

Sharing Our Faith

Why would God want you to pray? Let me give you just 10 of the many reasons why prayer is both commanded (I Thessalonians 5:17 *pray without ceasing*) and a blessing (Philippians 4:6-7 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*).

First, God wants to reinforce the concept that He is our true friend. Think for a moment of your earthly friends. You enjoy talking with those friends. When that phone rings and the caller ID displays their name, with eagerness you quickly accept and talk to a friend you love. God wants that same type of relationship with you and one way to develop that relationship is through daily (and often) prayer.

Next, just like your parents here on earth, your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you and talk to you. When you pray, He listens. Then He answers your prayers in the form of deeper connections with His Word, the Bible, improved thoughts on your part, or even the actions of other Christians.

Third, prayer helps you gain an understanding of God's loving nature. The scriptures teach that God is love (I John 4:8). You can feel that love as you speak daily with Him through prayer, seeking His guidance in your life.

Fourth, prayer provides answers. Praying and listening to the answers God gives you can help you better understand your purpose in life. God will help you understand why you are here and what you can do to return to live with Him after this life.

Fifth, prayer helps you find direction in your life. When you pray to God, you can work through serious decisions in your life. God always listens and often provides the answers and guidance you seek. Even when He chooses not to answer

Immediately or in the way you might hope, prayer itself is a way to find the peace your soul needs.

-Reasons #6-10 will be given, Lord willing, in the December 10th bulletin. Meanwhile, let's look forward to 2024, the year of prayer here at 70 West.



~Michael Cox
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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Ed Courtney
Song Leader.....Billy Hayes

SC- "I Love You, Lord"
R#288- "Fairer Lord Jesus"
SC- "In Need"

Prayer.....Willie Butler

B#444- "Nailed to the Cross"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

COMMUNION

R#469- "Faith Is the Victory"
SC- "Wonderful, Wonderful Savior"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Sermon.....Billy Hayes

"Phenomenal Power of Prayer-Moses"
John 3:14-15

B#800 - "Zion's Call"
SC - "A Mansion, Robe and Crown"

Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

B=Brown Book ♪ R=Red Book ♪ SC=Screen

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Ed Courtney
Song Leader.....Billy Hayes

R#3- "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
SC- "Pierce My Ear"
B#251- "How Long Has It Been?"

Prayer.....Willie Butler

SC- "How Deep the Father's Love"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

COMMUNION

B#780- "Won't It Be Wonderful There"
SC- "Every Time"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox
Sermon.....Billy Hayes

"Phenomenal Power of Prayer-Joshua"
Joshua 5:14

R#916- "What a Day That Will Be"
R#705- "A Common Love"

Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

NOVEMBER ELDER / DEACON:
FESTUS UGBADE / DEREK LANDRUM

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Sharion Pipkins & Angie Drennon

Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th – MPB
Billy Hayes / Tim Wiemer

5th -8th –room#113
Danny Griffith

1st -4th –room#114
Lisa Cox

Kindergarten –room#108
Kim Nickolson

PreK 3-4 yrs. –room#107
Lynn Dishongh

18 mo.-2 yrs. –room#105
Barbara Wells

3-18 months. -room#106
Martha Dean

Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - Auditorium
"GENESIS: New Beginnings" -Michael Cox

Adult class - Room#112/Library
"First Principles" -Carl Johnson

Adult Class –Room#118"
"The Church & Christianity from the
Beginning to Today " -Andy McCormick

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Our Record: 11/26/2023

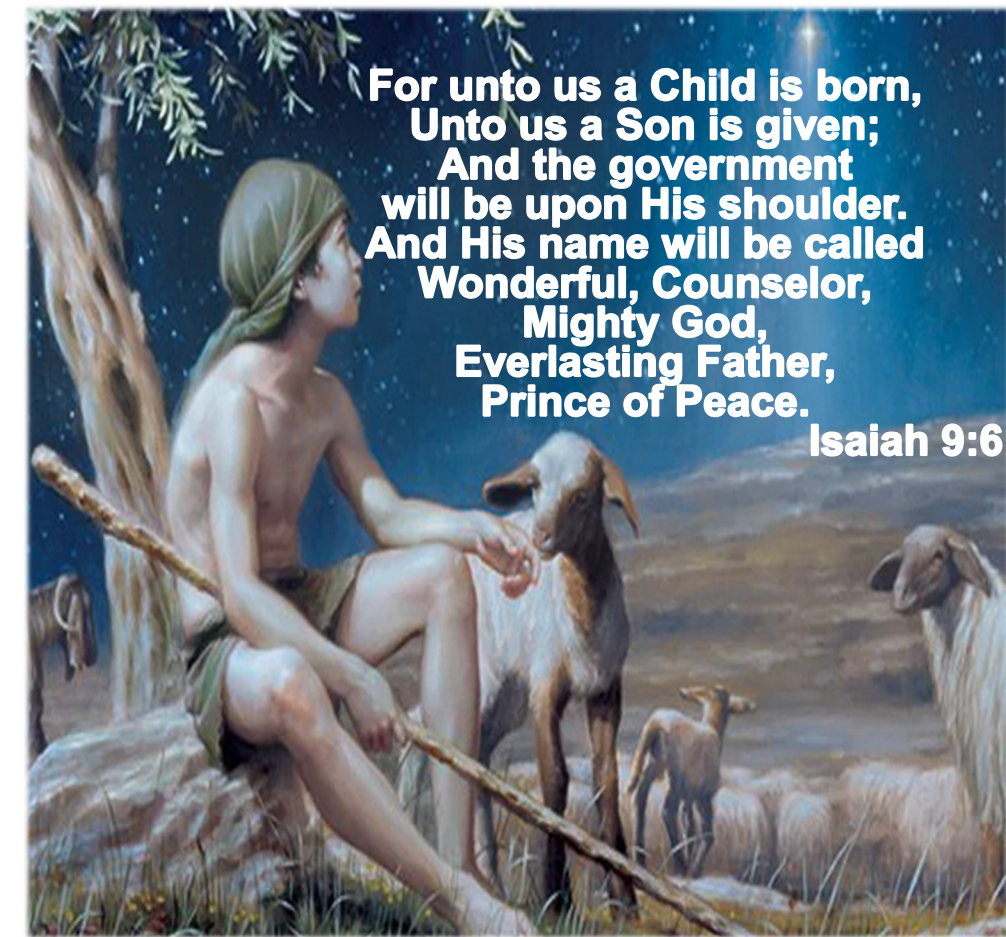
9:00 AM Bible Class.....129
10:15 AM Worship.....196
PM Worship.....110
Wednesday Bible Class.....110
Contribution.....\$8,604.00

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70 West
church of Christ
Welcomes you!

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Lightpost

**Connect. Communicate.
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Lightpost is the simple church app that helps your congregation communicate and work together *effortlessly*.

Thanks to the Lightpost app, the MailChimp emails will no longer be sent out, they will cease to be made available as of December 31, 2023. By the end of the month, all current information will be delivered through the new Lightpost app. Please make sure you have downloaded it to your phone & logged on before January 1, 2024 if you want to remain up to date with all 70 West church news & information. ~Thank you!

God Gives Man the Choice



God allows us to live our lives how we want to. He gives us free will. He does not control every move that we make. We are not predestined individually to be saved or lost. God made all things and made the rules. God provided what we need for salvation and what we need to live. He told us how we need to live but did not control us to live in that very way. God has given us free will.

If we start back in the book of Judges we have many examples of God's people who had God's instruction and did not live by God's instruction. What happened when they did not live by God's standard? They fell into captivity under Gentile nations. Every time, God would allow them to be captured because of their disobedience.

They did not want to follow God so God allowed it to happen. When they had enough they would call out to God, change their ways, and make the right decisions, and God would raise up a judge to deliver them out of their enemies' hands. That is only after they repent and turn back to God. Then after a time of freedom they would turn away from God and go back into captivity.

We move forward to the minor prophets and see a common theme. They disobeyed God, and since they did not live by God's Word, judgment is coming for them. They turned away from God, and because of that they get to live with the consequences of their actions. In this case the consequence for turning away from God was that judgment was coming. They would be destroyed because they did not want to live by God's Word. He created all so He gets to make the rules.

He loves us and wants us to succeed, but if we do not listen to Him, punishment ensues. It is exactly like the relationship between a parent and their child. The child decides to disobey, and the parent brings punishment upon them. The parent does not hate their child, but they need to be taught and led in the right direction. God would bring judgment upon His people if they would not listen to Him.

Now let us jump to Romans 1:18-32. God allows people to live how they want. If they live in sin, they are allowed to do so. God gives them up, meaning He allows us to make that decision. But that also means that just like in the Old Testament, if we choose to ignore God and the instructions that He gives us in His Word, we cannot expect to receive rest and blessings at the end of this life, but rather we should expect to receive punishment. God has not changed. Disobedience receives punishment. Obedience receives eternal life. It is that simple.

The hard part is choosing to live by God's Word, every second of every day because temptations are hard to overcome, but not impossible. We need to choose to live by God's Word if we want to enjoy eternal life after this physical life! No one can choose for us and no one can do the work for us. Let us strive to do what is right in the sight of God!

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Scott & Carla March have a new granddaughter!

Charlotte Lucille Adams was born @4:34pm on Thursday, November 30th to new parents: Jesse & Dorothy Adams. 6lbs-10oz., 19.5"

Mom & Baby doing well



Involve Yourself, Contribute, Take Part, Share...

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE: [facebook.com/airportroad](https://www.facebook.com/airportroad)

Every weekday morning @7AM, Monday-Friday

'Fundamentals of the Faith -an online Bible study with Michael Cox

Every weekday evening @9PM, Monday-Friday

'Bible Investigation' -an online Bible study with Michael Cox

TODAY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- ♦ TEENS FIRST PRINCIPLES●4:30pm●Room 118
- ♦ L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE●7-8:30pm●Room 118

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' POT-LUCK & GIFT EXCHANGE & ALSO DECEMBER/ JANUARY BIRTHDAYS●11:30am ●MPB●Bring your favorite xmas casseroles/desserts/drinks & a gift to exchange!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- ♦ JR. YOUTH & TEEN DEVO(AGES 9 YRS OLD—TEENS)●5:30pm●MPB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION: TAKING GIFT BAGS TO SHUT-INS●11am ●MPB ●Bring your lunch!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- ♦ DECEMBER DINNER PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE ●6:30pm●MPB●\$20 per person for catered dinner & each person bring a gift for gift exchange (Gag gifts are acceptable)●**Please sign up in foyer** & ***Ladies be sure to sign up to decorate & host a table too!

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS

Louise Honeycutt●Walton Kyle●Carla March Zandra Mendenhall●Glenda Pannell Karen Pate●Leslie Pate●Wes/Sue Poole Stuart Reeves●Freddie Sharpe Ken/Donna Wedsted

- Burns, Wendell-Will have partial knee replacement on Monday,12/4 @CHI St. Vincent's. Please pray for speedy recovery
- Cook, Henry-Home with 3 broken ribs, pneumonia, & a lot of inflammation around the broken ribs. Dr.'s recommended lots of rest
- Myers, Mark-@NPMC in ICU on ventilator -NO VISITORS -Dr.'s are keeping him comfortable

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

June Beach●Robin Dahlman●Matt Gilmore Cindy Hayes●Kari Hulien●Phyllis Madlen Nevaeh Newcomer●Mitzi Robinson Carl Rutledge●Ray Stansberry Delorious Tolleson●John Wilcox

- Baker, Jennifer(W.Burns' daughter) Cancer surgery 12/1
- Barton, Nona (L.Mitchell's friend) Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to lymph nodes
- Bollinger, Elbert (P.Crenshaw's cousin)Leukemia
- Dockins, Billie Jo(B.Brannon's sister) @Baptist Hospital in Little Rock not doing well-Cancer has returned
- Rhodes, Danna(Cole's friend) Diagnosed w/brain cancer. Surgeon removed all of the tumor. Now on oral chemo & weekly radiation

SHUT-INS

Janice Archer●Mike/Shirley Baka Norman/Joyce Bonde●Henry Cook Bill Crow●LaVonne Depew●Nancy Gordon Marcelle Green●David Pendleberry

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Bernard, Heidi -GCSO/Investigator
- * Crow, Jake, (Army) Fort Sill, OK
- * Pianalto, Nick (Navy) Japan
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Jackson, SC
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy)
- * Spellings, C (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Paula Crippen●Jerry Crow●Linda Golden Sam Palmer●Don Rutherford Barbara Sanders●Judy Straut Barbara Sickels●Kay Ward Michael Wedsted

- Brewer, Ben (M. McKee's cousin) Now out of ICU
- Griffith, Jenna-Scan showed that she is Cancer Free! Continued prayers, she will continue chemo through Feb. 2024
- Job, Caleb/Kara (McCormick's friends) Baby Timothy has improved but remains in the NICU. The family is thankful for the continued prayers
- Scarbro, Leona(P.Crenshaw's sister) Back surgery
- Tressa, Jamie (P.Crenshaw's niece) Thyroid disease
- Walters, Harrel (B.Austin's brother) Abdominal surgery 11/6 & again 11/20

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- Pacific Islands -Randy English