

Building Bridges

Tomorrow kicks off an effort that will take us through the entire year. The year 2024 is THE YEAR that I Thessalonians 5:17 ("pray without ceasing") comes alive for the 70 West church of Christ.



During 2024 we hope to encourage all of us to pray even more than we have in the past. It was said by historians, and perhaps it is true, that James, the Lord's half-brother, prayed so often that he developed calluses on his knees. That's the direction of COMMITMENT TO PRAYER we want to make in 2024. We want to pray daily & often. We want to pray fervently. We want to pray, expecting an answer. **We want to pray because we believe it will make a difference.**

Throughout this year we will be sharing encouragement in this prayer effort. The sermon series, **THE PHENOMENAL POWER OF PRAYER**, continues through the first part of the year. The Bible video series, **2-MINUTES TO A BETTER LIFE**, will feature many tips, benefits, and encouragements regarding prayer. Bulletin articles and other means of encouragement will also be presented.

Now, let's take this to the PERSONAL LEVEL...what can I do to help me to become a more dedicated PRAYER WARRIOR? First, I can remind myself by posting written reminders on things I use daily such as the refrigerator door, bathroom mirror, car dashboard, and main house door. Next, I can enlist a friend (spouse, neighbor, etc.) to remind me to pray. Third, I can make a commitment to pray at certain times. The habit of praying at certain times and events of the day will help. Lastly, I can pray for MY FIVE. The FIVE I love who are not faithful Christians. May I **BUILD A BRIDGE** to them and help them on their way to heaven.

May the year 2024 be a blessing because I have become more dedicated to PRAYER.

~Michael Cox
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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Willie Butler
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick

*R#508-"A Wonderful Savior"
R#43-"All Things Praise Thee"*

Prayer.....Jason Powell

R#379-"If That Isn't Love"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

COMMUNION

SC-"Ancient Words"

Scripture Reading.....Tom Shelton
Sermon.....Michael Cox

*"Phenomenal Power of Prayer-Jesus"
Luke 11:1*

*B#179 -"God Is Calling the Prodigal"
B#387 -"Lead Me to Some Soul Today"*

Prayer.....Festus Ugade

B=Brown Book R=Red Book SC=Screen

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Willie Butler
Song Leader.....Xander Collier

*R#71-"As the Deer"
R#611-"Heavenly Sunlight"*

Prayer.....Luke Fader

R#382-"Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Danny Griffith / Corben Nickolson

COMMUNION

R#992-"Can You Count the Stars?"

Scripture Reading.....Tom Shelton
Sermon.....Michael Cox

*"Lead Me to Some Soul Today"
Acts 1:8*

*R#902 -"Nothing But the Blood"
B#387 -"Lead Me to Some Soul Today"*

Prayer.....Festus Ugade

DECEMBER ELDER / DEACON:
FESTUS UGBADE / DEREK LANDRUM

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Sharion Pipkins & Angie Drennon

Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - Room#118
"GENESIS: New Beginnings"
Michael Cox

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

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

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Our Record: 12/24/2023

9:00 AM Bible Class.....121
10:15 AM Worship.....229
PM Worship.....76
Wednesday Bible Class.....93
Contribution.....\$10,303.86

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



70 West
church of Christ
Welcomes you!

Bulletin Volume 24, Issue 5....December 31, 2023

**A Song of Praise to the LORD for His Salvation and Judgment
A Psalm.**

***¹Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
For He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm
have gained Him the victory.***

***²The LORD has made known
His salvation;***

***His righteousness He has revealed
in the sight of the nations.***

Psalms 98:1-2

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!



What will I do in 2024?

As 2023 passes away and 2024 moves into position, we often take an account of how well or poorly we preformed in the last year. We look at health, our diets, our family and our jobs. We take stock of how the year went and our expectations of that year. We vow to have the incoming year to be closer to our expectation. We have named this process our New Year's Resolution. While the taking of stock of our expectations is a good process, do we also examine our spiritual life? We should.

This year we all need to:

1. **STUDY MORE**- The idea of study is found in 2 Timothy 2:15. This does not mean to read more of the Bible. There is a HUGE difference. We need to read/study in an effort to retain God's Word in our lives. When we retain God's Word, it becomes a big part of our lives.
2. **TEACH MORE**- The idea of teaching is found in 2 Timothy 2:2. We cannot use the teaching of God's Word in order to get others told. We must use the Word for its intended purposes- to save the lost and to secure the saint. By teaching more, we make God's command a big part of our lives.
3. **LOVE MORE**- This idea is found in 1 John 4:7-11. Do you love people? Maybe, we only love folks who are already following God's Law. We need to remember that someone loved us enough to teach us the truth. We need to love others in that same fashion.
4. **GIVE MORE**- This idea is found in Revelation 2:10b. by living a faithful life, we prove to others that everything I have belongs to God. Money in the collection plates is a good thing, but am I also giving my time, talents and efforts for the glory of God?

2024 is a great year to start doing all I can daily to expand the borders of the Kingdom of God. By adopting this attitude, what could I do in 2024?

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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

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

- ♦ **L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**●7-8:30pm●Room#118

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11am●MPB●Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- ♦ **TEEN DEVO**●4:30-5:30pm●MPB

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- ♦ **L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**●7-8:30pm●Room#118

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11am●MPB●Bring your lunch!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- ♦ **L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**●7-8:30pm●Room#118

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- ♦ **5TH WEDNESDAY SINGING**●7-8pm●Refreshments in MPB @8:05pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- ♦ **LADIES' DAY "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS" WITH LAURA BOYD**
●8am -2pm●Please RSVP on Lightpost

PRAYER REQUESTS

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bill Brannon & Family, His sister, Billie Jo Dockins passed away at 3AM on Tuesday, December 26th

MEMBERS

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

- Burns, Wendell-12/19 staples removed. Physical therapy started 12/20
- Cook, Henry-Home recovering
- Dale, Sherry-Prayers for health
- Martin, Kevin-Recovering from surgery at home
- Wedsted, Donna-Somewhat stable at the moment ~Thank you for the Prayers!
- Wedsted, Ken-No evidence of cancer found. Will have a follow up CT in 6 months
- White, Ann-Prayers for strength

FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

Nona Barton●June Beach●Elbert Bollinger
Robin Dahlman●Matt Gilmore●Cindy Hayes
Kari Hulien●Phyllis Madlen●Nevaeh Newcomer
Mitzi Robinson●Cindi Flories Rossetti
Carl Rutledge●Ray Stansberry●Danna Rhodes
Delorious Tolleson●Joe/Betty Varner
John Wilcox

•Malone, Daryll (cofC member in SC) Cancer relapse & kidney removal

•Tuttle, Kerry (T.Wierner's sister) Will see orthopedic specialist 12/26 for knee problem, Tumors in both lungs-lung biopsy 12/26, Surgery to remove brain stem tumor 12/29

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
Jenna Griffith●Sam Palmer●Don Rutherford
Barbara Sanders●Judy Straut●Barbara Sickels
Harrel Walters●Kay Ward●Michael Wedsted

- **Andrews, Roy(Lamb's friend) Prayers for recent heart attack & overall improved health**

- Brewer, Ben (M. McKee's cousin) Now out of ICU

- **Dunaway, Tiffany(Lamb's daughter) Prayers for a successful, very critical eye surgery in 3-weeks**

- **Job, Caleb/Kara (McCormick's friends) Baby Timothy is home now-12/27 after being in NICU since Sept. ~Many thanks for all the prayers!**

- Scarbro, Leona(P.Crenshaw's sister)Back surgery

- Tressa, Jamie (P.Crenshaw's niece) Thyroid disease

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

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