

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 23, 2017



GOD HEARS US

When We Pray According to His Will

written by Dave Rogers



Some of the wisest men in Bible history spent much time in prayer, and the scriptures make it plain that this pleased God. There are, however, some prayers our Father **will not hear**: Some things are not appropriate to ask of Him, and Jesus described the Pharisee of Luke 18 as “unjustified” in his prayers. Peter urged us to “cast [y]our cares on him, for he careth for you,” in 1 Peter 5:7, and Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 that we should “pray without ceasing.” Christians ought to heed the words of Tennyson, who wrote

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of; wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain, day and night.”

We should also realize, however, that our prayers must conform to His will for them to be pleasing to Him; otherwise, our effort in prayer is wasted.

For God to hear our prayers, they must agree with His will as it

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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His will as it relates to the things **for which we ought to pray**. John wrote that, "...this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14), and so emphasized the importance of knowing the "boundaries" of what we may ask of Him. In James 4:3, the inspired penman notes that He will **not** provide us "supplies for SIN!" Our Lord's "model" prayer gives a good sampling of things for which it IS appropriate to pray; for the Father's will to be done, for our daily needs, for forgiveness of sins (as we forgive!), and for deliverance from evil. It is not fitting for us to ask God's blessings with a sinful motive (Psalm 66:18), or in order that we might misuse them!

We likewise should pay attention to **how** we pray, if we want to Father to hear our prayers: His word shows us the "qualities" He looks for and expects in our prayers. The example of Daniel (Daniel 6:10) and the words of Paul (Romans 12:12) show that **regularity** in prayer pleases Him, and in Ephesians 6:18 we see that prayers (sincerely and properly offered) are acceptable at **any** time (there is no "specified" time of prayer in the scriptures). The Father also looks for **forgiveness** in us, Mark 11:25, and for **faithfulness** (James 1:6). James is very plain in stating that if we pray "faithlessly" (that is, without any conviction that our Creator will hear and respond to our entreaties) then He surely **won't!**

As we examine the scriptures, we needn't go very far before it becomes clear that there is a "pattern" or formula our prayers should follow if we want them to be accepted by God. In every example, prayers in the scriptures are directed **TO the Father**. This is also the instruction Jesus gave, Luke 11:2. There is no example of anyone praying to Jesus or the Holy Spirit (much less to apostles, saints, etc.)! Jesus, by His authority as our High Priest and through His propitiatory death for us enables us to approach the Father personally: Our prayers are thus directed to the Father, "THROUGH" the Son! In John 15:16 & 16:23, He instructed the disciples to ask "in my name" (i.e., **by HIS authority**). There is no authorization in the scriptures for any prayer other than one that is offered to the Father "in the name of" (through) the Son.

Let's remember **TO** Whom we pray, "**THROUGH**" Whom we are to pray, **for what** we should (or shouldn't) pray, and what our **attitude** should be in prayer!





Jody Apple John Baker Mike Benson Don Blackwell Billy Bland Scott Cain B.J. Clarke Tish Clarke Glenn Colley Tony DeBerry Adam Faughn
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2017 POWER LECTURESHIP

JULY 23 - 27, 2017

The End of Time

SOUTHAVEN CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, July 23

- 9:30 am - 10:30 am Preparing For Eternity.....Robert Jefferies
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am Where Do We Go When We Die?.....Don Blackwell
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Play By Play of the Final Day:
The Events of the Judgment Day.....B.J. Clarke

Monday, July 24

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am JESUS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THE JUDGMENT -
Not Everyone Who Says Lord, Lord.....Will Hanstein
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am TEXTUAL STUDIES - But Of That Day And Hour
Knoweth No Man.....Keith Ritchie
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ERROR - AD 70ism
.....Drew Leonard
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm HELPING OTHERS GO TO HEAVEN - The World:
Letting My Light Shine Before Men.....Rob Whitacre
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EXPLANATORY - Will There Be Degrees Of Reward
And Punishment?.....Adam Faughn
- Ladies — 2:00 pm SONGS - How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
.....LaDon Sain
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm KEYNOTE - How To Send Your Child To Hell
.....Glenn Colley

Tuesday, July 25

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am JESUS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THE JUDGMENT -
The Parable Of The Virgins.....Mike Benson
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am TEXTUAL STUDIES - Revelation 20 Explained: What
About The Thousand Year Reign?.....Jody Apple
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ERROR - Once Saved, Always Saved
.....Chris Perry
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm HELPING OTHERS GO TO HEAVEN - My Spouse:
Heirs Together Of The Grace Of Life.....Neal Pollard
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EXPLANATORY - Do The Righteous Go To Heaven
Or Paradise When They Die?.....Billy Bland
- Ladies — 2:00 pm SONGS - You Never Mentioned Him To Me
.....Kathy Pollard
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm KEYNOTE - Keys To Understanding The Book Of
Revelation.....Cliff Goodwin

Wednesday, July 26

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am JESUS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THE JUDGMENT -
The Parable Of The Talents.....Ben Wright
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am TEXTUAL STUDIES - Daniel's Seventy Weeks
.....Keith Mosher
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ERROR - Atheism's Argument - How Can A Just God
Punish The Wicked Eternally In Hell?.....Scott Cain
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm HELPING OTHERS GO TO HEAVEN -
My Children: Provoke Not Wrath, But Bring Them Up
In The Nurture And Admonition Of The Lord
.....Steve Higginbotham
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EXPLANATORY - The Soul Of Man
.....Denny Petrillo
- Ladies — 2:00 pm SONGS - There's A Great Day Coming
.....Tish Clarke
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm KEYNOTE - A Study Of Death
.....Eric Owens

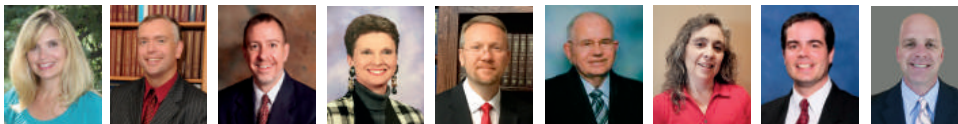
Thursday, July 27

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am JESUS' DESCRIPTIONS OF THE JUDGMENT -
The Parable Of The Tares.....Tony DeBerry
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am TEXTUAL STUDIES - What About The Rapture?
.....John Baker
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ERROR - The Thief On The Cross
.....Ronnie Scherffius
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm HELPING OTHERS GO TO HEAVEN - Elders:
Leading The Flock To Heaven.....Gary Hampton
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EXPLANATORY - Demons And Angels And Their
Eternal Fate.....Westley Hazel
- Ladies — 2:00 pm SONGS - The Old Rugged Cross
.....Michele Teske
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm KEYNOTE - The Doctrine Of The Resurrection:
He Was Seen.....Robert Taylor

Ladies' Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall



SOUTHAVEN
CHURCH OF CHRIST



Kathy Pollard Neal Pollard Keith Ritchie LaDon Sain Ronnie Scherffius Robert Taylor, Jr. Michele Teske Rob Whitacre Ben Wright

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Several traveling; **Tim Wilkes Sr.**, cataract surgery Monday; **King family**, very possibly moving to Nashville; **Upcoming Mission** to India; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**.

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Family & Friends

Lennie Reagan, recovering from surgery; **Iris Casteel**, Ed's wife; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Henry Wadsworth**; **Ray Maples**; **Joy Angel**; **Bobby Baker**; **Macadden Easley**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Lauren Ivy**; **George Morris**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**, leukemia; **David Steward**; **Carey Smith**; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Jenny Kraft**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Martha Hatfield**.

*The effectual fervent prayer
of a righteous man availeth much.*

Birthdays

7/2	Noah Davis	7/7	Aemon Ratliff
7/3	Ruth Brister	7/9	Olivia Wofford
7/3	Marc Strickland	7/13	Seth Daniel
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/31	Porter Ferrel
7/6	Cali Bayless		

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/11	Chris & Billie Martin
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel
7/23	Tyler & Katherine King

Get Involved!

POWER Lectureship — July 23 – 27

See flyer on bulletin board, or inside this bulletin

Thyatira VBS — July 23 – 27 — 6:30 pm

Convalescent Center Devo — July 26 — 10 am

Coldwater Singing Night — July 26 — 7 pm

5th Sunday Service — July 30 — 1 pm

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior — Aug 6

Polishing the Pulpit — Aug 18 – 24

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 23

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	John Wofford
	Tim Meredith
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Jeremy Moore
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	John Wofford
	Tim Meredith
Closing Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Wednesday, July 26

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Terry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Ron Johnson

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Jason & Ginger Bayless