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**Assembly Times**

*Sundays*  
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Wednesdays*  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard  
Of Sound Doctrine***

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**Know Your Bible: Answers**

1. Cain (Genesis 4:9)
2. Moses (Exodus 3:10-11)
3. Elijah (1 Kings 17:20)
4. Abraham (Genesis 15:2)
5. Moses (Exodus 17:3-4)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: Billy Lovell  
Announcements: Arturo Orozco  
Encouragement Talk: Jacob McAdams  
Opening Prayer:  
Scripture Reading: Brad Smith  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Song Leader: John Franks  
Table Talk: Ryan Haarmann  
Contribution: Robert McCorkle  
Helper: Kevin Buckner  
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek  
Helper: Verlin Wilson  
Helper: Lester Mabry  
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale

**Sunday Afternoons**

Oct 15 4PM Devotionals  
Oct 22 4PM Worship (Casey Thomas to preach)  
Oct 29 Nothing  
Nov 5 4PM Teacher Classroom Change

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Jacob McAdams  
Speaker: Tyler Blazek



# Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist  
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”  
Ephesians 6:13

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## The Example Of Christ: Prayerfulness

We learn a lot about how to pray from the teachings of Jesus. One of the reasons the disciples asked Him to teach them about prayer is because of how they heard Jesus praying and saw the importance He put on prayer in His life. As we consider the following passages, we must compare Jesus' attitude to our own. Not just in what to pray about, but the frequency and habits of prayer.

When something important was happening in His life, Jesus prayed. *“Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened”* (Luke 3:21). While in the garden prior to His arrest Mark records, *“They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed... Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words”* (Mark 14:32, 39). We know this was late at night after a long day. It was important to Jesus to pray to the Father at big moments in His life, and we should do the same things. Call upon the Father for help and strength.

Some only turn to God in prayer over the big things in life, but Jesus prayed all the time. He made time to pray. He dedicated Himself to prayer. *“In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there”* (Mark 1:35). *“But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray”* (Luke 5:16). *“After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone”* (Matthew 14:23). *“After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray”* (Mark 6:46). *“It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God”* (Luke 6:12). Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:6 *“when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret.”* This is exactly what He did throughout His life. Even more were see the importance of prayer to Jesus in that He prayed for hours, even all night. We must examine ourselves to compare how much we reply upon the Father and speak to Him each day of our life. How often have we

secluded ourself for the purpose of prayer? How often have we made prayer our priority?

In Luke 9:28–30 we read how Jesus “took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah...” He was praying when He was transfigured. Again, taking Peter, John, and James would not have been unusual as he went up on the mountain to pray. This was his habit. Surely they were intended to witness the transfiguration, but we must see how common it was to go with Jesus to a mountain top for the purpose of prayer.

“Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matthew 14:19). Here we see an example of prayer before a meal (granted it is a miraculous meal). Jesus was ever thankful to the Father and did not overlook an opportunity to pray. He always remembered the Father in good times and difficult times.

“And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.” Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.” (Luke 22:41–44). Here we see a prayer in agony. A fervent prayer. At very difficult times we should feel the need to pray like this. These are not short prayers, but strongly from the heart conveying our deep dependence on God. “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety” (Hebrews 5:7).

Jesus is our example in all things. We must learn from how He lived, learn from how He saw the importance of prayer.

By Charles Willis

## **Know Your Bible**

### **Who asked God the question?**

1. Am I my brother’s keeper?
2. Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?
3. Hast Thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?
4. What wilt Thou give me, seeing I go childless?
5. What shall I do unto this people? They are almost ready to stone me.

Answers On Back

### **Sunday Sermon**

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



## **The Gospel Is Good News**

### **The Gospel Of God (1 Thessalonians 2:8)**

Good news from God about how to be infellowship with God.

### **The Gospel Of Peace (Ephesians 6:15)**

Good news about how we can be at peace with God.

### **The Gospel Of The Grace Of God (Acts 20:24)**

Good news that God has given us an unmerited favor in saving us.

### **The Gospel Of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:2)**

#### **The Gospel Of His Son (Romans 1:9)**

Good news about salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

### **The Gospel Of Your Salvation (Ephesians 1:13)**

This is “*the message of truth*” (Eph. 1:13) about how any man can be saved.

### **The Gospel Of The Kingdom (Matthew 24:14)**

Good news of how the Kingdom of God now exists and how to be a part of it.

### **Our Attitude**

We must not be ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16)  
“*it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*”

We must live worthy of the gospel (Philippians 1:27)  
“*striving together for the faith of the gospel*”

We must not move away from the hope of the gospel (Colossians 1:23)  
continuing “*in the faith firmly established and steadfast*”

We must be willing to suffer for the gospel (2 Timothy 1:8; 3:12)

## **The Gospel Is The Word Of Truth (Colossians 1:5)**