

## Sharing Our Faith

Here's my challenge to you... take the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and see how many times you can find Jesus praying. A big part of the written ministry of Jesus is centered about passages dealing with either the Lord praying or Him talking about prayer. Out of the many things the Apostles could have asked Jesus to help them with, prayer was their request (Luke 11:1-4). That request resulted in what the world calls the 'Lord's Prayer' which is just a model prayer given to help His disciples form their own prayers.



Prayer must have been a big part of His daily life because the four gospel writers were inspired to write about the Messiah praying. If Jesus felt the need to pray, **HOW MUCH MORE** should I feel the need to pray?

In 2024 the 70 West family will attempt to help each other to achieve a more vibrant, active prayer life. 2024 is the year of prayer right here at 70 West. Throughout the year there will be reminders, encouragement, and lessons to help each 70 West member to become a more dedicated PRAYER WARRIOR. One of the things that hopefully will help is TWO MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE, which is replacing the old FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH video class. TWO MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE will be two minutes doses of encouragement in living the Christian life. The video series kicks off January 1<sup>st</sup> with 10 days of the 10 benefits of prayer. Join me each weekday morning at 7 (or anytime -it's a recording) on the church's Facebook page or YouTube channel for TWO MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE. Invest 2 minutes and reap a better life.

One of the many things we hope to pray for in 2024 is on behalf of the many people we know who are not faithful Christians. May the year of prayer energize each of us to BUILD BRIDGES to people we love who need the saving power of Jesus.

Early in my preaching career I attempted to mail out each December, cards to the many people who had blessed my life during the year. The number of people requiring cards from me has increased so much, it is now not feasible for me to mail out cards. Even though you will not receive a card from me, please know that I deeply appreciate all that you do for me and I love being a part of the 70 West family. May 2024 be a blessing to all.

~Michael Cox

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### 10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Nathan Bonde  
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

B#799- "You Never Mentioned Him to Me"  
B#543- "Redeemed"

Prayer.....Clayton Wells

B#726- "We Saw Thee Not"

Scripture Reading/Prayer  
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

#### COMMUNION

B#634- "The Great Physician"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Tyler Lundy

"Faith without Works is Dead"  
James 2:26

B#454 - "Nothing but the Blood"  
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

B=Brown Book R=Red Book SC=Screen

### 6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Nathan Bonde  
Song Leader.....Danny Griffith

B#589- "Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom"  
B#447- "Near to the Heart of God"

Prayer.....Tracy Rall

B#444- "Nailed to the Cross"

Scripture Reading/Prayer  
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

#### COMMUNION

B#301- "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Scripture Reading.....Michael Cox  
Sermon.....Tyler Lundy

"If We Never Meet Again"  
Acts 20:18-21

B#346 - "It Won't Be Very Long"  
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

DECEMBER 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: 12/10/2023

9:00 AM Bible Class.....138  
10:15 AM Worship.....191  
PM Worship.....102  
Wednesday Bible Class.....120  
Contribution.....\$11,822.04

~Hearing Assistance Available~ Please ask for a receiver from the sound room

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*70 West*  
**church of Christ**  
*Welcomes you!*

but with righteousness  
he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give  
decisions for the poor of  
the earth.  
He will strike the earth with  
the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he  
will slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:4

**Lightpost**

**Connect. Communicate.  
Grow Together.**

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!





How Can a Man be Born Again?

We ask questions about everything. I think our questioning mindset is why internet search engines do so well. We ask Google for everything. As a matter of fact, if I ask a question in the teen class, I will have them look up the question in order to see what is being said about that subject. Sometimes that is a great idea -sometimes! If I really want to know the authoritative answer on any subject,

I will try to go directly to the source. In John chapter 3, you and I read about a man who is desperate for an answer. We can all understand his predicament. How many times have we all been there? Notice the following...

As we read this account, Nicodemus WANTED a REAL answer. In John 3:1-4 we see this idea clearly. The answer he is searching for is founded in truth. As a matter of fact, truth does not scare Nicodemus away. His question is genuine. Even when he asks about re-entering his mother's womb, he still understands truth. He has a heart for service unto our God. Now, here comes the real question- Do I have that same heart?

In this account. Jesus GIVES Nicodemus a REAL answer. Notice John 3:3 & 5-8. While Nicodemus went to the correct source, Jesus did not back down the truth of God's plan of Salvation. It would be so easy to say to Nicodemus because of his purity of heart and his desire of knowing, that -that would be enough. But he had not followed the plan yet. Notice that Jesus did not change HOW Nicodemus was to access the gift of God. So often we stop reading this account around verse 5, however the discussion carries through the entire chapter. The real question to ask here is: What will I do with God's real answer for salvation?

So what did Nicodemus do with all this knowledge? Well, in this chapter, not a lot. We do read about him later in the Gospel accounts. In John 19:39 we read that Nicodemus is responsible for gathering the body of Jesus and preparing that body for burial. As we examine the life of Nicodemus, we see the actions of a follower of Christ even though we are never told that Nicodemus was a disciple. The real question to ask is: What am I willing to do for Christ?

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

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE: 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 17

- L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE•7-8:30pm•Room#118

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

- TEENS SINGING CAROLS & DELIVERING GIFT BOXES/BAGS TO SHUT-INS  
•Meet @MPB•9am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

- TEEN'S FIRST PRINCIPLES BIBLE STUDY•4:30-5:30pm •Room#118
- L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE•7-8:30pm•Room#118

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

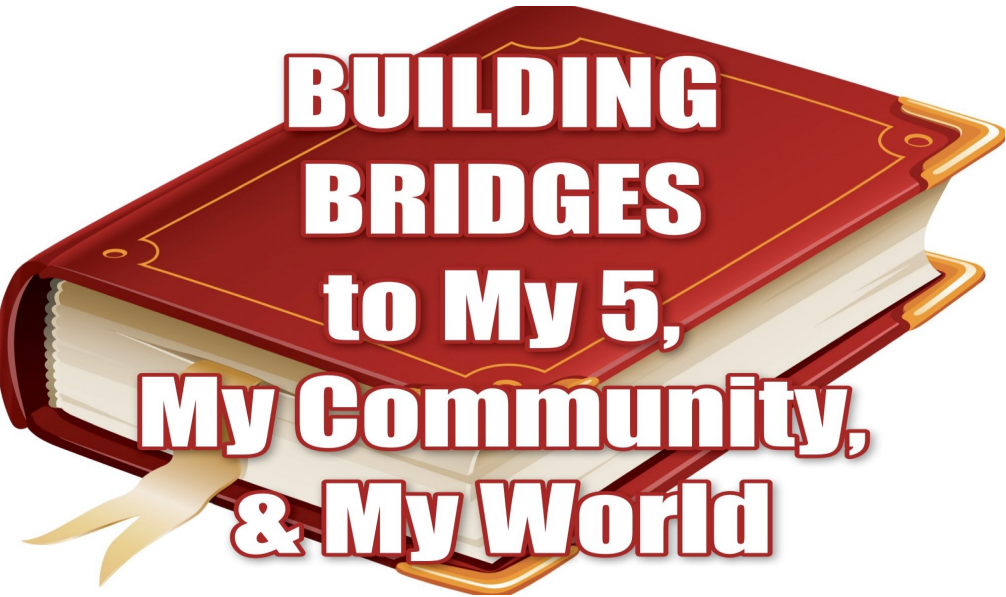
- TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION•11am•MPB•Bring your lunch!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- TEEN'S FIRST PRINCIPLES BIBLE STUDY•4:30-5:30pm •Room#118

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION•11am•MPB•Bring your lunch!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Congratulations To

Louise Honeycutt, she is the great-great-grandmother to baby boy Caspian Tice

MEMBERS

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

- Burns, Wendell-Partial knee replacement 12/4 went well. He will spend his 90th birthday at Hot Springs Rehab on 1636 Higdon Ferry, he's scheduled to go home on 12/18
- Cook, Henry-Home with 3 broken ribs, pneumonia, & a lot of inflammation around the broken ribs. Dr.'s recommended lots of rest
- Martin, Kevin-Had 7 1/2 hour surgery on his ear on 11/30. Dr's believe they did all that was needed & that he will not need further surgery
- Wedsted, Donna-Will see neurologist in the spring for newer tests to see if anything can be done to help with her symptoms
- Wedsted, Ken-Chest CT scan showed a 1cm nodule in left lung. PET full body scan 12/7 to check for cancer

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

- June Beach•Elbert Bollinger•Robin Dahlman Matt Gilmore•Cindy Hayes•Kari Hulien•Phyllis Madlen Nevaeh Newcomer•Mitzi Robinson Carl Rutledge•Ray Stansberry•Danna Rhodes Delorious Tolleson•John Wilcox
- Baker, Jennifer(W.Burns' daughter) Received good report 12/7. Lymph nodes are clear & margins are good!
  - Barton, Nona (L.Mitchell's friend)Diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to lymph nodes
  - Dockins, Billie Jo(B.Brannon's sister) @Baptist Hospital in Little Rock not doing well-Cancer has returned
  - Rossetti, Cindi Flories -(K.Grisham's friend) Lombard, Illinois congregation. She has Leukemia & just started treatment
  - Varner, Betty(Wedsted's friend)Betty is currently in remission
  - Varner, Joe-(Wedsted's friend) Suffered with cancer for years & has just begun treatment for newly found masses

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-(Horne's daughter)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
- Scarbrow, 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