

*"Why sleep ye? Rise and pray,
lest ye enter into temptation."*

LUKE 22:46



WHEN is the Christian most liable to sleep? Is it not when his temporal circumstances are prosperous? Have you not found it so? When you had daily troubles to take to the throne of grace, were you not more wakeful than you are now? Easy roads make sleepy travellers. Another dangerous time is when all goes pleasantly in spiritual matters. Christian went not to sleep when lions were in the way, or when he was wading through the river, or when fighting with Apollyon, but when he had climbed half way up the Hill Difficulty, and came to a delightful arbor, he sat down, and forthwith fell asleep, to his great sorrow and loss. The enchanted ground is a place of balmy breezes, laden with fragrant odors and soft influences, all tending to lull pilgrims to sleep. Remember Bunyan's description: "Then they came to an arbor, warm, and promising much refreshing to the weary pilgrims; for it was finely wrought above head, beautified with greens, and furnished with benches and settles. It had also in it a soft couch, where the weary might lean." "The arbor was called the Slothful's Friend, and was made on purpose to allure, if it might be, some of the pilgrims to take up their rest there when weary." Depend upon it, it is in easy places that men shut their eyes and wander into the dreamy land of forgetfulness. Old Erskine wisely remarked, "I like a roaring devil better than a sleeping devil." There is no temptation half so dangerous as not being tempted. The distressed soul does not sleep; it is after we enter into peaceful confidence and full assurance that we are in danger of slumbering. The disciples fell asleep after they had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountain top. Take heed, joyous Christian, good frames are near neighbors to temptations: be as happy as you will, only be watchful.

Taken from C.H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*



PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017

*"Even them will I bring to my holy
mountain, and make them joyful in my
house of prayer: their burnt offerings and
their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine
altar; for mine house shall be called an
house of prayer for all people."*

ISAIAH 56:7

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THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness."

Psalm 143:1

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide	Bus Ministry
Glen Iris Baptist School	Children's Church
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)	Youth Ministry
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)	Senior Saints Ministry
WAY Television (Channel 47)	Ministry to Our Special People
Website (www.gleniris.net)	Benevolence Ministry
Visitation & Gospel Outreach	AWANA Youth Program
Jail Ministry	Ladies' Ministry
Music Ministry	Highland Manor Ministry
Nursing Home Ministry	Princeton Towers Ministry
Gospel of John Distribution	Monroe Home Ministry

TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Leah Dickey—Nursery	Randy Raiford—Young Adults Class
Kathi Lamb—Nursery	Pastor Lamb—Sunday School of the Air
Josh & Ashley Wilson—K4, K5	Buddy York—Faithful Followers Class
Mabel Otamias—1st, 2nd	Gayle Waits—Just for Moms Class
Charlotte Thornton—1st, 2nd	Joy Garrison—Special Adults Class
Valerie Rueckert—3rd, 4th	Ron & Sandy Haas—Children's Church
Jackie Young—3rd, 4th	Cathy Davis—Primary Church
Sharon Geraughty—5th, 6th	Donna Hancock—Primary Church
Pam Lollar—5th, 6th	Loraine Marcus—Primary Church
Gary & Doris Robertson—7th, 8th	Josh Hayenga—Special Church
John Robertson—7th, 8th	David Hollis—Special Church
Anthony & Anna Johnson—9th-12th	Jim Lollar—Superintendent

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

*The Travis Harris Family
Church Planting Missionaries*

Please pray for these requests:

- Pray for God to send someone to take over the work here at Faith Independent Baptist Church.
- Pray for continued souls to be saved and growth of the body of Christ.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Pacifico Otamias – UAB (Mechanical & Medical Distribution)

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS

HEALTH NEEDS

Janet Brock	Jackie Lightfoot	Terry Reymond
Wendell Coleman	Jani Pickett	Paul Rutherford
Jerry Dickey	Cindy (Duke) Reed	Bette Talley
Robert Duke		John Talley

HOME/NURSING HOME-BOUND

Sue Allen	Gwendolyn Higgins	Juanita Ogle
Constance Gray	Marlene Jackson	Helen Root
Montez Haley		Jureda Sullivan

DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Jim Lollar	Randy Raiford
Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays	Terry Reymond

SCHEDULED PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesday	7:00 P.M. – Auditorium
Sunday	9:30 A.M. – School Library
	5:00 P.M. – Classroom at bottom of stairs