



First Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Sunday School 9:30AM

Sunday AM Worship 10:30AM

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A Prayer from the Heart

We speak about prayer often and about how important it is for the Christian to continually use prayer in our lives. There is power that is found in prayer as we come before the Father with our thoughts and concerns. But, we need to take care to come before the Lord with a proper attitude. *“We lift up our heart and hands toward God in heaven;”* (Lam. 3:41 NASB). The balance is to make sure that our prayers do not become monotonous and general. We must remember that God listens more closely to our heart than the announcements from our lips. Jesus cautioned his followers about this: *“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them...”* (Matt. 6:7, 8 NASB).

People pray in many different manners. The Bible gives many different examples as to how a person prays. There are those who will pray with their hands lifted in the air or they may prostrate themselves on the ground. Others will stand, while others kneel. Some speak loudly while others remain completely silent. Some prayers that are given are simple and may only take up a few moments, while another will speak

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Facts and Figures:

09-10-17	General Fund	\$ 2021.60
09-10-17	Missions	\$ 705.40
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09-17-17	Missions	\$ 455.31

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eloquently and at length with concerns and petitions. In all these cases, what makes a prayer most effective is not the posture of the person or the skillful way with words... it is the attitude of the heart. Our hearts must be lifted and open to the Lord, not just our animated hands and voices. This is what God gives attention to from Heaven.

As we enter the throne room of God with our prayers, our hearts need to be right, that is, pure and true in His sight. *“Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”* (II Tim. 2:22 NASB). *“If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear;”* (Ps. 66:18 NASB). *“let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

A heart felt prayer must also be from a believing heart in the Almighty that can accomplish all things. *“But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,”* (James 1:6, 7 NASB). When the Christian prays from a true, pure, believing heart, they can be assured that God will answer. *“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”* (James 5:16 NASB).

In His service,

Doug

September 22

First Day of Autumn

September 23

Lynn Community Food Pantry Open

7:30 am. Worship/Devotion
8:00 am. Breakfast
9 - 10:30 am. Food Distributed

September 24

12:00 pm. “Connection Overtime”

September 27

See You at the Pole (SYATP)

7:00 am. Meet at flagpole of schools across America

September 30

Mackey/Martin Wedding @ FCC

3:30 pm. Wedding Ceremony

October 01

National “Life Chain”

2 - 3:00 pm. Washington/Meridian Streets

October 08

4:30 pm. Missions Ministry Meeting

“Special Offering”

On Sunday, October 1st First Church of Christ will be taking up a “special offering” during AM Worship Service for the hurricane victims. This “special offering” will then be sent to I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Service), who we help support through our missions. One hundred percent of this offering will go to hurricane victims’ needs. If you would like to donate, but will not be here on October 1st, just send a check or money order made out to “FCC” and put in Memo “hurricane victims”. Thanks!

Food Pantry

Our local food pantry, which is housed at the Lynn Friends Church, will be open for food distribution on Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Truck delivery will be Thursday, September 21st at approximately 4:30 p.m. at Lynn Friends. Anyone who would like to help unload truck, please just come and we'll appreciate the help. Also, if you would like to restock shelves, we would appreciate that, too. Thank You!



"Connection Overtime"
Sunday, September 24
12noon

See You at the Pole Event
Wednesday, September 27
7:00 a.m.

"Life Chain"

On Sunday, October 1st the Pregnancy Care Center of Randolph County is hosting the National "Life Chain" in Winchester for one-hour from 2 - 3:00 p.m. at Washington/Meridian Streets. This is a *silent* vigil for Pro-Life. Approved, appropriate signs will be provided by PCC. No slander/abusive signs. If you would like to participate (and we hope that you do!), but cannot stand for the entire hour, you may bring a lawn chair. Come and Stand for Life!

Prayer Requests

Philip Brumbaugh, cancer (Ivan's brother)
Tammy Clements, cancer (teacher at Randolph Southern)
Ruth Cole
Cecilia Crowe, cancer (Vicki R niece)
Sue Haney, cancer
Lee Howard, cancer
Deb Johnting, cancer
Karmen Kellams
Antoinette Meyers, cancer (Karen Meyers' daughter-in-law)
Perry Meyers
Seth Mitchem, Kuwait (Shelby & Cindy Abrams' grandson)
Rex Ratcliffe
Cy & Gene Ann Riley
Bob Smith
Ted Thompson (Amy Alka's father)

Missions:

His Seed Sowers (Haiti)
Virginia Dugan, Executive Director
Continuing efforts to rebuild after the devastating earthquake of 2010 and also from Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Ambassador HealthCare:	Rm #130 Helen Gesell
Autumn Hills:	Helen Stewart
Crown Pointe:	Kathy Ratliff
Modoc Group Home:	Rochella Newland
Randolph Nursing Home:	Eula Newland
	Bob Stewart
Summers Pointe:	Burnita Johnting
	Rm #47 Barbara Quick
	Rm #38 Sue Spencer

Hurricane Harvey & Hurricane Irma Victims:

Please continue to pray for those in Louisiana, Texas, and Florida. First Church will be taking up a "special offering" to send to I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Service) for these hurricane victims.

These names and concerns are updated every month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.