gifts we purchased for our families. Any and all youth can be a part of this.

Youth Holiday Gathering

Date: Tuesday, December 19th
Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Place: Hickory Creek Gym
Who: 6th grade - College Age

BRING FRIENDS!

Each youth should only bring a \$5 gift card that will be used for prizes. Lots of food and fun!! Come ready to eat, play, and win. Please let us know how many will be coming by Monday, December 18th.

Challenge Youth Conference

CYC tickets have been purchased. There is still time to sign up if you want to go, please see Jason.

Youth/Youth Parent Meeting

There will be a youth meeting (in the fellowship room) on Sunday, January 7th following our evening services. All youth and parents of the youth are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Youth Activities

Friday the 15th H.G.G wrapping
Tuesday the 19th Youth Holiday Gathering
Sunday Dec 31st Youth Led Worship

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1

Our Greatest Privilege

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)

The disciples of Jesus had listened to his sermons, but never asked, "Teach us to preach." They had observed his powerful miracles, but never said, "Lord, teach us to do miracles." The one thing they asked for Him to teach them was how to pray. Knowing how to pray effectively is far more desirable than knowing how to preach a powerful sermon. Moving heaven is much greater than moving men on earth.

Of course, there are many desirable gifts or privileges, but none surpasses the privilege of prayer. We can train men to preach moving sermons, but powerful praying can only come out of hearts that have been touched by the Master. More is accomplished through prayer than through sermons for without prayer sermons are empty and ineffective.

Obviously, the disciples had witnessed Jesus on His knees. They had seen the hand of God moved through His prayers. No one had prayed like Him. No one had talked with the Father the way Jesus did. They stood in awe as they listened to Him pray and they wanted to pray like Jesus prayed. Only Jesus could teach them to pray like that.

I've heard many moving prayers. Some were very short but powerful. A little boy in New York prayed, "God, I thank you for making me a human being and not a dog!" Some of the old saints knew how to pray. The key? They knew they were really talking to God and that God was listening.

Prayer is every believer's privilege. Not everyone is called to become preachers, or elders, or teachers, but everyone is called to pray. Later, Jesus would say, "Men ought always to pray and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Praying opens the doors of heaven and moves the hand of God.

Unfortunately, many Christians do not avail themselves of this privilege. Instead, there is an expectation that life moves on its own, most days are reasonably comfortable, and we maintain good health. We forget that prayer is not solely about us. It is primary about communing with our heavenly Father. It is about advancing His kingdom in a world of darkness.

We are instructed to pray for others, to pray for laborers to go into the fields to reap the harvest, and for the spread of the gospel. If prayer is really power, how foolish is it for us to rely on ourselves when we have little control over anything. We have access to our God, the "Almighty" One, who is never tired or weary. Who is "able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask of think, according to the power at work in us". (Ephesians 3:20).

By Al Behel