

"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, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

*"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



"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Habakkuk 3:2

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TEACHERS AND WORKERS

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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jeff and Carla Bassett

Reaching West Africa through Ivory Coast and East Africa through Uganda and planting churches in the North East Corridor of the United States

Please pray for these requests:

- Pray for so many new believers in Uganda who are being built up in the faith.
- Pray for health concerns for both Jeff and Carla.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Emily Young – Pensacola Christian College

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS

HEALTH NEEDS

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| Abby Allen | Robert Duke | Terry Reymond |
| Dawn Bond | Evelyn Graves | Doris Robertson |
| Janet Brock | Kathi Lamb | Gary Robertson |
| Wendell Coleman | Pastor Shane Lewis | Bette Talley |
| Jerry Dickey | Jackie Lightfoot | Gayle Waits |

HOME/NURSING HOME-BOUND

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| Sue Allen | Marlene Jackson | Juanita Ogle |
| Montez Haley | | Helen Root |

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