

Misguided Prayers

Many of our prayers are misguided. We pray for comfort instead of character. We pray for an easy way out instead of the strength to make it through. We pray for no pain, when the result would be no gain.... But if God answered our prayer, it would rob us of our greatest opportunities. Many of our prayers would short-circuit God's plans and purposes for our lives if He answered them. Maybe we should stop asking God to get us out of difficult circumstances and start asking Him what He wants us to get out of those difficult circumstances. --
Mark Batterson, "In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day,"



GOD RUNS TOWARD YOU

Brighten your day by envisioning God running toward you.

When his patriarchs trusted, God blessed. When Peter preached or Paul wrote or Thomas believed, God smiled. But he never ran.

That verb was reserved for the story of the prodigal son. "But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." (Luke 15:20 NKJV)



God runs when he sees the son coming home from the pig trough. When the addict steps out of the alley. When the teen walks away from the party. When the ladderclimbing executive pushes back from the desk, the spiritist turns from idols, the materialist from stuff, the atheist from disbelief, and the elitist from selfpromotion...

When prodigals trudge up the path, God can't sit still. Heaven's throne room echoes with the sound of slapping sandals and pounding feet, and angels watch in silence as God embraces his child.

You turn toward God, and he runs toward you.

--Max Lucado

The new family in the neighborhood overslept, and their six-year-old daughter missed her school bus. The father, though late for work, said he would drive her if she'd direct him to the school. They rode several blocks before she told him to turn the first time. Several blocks later she told him to turn again. After 20 minutes of turn after turn, they finally reached the school. At that point, the father realized they were only a few blocks from their home. Extremely annoyed, he asked his daughter why she had led him around in such circles.

Smile 😄

"But, daddy," the child protested, "that's the way the school bus goes, and it's the only way I know."

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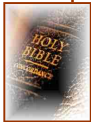
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You are welcome at all services:
Sunday School - 10 am
Sun. evening prayer 5:30 pm; Worship 6 pm
Tuesday Family Prayer - 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study - 7 pm



Today - Prayer, 9:30 am and 5:30 pm - Word and Worship 10 am and 6 pm
Mon. - Fast 6 am - 6 pm
Tues. - Focused Prayer, 6-7 pm
Wed. - Bible Study - 7 pm

Don't base your life on what will change in twenty minutes, that is, your feelings. Base it on the Word of God which hasn't changed in twenty centuries. Do it God's way no matter how it feels!



From the Word

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

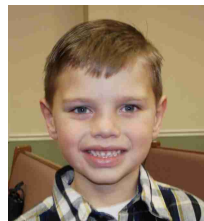


Two Ways To Study The Bible

One is to study it with your mind made up, and the other is to study it to let it make up your mind

-The Timothy Report

Are you up-to-date on your daily Bible reading?
 It's not too late to start...or to catch up.



Connor Gehr
Feb 1

Happy
 Birthday
 to two great
 guys!



Scott Schoen
Feb 2



When Joseph was sold into slavery, he had no idea of God's awesome plan. He would spend many years in jail before receiving even a hint of God's purpose. But God is ALWAYS at work in the lives of those who love Him. Joseph's life must encourage us to draw near to God during times of hardship - to continue trusting and honoring Him in all we do...no matter what our circumstances.

We all go through "dungeon" seasons when life seems to take unplanned and seemingly "unfair" turns. We all, at times, feel abandoned and alone: "Has God forgotten me? Does He no longer care?" We may not understand why things happen the way they do, but if we will continue to love Him with all our heart and consistently trust Him in and through all our trials, we can be certain (and one day we will truly see) that God is in control and every situation is truly intended for good. --Steve Troxel

New Needs:

Janetta East, stage 3 cancer

Dot Hopkins

Sarah Wasserbelen, Roy Gray's sister, has been on the prayer list for some time but is in a critical need of prayer at this time.

Prayer Needs



Ongoing Needs:

- Dennis Arrant
- Barbara Barnett
- Lisa Bearing
- Sis Beck
- Bubba & Louise Benton
- Kari Bourg
- George Close
- Sherri Collins
- Delisa Cox, critical stage of cancer
- Don Cox
- Rex Frech
- Danny Guice

- Henry Halley
- Phyllis Hedges
- Frank and Rosie Hester
- Mike Johnson
- Louree & Thurman Little
- Kevin Mathis
- Lillian & Ozell McKay
- Ken and Linda Rash
- Aubrey and Gaynell Richerson
- Hilton Sims
- Mike Taylor
- Larry Teal
- Phil Wiseheart

Serving in the Military:

- Michael Beauchamp, USN Bahrain
- Chris Bemis, USCG
- Tony Bemis, USCG
- Nolan Gunn USA, Afghanistan
- Cody Poole, USMC
- Curtis Poole, USA
- Angela Solis, USA, Afghanistan
- Dusty Storm, USCG