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Church of Christ**

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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. Ezekiel (2:9-3:3) or John (Rev. 10:10)
2. Revelation 21:27
3. Nathan (1 Chronicles 29:29)
4. Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 36:23)
5. Ephesus (Acts 19:18-19)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Victor Studdard
Announcements: Eddie Bowen
Encouragement Talk: John Franks
Opening Prayer: Harper Flores
Scripture Reading: Brad Smith
1 Timothy 6:11-21
Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Table Talk: Josh Emerson
Contribution: Billy Lovell
Helper: Corwin Richardson
Fruit of Vine: Ryan Haarmann
Helper: Lester Mabry
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Apr 7 3PM Group Visitation (Meet & Go)
Apr 14 Nothing
Apr 21 Parent Planned Youth Devotional
Apr 28 3PM Classroom Quarter Change

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Speaker: Josh Emerson



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 Power Of Prayer

Prayer is man's way of communicating with God. God hears the prayers of the faithful who ask with the right motives and has promised He will answer. Prayer is a mighty asset of the redeemed.

The saints of God have a direct line of communication with the creator of the universe, but I fear we neglect to avail ourselves of this great opportunity. When was the last time you spoke to God about some troublesome topic? When was the last time you bowed your head giving thanks for some calamity that was avoided? These are the times most people think of prayer. When things are not going well we feel like we need help, so that's when we turn to God. We depend on God to bail us out of circumstances, some of which we deservedly brought upon ourselves. If your children spoke to you only when things were going bad in their life, how would you feel about your children? This tends to show God how little regard we have for Him and all that He does for us. The Children of God should be those who's frequency in prayer makes it comfortable to pray, telling Him all of our cares and desires, and praising Him for His love and goodness.

God hears the prayers of the faithful. 1 John 5:14 tells us that *“this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”* What comfort to know that God in all His majestic glory hears my petitions. This makes prayer very important. Why would we choose to ignore this great benefit? Why do we not pray as we ought? Many things compete for our time: work, family, and earthly responsibilities which are necessary in this life, yet these should not take us from the time we spend speaking to God in prayer. Hobbies and entertainments take second place to Bible study and prayer, or at least they should. Be careful to allow for prayer in your life several times a day.

1 John 5:14 also tells us that we have certain guidelines we must follow when praying. We must ask according to His will. The things we ask for most conform to the

will of God. We should not ask things that are contrary to God's will. Matthew 21:22 teaches we must ask believing. We cannot doubt the power of God to operate in our lives, nor doubt if God hears us. We must ask in full confidence of His ability or our prayer will not be heard. A this requirement of prayer is found in John 14:13 which says *"whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."* Prayer must pass through Jesus since He is the mediator (Hebrews 7:25). Ephesians 5:20 says we are to always give *"thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father."* Those things that we ask of God according to His will, believing on Him, and through Jesus - will be heard by God.

Prayer should be considered an asset. We often pray for the sick. I was privileged to be acquainted with the Surgeon General of Texas for a while. He was a great physician and a strong Christian. I remember him relaying numerous stories of how people had somehow recovered from a deadly illness which confounded the best doctors. His only answer was "it had to be the power of God." To hear a doctor speak of the healing powers of God is a marvelous faith building experience. James 5:16 speaks to this power when it says *"the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."* This is because *"nothing will be impossible with God"* (Luke 1:37).

Christians need to pray more. We need to depend on God in good times and bad. Effective prayer must follow the guidelines established by God, else they will not be heard. God's power combined with your effective prayers can accomplish much.

Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?

by Charles Willis

What can one person do? **Fanny J. Crosby** was a blind hymn writer of the mid 1800's. She wrote the text to more than 8,000 hymns. These are included:

All The Way My Savior Leads Me	A wonderful Savior	To The Work
Jesus Is Tenderly Calling	Blessed Assurance	To God Be The Glory
Rescue The Perishing	Near The Cross	Near The Cross
Safe In The Arms Of Jesus	Redeemed	Praise Him! Praise Him!

Know Your Bible

Books Within A Book

1. What prophet ate a book and found it sweet as honey?
2. What book of the Bible mentions the Lamb's book of life?
3. King David's acts are said to be recorded in the book of which court prophet?
4. What king cut up Jeremiah's scroll and tossed it into the fire?
5. In what city did people burn their valuable magic books?

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.



Do You Give Up?

by Charles Willis

Too often I fear we don't. We look like we do, we say that we do, but deep in our heart we've not given up the sins that we enjoy. We know that unless we repent we will all likewise perish (Luke 13:3), but have we truly given up sin?

To every outward appearance we might be living a life of godliness. The community might think highly of us. Those in the church may believe we are very "religious." We say the right things and do the right things. There's just that one temptation to which we keep *giving in*. No one knows about it because it's a secret sin (Psalm 90:8; 19:12). We can successfully hide sin from the world. We can hid is successfully from the church and even from our family; but to do that is to miss the point. *"God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9). Fooling the world does us no good. God wants us to repent. He *"knows the secrets of the heart"* (Psalm 44:21) and *"will bring every act into judgment, everything that is hidden"* (Ecclesiastes 12:14). The only person we're really fooling is ourselves.

When sin is made known, we understand the need to be penitent. We fell sorry about what we did. We sorrow for the pain we caused others. We hate the embarrassment, the looks, the scandals due to our sin. This is the sorrow of the world which *"produces death"* (2 Corinthians 7:10). The child of God will have the *"godly sorrow"* which is *"to the point of repentance"* and this leads *"to salvation"* (2 Corinthians 7:10). True repentance means we will no longer do those sinful things either in public or in private because those are the things we give up to follow after Christ! *"Our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin"* (Romans 6:6).

What we all need is to accomplish what God says. *"For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised"* (Hebrews 10:36). We must endure the temptations and trials choosing to live with faith, by faith, being faithful to God. Jesus teaches *"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me"* (Luke 9:23). Self denial is what we lack when secret sin is allowed to persist. I urge you to repent (change your mind and the direction you are travelling). Seek God's forgiveness for your sin and *"lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth"* (Ephesians 4:22-24).