

Building Bridges

PRAYER CAN LIFT ME UP. In my life there have been times when I was discouraged, down, depressed, stressed out, fearful, and yes, even defeated. It was during those times that **PRAYER** lifted me out of the rut of despair and gave me renewed hope. Just knowing that I could pour out my heart's fears and defeats to a Heavenly Father who truly cared for me caused me to think more positively.



PRAYER CAN GIVE ME GUIDANCE. There have been times when I did not know which way to turn. Big decisions loomed on the horizon and **PRAYER** helped me give direction to my life. Having someone to share my burden of decision helped me immensely.

PRAYER CAN WASH ME CLEAN. It's good to know that as a Christian I can ask God to forgive, and He will! Recently I was on Albert Pike, driving to a marriage enrichment appointment with a couple. I was in the right-hand lane and a heavy-duty Ford pickup, towing a long work trailer, decided to pull over into my lane without any thought of my 'tiny little red car'. Only by quickly diverting to the parking lot in front of George & Rebecca's store was I able to avoid a wreck as his truck got within an inch or two of my car. As I idled there on the parking lot, all I could think was, "If I had an army tank, I would just run over you." But then I realized that God would not want me to run over that guy and I **prayed** for His forgiveness. It's very comforting to know that God will forgive His children if only they ask (1 John 1:9).

PRAYER CAN MAKE ME MORE LIKE JESUS. A Christian should be 'Christ-like'. **Prayer** helps mold me into a more dedicated follower of the Lord. During His earthly ministry Jesus often prayed. If Jesus felt the need to pray, how much more should I feel the need. Each weekday be encouraged to pray via the classes '2-Minutes to a Better Life' and 'Bible Investigation' plus the sermon series, **PHENOMENAL POWER OF PRAYER**.

In this year of '**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**' (1 Thessalonians 5:17), may **prayer** help me (AND YOU) walk closer to the Lord. May each of us **BUILD BRIDGES** via **prayer** to MY FIVE, MY COMMUNITY, and MY WORLD.

~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Jonathan Bonde
Song Leader.....Billy Hayes

SC-"We Will Glorify"
SC-"A Mansion, Robe and Crown"
R#859-"When All of God's Singers Get Home"
SC-"In Need"

Prayer.....Andy McCormick

B#408-"Low in the Grave He Lay"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Willie Butler / Charles Hunt

COMMUNION

R#533-"I Am a Sheep"
B#251-"How Long Has It Been?"

Scripture Reading.....Corben Nickolson
Sermon.....Michael Cox

"Phenomenal Power of Prayer-Samuel"
Psalms 99:6

B#800-"Zion's Call"
B#387-"Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Bill Brannon

B=Brown Book ♪ *R=Red Book* ♪ *SC=Screen*

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome/Prayer.....Jonathan Bonde
Song Leader.....Billy Hayes

R#15-"Step by Step"
SC-"Pierce My Ear"
B#618-"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Prayer.....Festus Ugade

B#764-"When We Meet in Sweet Communion"

Scripture Reading/Prayer
Willie Butler / Charles Hunt

COMMUNION

B#716-"Walking Alone at Eve"
SC-"In Need"

Scripture Reading.....Corben Nickolson
Sermon.....Michael Cox

"Phenomenal Power of Prayer-Gideon"
Matthew 12:39

R#926-"What Will You Do with Jesus?"
B#387-"Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Bill Brannon

JANUARY ELDER / DEACON:
BILL BRANNON / CHRIS NICKOLSON

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Charlie Burns & Brandi Hayes

Adult Bible Classes 9:00 AM:

Auditorium
"Questions God Asks" -Billy Hayes

Room#118
"Building Bridges Advanced Course"
Michael Cox

Room#116
"History of the Church"
Andy McCormick

Room#112/Library
"First Principles" -Carl Johnson
MPB-Downstairs
Young Professionals - Tim Togami

Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th - MPB
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: 12/31/2023

9:00 AM Bible Class.....126
10:15 AM Worship.....249
PM Worship.....109
Wednesday Bible Class.....99
Contribution.....\$9,584.75

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70 West
church of Christ
Welcomes you!

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*meanwhile praying
also for us,
that God would
open to us a door
for the word,
to speak the
mystery of Christ,
for which I am also
in chains,
Colossians 4:3*



Gazing Up

Acts 1:9-11: “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. **And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up,** behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, **why stand ye gazing up into heaven?** this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.”
(emph.added bh)

Could you imagine yourself watching the Son of God leaving this Earth and floating back into the Throne room of God. It must have been amazing; an awe-inspiring sight! As I try to wrap my thoughts around this idea, I find it very difficult. The Holy Word of God would give us proof of these thoughts. I can certainly understand why they were standing there. But, there is a question asked to grab their attention and bring them back into reality. The question is: Why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

As we explore this question, notice the question asked is used to remind them of a work that must happen. While the action of watching Jesus return to God was not sinful, if they remained there, it would have turned into a sinful practice. The reminder from the angels was that it was time for the future apostles to get to work. They must be “about their Father’s business.” The task on the docket is to establish God’s church in about 10 days. Just as they need to be about the business of the Kingdom, so do we. Let’s choose to be workers in 2024.

Also, the Disciples are reminded that Jesus will return some day. Because that is the fact, those men need to get to work. In like manner, we need to be reminded that we are closer every day to that faithful day of the return of Jesus. We want to be found faithful on that Final Day. Just as those men were reminded to get busy, so are we. Let’s choose to be workers 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!

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**
- ♦ LADIES’ DIGGING DEEP BIBLE STUDY●6pm●MPB● Bring Snacks!

- 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

- | MEMBERS | ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS |
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| Walton Kyle●Carla March | * Bernard, Heidi -GCSO/Investigator |
| Zandra Mendenhall●Glenda Pannell | * Crow, Jake, (Army) Fort Sill, OK |
| Karen Pate●Leslie Pate●Wes/Sue Poole | * Pianalto, Nick (Navy) Japan |
| Stuart Reeves●Freddie Sharpe | * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Jackson, SC |
| • Cook, Henry-Recovering at home | * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) |
| • Dale, Sherry-Health | * Spellings, C (Army Nat’l Guard) Jackson, TN |
| • Martin, Kevin-Recovering at home | * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County |
| • Martin, Neil –Pneumonia | * Wethington, “A.J” Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO |
| • Todd, Doug –In CHI St. Vincent’s with complications due to a hand injury. May go home on 1/5 or 1/6. No Visitors at this time please | * Wells, Andrew GCPD/HSPD |
| • Wedsted, Ken & Donna –Health | |
| • 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.Wiemer’s sister)
They removed most of the brain tumor 1/3. Will have chemo to do chemo ro the rest of it. The spots on her lungs came back benign. She is at Bryan West, rm#214 in Lincoln, NE

SHUT-INS

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

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)
Recuperating at home with pain from broken ribs & blood clots in shoulder
 - Dunaway, Tiffany(Lamb’s daughter) Eye surgery on 1/4 went well
 - Scarbro, Leona (P.Crenshaw’s sister)
Back surgery
 - Tressa, Jamie (P.Crenshaw’s niece)
Thyroid disease
 - Wilson, Dot (C.Crow’s sister) Her son Tom Comstock passed away on Friday, 12/29 after a long illness

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

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