

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MAR 13, 2016**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Ruby Harrison

**HOME:** Fred & Romaine Elliott, Katherine Phillips, Henry McDonald

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A PRAYER OF DAVID"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "A BETTER COVENANT"

**MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Mar 13: David Barton

19: Allen Lockhart

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

#### **ELDERS:**

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## A PRAYER OF DAVID (Psalm 86)

### I. Why should we pray?

- A. The reason David was coming to God in prayer was that he had great \_\_\_\_\_ that he knew only God could meet.
- B. David knew that he could not save \_\_\_\_\_ and asks twice, verses 2 and 16, for God to save him.
- C. Many times our \_\_\_\_\_ gets in the way of us seeing how needy we really are.
1. We tend to rely on \_\_\_\_\_ or others to help us.
  2. We turn to God as a last \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. This can happen even after we've come to God in \_\_\_\_\_.
1. We forget we have a \_\_\_\_\_ trying to kill us (1 Peter 5:8).
  2. We forget our own \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. To whom should we pray?

- A. David \_\_\_\_\_ exactly to whom he needed to be praying and that is to the one, true God.
1. He knew many of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  2. He knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which allowed him to have hope that God would answer his prayer.
- B. David shows God as the only true God and great in \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God is also great in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. How should we pray?

- A. God was not some \_\_\_\_\_ being to David.
- B. Because of that, he felt free to pour out his \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
1. David prayed \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. David prayed \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. David prayed \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. David prayed with \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. David prayed in \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. What should we pray for?

- A. David prayed for \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. David prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ during his trials.
- C. David prayed for a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- D. David prayed for God to be \_\_\_\_\_.

## **"Credit Card" Prayers**

### **Jim Wyatt**

Do you use prayer as a kind of "spiritual credit card?" Lots of people do; they assume that all we have to do is ask God for whatever physical things we want, and He will provide them ("interest-free," we hope!). Most of us are familiar with promises like the one Jesus made in Matthew 7:7-8, where we are told "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened." This statement, and others like it in the bible do not promise blessings for us without "cost" or responsibility; Jesus isn't offering us a "buy-now, pay-later" plan! When we pray, our prayers should reflect what God wants as well as what we want. James 4:3 tells struggling Christians that the reason they did not receive the things they prayed for was because their motives were selfish; they weren't thinking about God's will, only what they wanted to satisfy their lust.

God never promised that we will not have needs or problems in life. Nothing in God's inspired word indicates that we will somehow be "insulated" or "isolated" from death, disease, poverty or any number of other things that common to our physical world simply because we are Christians. What we are told in God's word is that help is available. Through prayer, Christians have a way to deal with the problems that come our way as we live day by day. We all know that there is a war going on between good and evil in our lives: In Romans 7 and 8, Paul describes his own personal struggle in trying to live life Christ's way. Christians can (and do!) still make mistakes and do bad things. Paul shows us here that there is a battle raging within us, between the lusts of the flesh and the Spirit, and that if we "Walk in the Spirit...we shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Ephesians 3 tells us that our existence is rooted in the larger cosmic battle going on all around us (of which we are also part).

So, what about prayer? Are you "investing" in heaven (Matthew 6:20-21), using prayer to "let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6)? Do you "cast your cares upon Him for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7), or do you pray only when you want something you can't "pay" for right now? God is not some "heavenly banker" Who hands out blessings to put us in His debt; we're already there because of His mercy! Beware of trying to "spend" what you don't have (James 4:2-3). Being part of Christ's church means that prayer is a very "practical" blessing for us to enjoy. Our prayers are heard by Someone Who truly has our well-being in mind, Who wants to help us by giving us freely everything we need (Romans 8:32). Prayer is not merely a "heavenly line of credit," it is an open door to the throneroom of God. He does not sit there waiting to "zap" us with confiscatory interest rates and penalties; He knows what we truly need even before we ask (Matthew 6:8), and His goal is for us to be victorious in our war with temptation and sin. The key is for us to live our lives for Him, and not simply for ourselves. In regular, daily prayer we have access to a Higher Power, and if we walk with Him we will have whatever we need.