

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

**GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION**

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
- Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)

**Recent Additions:**

**Sandy Childress** (she is Richard Brundige’s sister-in-law and is undergoing treatment for breast cancer), **John Thompson** (he had his scan Friday and is scheduled to meet with the surgeon tomorrow), The Morelan’s daughter, **Gaye** (she has improved enough to go home!), **Taylor Osterling** (he is scheduled for the first of several major surgeries on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is this coming Thursday. Taylor is now 2 years old.)

**List:**

**Our members:** Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin, Paul Atkisson, John Thompson, Ron Tirey

**Others:** Paul Ayres, Charlene Antle, Lala Whitson, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein, Michael Poynter, Taylor Osterling, CJ Nash, The Shepherd family, Faye Hensley, Mary Wilson, Edith Tirey, Nilma Covington

<p><b><u>WEEKLY READING</u></b></p> <p><b>Sun:</b> Ps 21, Gn 21:1-21, 1 Ch 25, Lk 13:10-35</p> <p><b>Mon:</b> Ps 22, Gn 21:22-34, 1 Ch 26, Lk 14</p> <p><b>Tue:</b> Ps 23, Gn 22, 1 Ch 27, Lk 15</p> <p><b>Wed:</b> Ps 24, Gn 23, 1 Ch 28, Lk 16-17:10</p> <p><b>Thu:</b> Ps 25, Gn 24, 1 Ch 29:1-22a, Lk 17:11-37</p> <p><b>Fri:</b> Ps 26, Gn 25:1-18, 1 Ch 29:22b-30, Lk 18:1-30</p> <p><b>Sat:</b> Ps 27, Gn 25:19-34, 2 Ch 1, Lk 18:31-19:27</p>	<p><b><u>LEADERSHIP</u></b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b><u>ELDERS</u></b></td> <td><b><u>DEACONS</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garry Banks</td> <td>Troy Antle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Collins</td> <td>Richard Brundige</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Thompson</td> <td>Neal Erickson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Adam Litmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><u>EVANGELIST</u></b></td> <td>Bill Morelan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Litmer</td> <td>Jim Parsons</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pat Seabolt</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Matt Thompson</td> </tr> </table>	<b><u>ELDERS</u></b>	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b>	Garry Banks	Troy Antle	David Collins	Richard Brundige	John Thompson	Neal Erickson		Adam Litmer	<b><u>EVANGELIST</u></b>	Bill Morelan	Adam Litmer	Jim Parsons		Pat Seabolt		Matt Thompson	<p><b><u>SERVICES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday</u></b> Bible Study: 9:45 AM Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b> Bible Study: 7:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>1st Fri. of Month</u></b> Singing: 7:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>3rd Fri. of Month</u></b> Bible Study: 7:00 PM (Ask for location)</p>
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**There’s a lesson here**

Perhaps the scripture most well-known and oft quoted by godly parents who recognize their grave responsibility for rearing godly children is Proverbs 22:6, “*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.* We recognize that this passage does not guarantee that every child growing up in a Christian home will become and remain faithful to the Lord. But the passage does give us much assurance that if we will train our children properly, there is a high probability that each succeeding generation of Christians will be secured.

Consider carefully the idea of training. Training is not a one-time event; training is not very effective when it is done hit or miss; training has little impact when the trainer does not provide the example or model; training loses its gains when other influences are not countered on a timely basis. Training that occurs as described above is really no training at all. Training is a life-style.

Let’s look at the following definitions of training in light of scripture:

- 1) To develop or form the habits, thoughts, or behavior of (a child or other person) by discipline and instruction. “*Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.*” (Proverbs 29:17)
- 2) To make proficient by instruction and practice. “*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 3) To make a person fit by proper exercise, diet, practice, etc. “*for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*” (1 Timothy 4:8)

Godly parents train their children in two environments: the home and the assemblies of the church. The importance of children growing up in a godly home cannot be overemphasized. Yet it is so easy for parents to fail to realize how observant their children are and how quickly they become aware of inconsistencies between what they observe and what they are taught.

**Who will you tell about Jesus this week? Who did you tell last week?**

The worship assembly and other assemblies of the church also provide outstanding opportunities for parents to train up their children in the way they should go. Here are some things to think about. We know that we are to give on the first day of the week as we have been prospered. Having our children drop a coin or two in the collection basket will help train them in righteousness. We are to purpose in our hearts to give. As children grow older and perhaps receive an allowance or earn a few dollars, parental insistence that they return part of that to the Lord will help train them in purposeful giving. We are to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord and to teach and admonish one another through singing. Helping children locate songs by number, requiring them to hold a song book, seeing that they stand when the congregation is instructed to do so, helping them at home to learn the words of the songs will aid them to be trained up in the way they should go. Communing with God through prayer is an awesome privilege and is not to be engaged in lightly. What a wonderful opportunity public prayer provides for parents to teach their children reverence for the true and only God of Heaven. Partaking of the Lord's Supper is a solemn and reflective time, a time for parents to model the behavior they hope their children display during this time when they become adults. Every aspect of worship, including the public reading and exposition of scripture provides innumerable opportunities for godly parents to train up their children in the way they should go, so that even when they are old they will not have departed from it.

The Elders

### **“Teach us to pray”**

By Greg Litmer

In Luke 11:1, we are told that the Lord Jesus was praying in a certain place and that when He ceased His prayer, one of His disciples said to Him, *“Lord, teach us to pray.”* In response to his request Jesus gave this model prayer, very similar to the one found in Matthew 6:9-13. This was not a prayer to be memorized and then recited over and over again. Rather, it was in response to a request. The simplicity and directness of this same prayer makes it a wonderful model for us. Let us notice what Jesus said in verses 2-4.

*“When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”*

There are several lessons we can learn about praying from our Lord's example. First, we note that God is addressed as “Father.” He is not addressed as “The Lord God of Israel”, but as “Father”, an inclusive term. There is a universality of teaching here. He is also not addressed as Almighty, Creator, Ruler, or any other such appropriate designation; for “Father” is comprehensive enough to include them all. It is also true that “Father” brings to the forefront a loving and caring relationship.

The prayer shows that God is to be given reverence, homage, and respect. Note the phrase, *“hallowed be your name.”* Our prayers must first recognize that relationship God has with all His children, and magnify and glorify His name.

When Jesus spoke this simple prayer it was absolutely appropriate to say, *“Your kingdom come”*, because the kingdom on earth during the Messianic age, the church, had not yet come. It was nigh. It was at hand. But it was not here yet. The real idea was that of identifying their interests with the kingdom of God. It was God's will that must be done and it is no different today.

We must acknowledge our total submission to His will. The KJ shows Jesus saying, *“Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.”* The Lord not only taught this principle in the sample prayer, He demonstrated it in His life. Remember His words in Gethsemane? Jesus said, *“If it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.”*

The sample prayer of Jesus also called for a recognition of our complete dependence upon God; and bringing this to mind in all of our prayers serves to keep that dependence ever before our minds. We must note, however, that asking each day for the bread we need carries with it the efforts on our part to earn our daily bread. We are to work for it, fulfilling our part. Think of it in this way. When we pray for the borders of the kingdom to be increased, we are pledging ourselves to do our part.

We all need forgiveness and Jesus said that we should recognize that in our prayers. At the same time we should also recognize the uselessness of asking for forgiveness if we ourselves are not willing to forgive. By thinking about this with every prayer we will never forget that a willingness on our part to forgive is as much a condition of forgiveness as is our willingness to repent and confess.

His sample prayer also recognizes the reality of temptation. We will all be tempted and it is right and proper to pray that the temptations be few and that we will be able to bear them. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:13, *“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”* In prayer we can seek the assistance we need to recognize the “way of escape.”

Have you ever really thought about the blessing of prayer? It is an avenue of communication with God. It is always open and does not cost us a thing. God is never too busy to listen. In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul wrote, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

“What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear; what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer” (Charles s. Converse, *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*).

**Sermons:** AM Individual and church activity      PM Paul Fox will be preaching

**Reading:** AM (Matthew 26:1-16)      PM (Matthew 26:17-35)