

Watch and Pray

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 1st Peter 4:7



Once again I sit in my office on a Monday morning and reflect back on the past week or weeks and I am still seeing God at work in our church and also in the lives of our people. Every day someone is relating how God is doing something marvelous and God is moving. Our youth mission trip is going to be awesome so please pray fervently for them while they are away serving God by serving others. Cari and Andy Robertson are also away in Africa and we need to pray fervently for them as they serve in extreme conditions. We have some men's ministry opportunities coming up so we need to pray for them that God would empower the workers and open more doors. We are having visitors to our services and we need to pray for them as they worship with us. Your pastor is still seeking God's face to know what God wants us to hear so we need to pray that God will continue to speak through him as he preaches God's word. The staff is still faithfully laboring to lead and serve so we need to pray for them. People are in hospitals and nursing homes so we need to pray for them. Some people in our church are still seeking work so we need to pray for God to provide work. Some are facing surgical procedures so we need to pray for successful surgeries. The pastor search team is starting up their work so we surely need to pray for them as they go about seeking to find the man that God is calling to come and lead this wonderful church in fulfilling their God given vision and mission. Maybe there is a theme to my article this morning. We need to pray.

In this last 15 months we have seen many wonderful things happen. We have struggled through difficult situations all the while knowing that God is with us. We have seen people ministered to, lives changed, hopes rebuilt, excitement building and love abounding. When someone needed help there was always a Sunday School class or an individual standing there with open hands and open hearts willing to help. Yet this would not be possible without us praying. We need to remember that prayer changes things. Prayer moves the hand of God. Prayer changes our hearts, our motives, our purposes and our lives. The most precious gift God has given us outside of our salvation, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and God's word, is the gift of prayer. Listen to this prayer found in E.M. Bounds book on prayer.

The thing surpasses all my thought,
But faithful is my Lord;
Through unbelief I stagger not
For God hath spoke the word.
Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, "It shall be done!"

When we watch for opportunities and pray for God to continuously use us miraculous things happens. Let this be a church that watches and prays. May God richly bless you with all that you do for Him.

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Prayer Concerns

The following people have been added to our prayer concern list since our last newsletter:



Blanche Davis; Ruth Hawks, Sandra Dunbar's sister-in-law; Al Lowe; Roger Marion; Susan Simmons, Dot Tolbert's daughter; Don and Lavon Thompson; Cricket Westmoreland

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Edna Virginia Flippen in her death, mother of co-worker of Keith Doyle

Recent Contributions

In Honor of Paul and Jean Amburn

Ladies 3 SS Class

In memory of Rawley Amburn

Ladies 3 SS Class

In memory of William Haynes

Women in Mission

In memory of Raymond Hodge

Bill and Mary Lou Belton

Ken and Barbara Nowlin

Howard and Thelma Shelton

In memory of Carlos Surratt

Bill and Mary Lou Belton

J. A. and Claudia Bryant

Rachel Jackson

The Fred Jarrell Family

Men's II SS Class

Ken and Barbara Nowlin

Wilma Roberson

Mary Jo Roberts

Howard and Thelma Shelton

Guy and Mary Sparger

Women in Mission

Notes of Thanks

Dear Calvary Baptist Church, Thank you so much for your donation to the Children's Center—it is greatly appreciated. May God bless you in your giving.

Children's Center of Surry

Thank you for your kindness during Raymond's illness and death. Your prayers, visits, cards and food were greatly appreciated. You are truly a caring church.

Jessie, Jo and Norris

The Family of Raymond Hodge

To Calvary Baptist Church, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the gifts and luncheon (although we were unable to attend) given to me. I also want to say "Thank you" for allowing me to minister there for God's glory!

In Christ,

Tony Dalton

Helpful Reminders	July 18	July 25	August 1
Youth Snack Supper	TBA	TBA	TBA
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift	Uplift
	July 18	July 25	August 1
Bed Babies—4 years	TBA	TBA	TBA
Children's Church	Craig & Buffy Inscore	Katie Clifton, Lyndsey & Megan Berrier	Laurence & Yvette Townsend
	Traditional	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Danielle Sechrist Rachel Hull	Benny & Pam Lisk	Jan Varney Jane Sawyers
2 & 3 Year Olds	Debbie Howlett Juanita Nichols	Kent & Kyle Moser Dawn Stanley	Cathy Stevens Denise Cain
Children's Church	Anita Greene Libby Marion	Stephanie Hawks	Erika Martin

Sunday School Snippet

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

How do we control what goes into our lives? A while back, my wife purchased a wire mesh contraption that covers the kitchen sink drain opening and prevents food particles from going down the sink drain. Of course over time, letting these particles go down the drain can allow them to gather in the drain and eventually stop up the drain. Most kitchen sinks have a drain strainer which serves the same type purpose, but is also used as a stopper to keep water in the sink. This wire mesh is of a finer texture and traps more than the traditional sink stopper/strainer. It is amazing to see the amount of "material" that gets trapped in this wire mesh and usually we do not even realize what we are putting into our sink.

That opening may seem to be somewhat of a stretch, but then sometimes we may not even realize things we are putting into our lives. We need a "wire mesh contraption" to prevent unwanted particles from causing us problems. Sunday School can help to provide such a tool. Through Bible study and fellowship with others, we can trap things and prevent them from going into our life. If we watch what gathers in our wire mesh screen, we will also be amazed at the volume of particles. Of course the important thing is to work at preventing these things from getting into our lives and gathering inside. We do not necessarily need to keep a record of what it is or how much it is, as long as we recognize it and keep it from getting in. Pray that God will help you filter out particles that can cause problems in your life. Be a part of Sunday School and invite others as well. And with God's help, you can help others filter things in their lives.

Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director



Music Ministry Summer Schedule

The **Adult Choir** is taking a short break this month from regular rehearsals, but will continue to participate in worship on Sunday mornings. Wednesday night rehearsals will resume on **August 11** (7:15pm).

The **Handbell Choir** is on break for the summer, but will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 1** (6:30pm).

The **Uplift Praise Team** continues to rehearse every Thursday evening during the summer (7:30pm). If you are interested in participating with the praise team, or would like more information, please see Stephen Farrar.

