

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

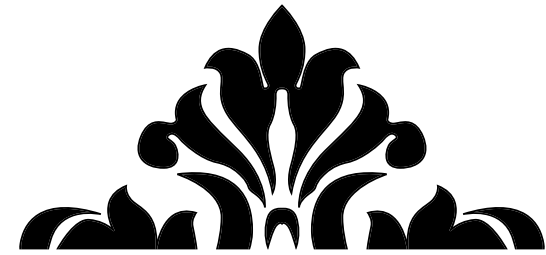
"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."
James 4:8



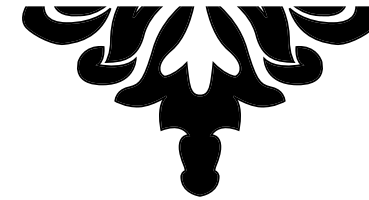
HE nearer we come to God, the more graciously He will reveal Himself to us. When the Prodigal comes to his father, his father runs to meet him. When the wandering dove returns to the ark, Noah puts out his hand to pull her in unto him. When the tender wife seeks her husband's society, he comes to her on wings of love. Come then, dear friend, let us "draw nigh to God," who so graciously awaits us, yes, comes to meet us.

Did you ever notice that passage in Isaiah 58:9? There the Lord seems to put Himself at the disposal of His people, saying to them, "Here I am," as much as to say: "What have you to say to Me? What can I do for you? I am waiting to bless you." How can we hesitate to draw near? God is nigh to forgive, to bless, to comfort, to help, to quicken, to deliver. Let it be the main point with us to get near to God. This done, all is done. If we draw near to others, they may before long grow weary of us and leave us; but if we seek the Lord alone, no change will come over His mind, but He will continue to come nearer and yet nearer to us by fuller and more joyful fellowship.

Taken from C.H. Spurgeon's *Faith's Checkbook*



GLEN IRIS
BAPTIST CHURCH



PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 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

*"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer,
and to the ministry of the word."*

Acts 6:4

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

*Matt & Becky Hancock
Missionaries to Cambodia*

Please pray for these requests:

- Pray for God to open the eyes of those whom we visit regularly.
- Pray for God's blessings on the weekly Saturday children's Bible club.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Emily Young – Pensacola Christian College

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS

HEALTH NEEDS

Janet Brock	Don Graham	Terry Reymond
Wendell Coleman	Lynn Howell	Doris Robertson
Jerry Dickey	Jackie Lightfoot	Bette Talley
Robert Duke	Jani Pickett	John Talley
Cynthia Frey		Stan Waits

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

SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF

Jonathan Dickey	LeGrand Lamb	Jani Pickett
Leah Dickey	Bethany LeCroy	Valerie Rueckert
Joy Garrison	Elise LeCroy	Melanie Saruse
Mary Beth Garrison	Natalie LeCroy	Brad Shaddix
Kathi Lamb		Charlotte Thornton