

Thomas Village Baptist Church

February 2015



From the Pastor's Pen

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Prayer is so important, that the Lord instructs us to pray about everything. Not only is it important to the Lord, it is important to most people as well. It is rare that someone will turn down prayer, even if they are not a Christian. So why is this? God knows and most everyone else knows that prayer changes things. Let me share some examples:

It has been during some of my most anxious moments that I prayed to the Lord for help. During those times, I had a peace beyond anything I could explain or define, as I knew it came from the Lord. It has been in the middle of the night that the Lord impressed me to pray for an individual, a family, a couple, or a situation and find out later what the need was and how the Lord delivered. There has been those times when I was that person who was going through a trial or a time of testing, and I would receive a text message,

phone call or email from a brother or sister in Christ telling me they were praying for me even though they had no idea what I was going through. During times of ministering or counseling with someone in need of encouragement, guidance or comfort, that I've prayed and asked the Lord for the right words. The words that came forth were exactly what they needed to hear or the Lord may even silence me and say, "Just listen, Buddy." Which ever the case, it was through prayer that the Lord responded and changed things for his glory.

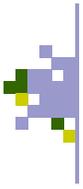
Prayer is so important, that the Lord instructs us to stay in a state of prayer. 1 Thes.5:17 pray without ceasing,. So what does that mean? It means to stay ready to pray. Whether you're driving down the road, lying in bed, watching TV, sitting a ballgame or reading a good book, stay ready to pray for whatever he impresses on your heart or the need you see in front of you. You may be watching the news, and they show a family in need or a car accident that happened

that day; "Just pray!" God may want to use you or your prayer to make a difference in their lives.

Church, your greatest gift to someone else is found in prayer. Also, the greatest gift you'll ever receive is the prayer of repentance with conviction from the Holy Spirit. It is during that prayer you receive the gift of eternal life through a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Yes church, prayer changes things; spiritual death to eternal life, physical sickness to spiritual healing, emotional distress to peace beyond understanding, and our darkest moments to the brightest day. When you don't know what to say, just say "Jesus!" HE changes things through prayer!

Pastor Buddy





SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

January 2015	
MEN	Paul Arwood
	Bill Bowen
	Joe Carter
	Jimmy Edwards
	James Hartsock
	Rick Holland
	Jay Keck
	Kent Lawson
	Keith Roach
	Dennis Stanley
	Dale Taylor
	Chet Wheeler

YOUNG COUPLES	Michelle Bowen
	Pete Chambers
	Wendy Chamber
	Allison Jerrell
	Scott Jerrell

LIFE LESSONS	Anna Carter
	Carolyn Dishner
	Pansy Flanary
	Patsy Fritz
	Nancy Rhoton

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

January 2015	
PAIRS & SPARES	Pauline Berry
	Ken Flanary
	Julie Fuller
	Kay Jessee
	Phillip Smith
WOMEN	Linda Arwood
	Mozelle Carter
	Yvonne Edwards
	Sabrina Holland
	Sharon Holland
	Ruby Keck
	Janey Osborne
	Ruth Osborne
	Hazel Stanley
	Margaret Wheeler

SINGLE YOUNG ADULTS	John Franklin
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YOUTH-BOYS	none
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YOUTH-GIRLS	Amy Hass
	Merri Hunter
	Connie Smith
	Emily Ward



Food For Thought

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Many times it seems over the last few months I have found it necessary to look up verses in the Bible to remind me of the grace and love that Jesus Christ our Lord provides us during our times of need. Our Lord provides protection and peace in our lives through his Word. These instances in our lives are used for more important growth for the future that our Lord provides. He is teaching us to depend on him in our helplessness.

We must always move into the future assured through our salvation and peace that He is in control. Our peace doesn't change depending on our surroundings or the external pressures that arrive in our lives. Jesus Christ conquered death and that in itself should provide a reassurance that can't be moved once we are comforted by that thought. We also have a relationship that we can go to the Creator himself when we just need to talk to Him to find a friend and find rest.

I know the Lord is faithful and He will provide a clear path of understanding in our journey for the future and his glory. I am prayerful the Lord will give us strength to build His Church to be all He wants it to be in this community.

I would encourage everyone to be seeking what the Lord wants them to do in this body for His glory. I know the Lord has a position or job for all of us to complete here, and that we need to be prayerful in determining that responsibility and dedicated to the fulfillment of that duty.



Your Brother in Christ,
Frank Pennington, Deacon

Birthdays

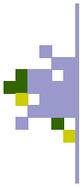
6-Feb	Richard	Holland
7-Feb	Nancy	Carter
7-Feb	Peggy	DeBoard
8-Feb	Pauline	Berry
8-Feb	Virginia	Bledsoe
10-Feb	Alex	Collier
15-Feb	Danielle	Chapman
15-Feb	Troy	Miller
16-Feb	Mardi	Stewart
18-Feb	Amy	Hass
19-Feb	Haley	Woods
22-Feb	Kristie	Carter
26-Feb	Nathaniel	Smith
28-Feb	Sage	Quillen

1-Mar	Lora	Smith
4-Mar	Jackie	Moore
5-Mar	Julie	Fuller
6-Mar	Scott	Carter
9-Mar	Bill	DeBoard
17-Mar	Jacob	Falin
22-Mar	Mozelle	Carter
23-Mar	John	Franklin
27-Mar	Adam	Miller
28-Mar	Eli	Stewart
29-Mar	Jack	Fritz
31-Mar	Don	Carter

Anniversaries

11-Feb	Shane & Tracie	Bowers
11-Feb	Matt & Lora	Smith
14-Feb	Buddy & Janey	Osborne
26-Feb	Jeff & Amy	Hass

3-Mar	Dennis & Teresa	Stanley
12-Mar	Phillip & Peggy	Stanley
17-Mar	Adam & Tabitha	Miller
21-Mar	Leonard & Nancy	Rhoton
25-Mar	Shelia & Gerald	Cantrell



Chris and Candice Collier welcomed Elijah Keith on January 6, 2015. He weighed 7 lbs 11oz. His grandparents are Larry and Sharon Collier. His big brother is Matthew Collier.



Chet and Margaret Wheeler welcomed their first great grandchild on January 27, 2015. Monet Isabella Posadas was born to Julia and Danny Posadas. The happy little family live in Lawrence, Indiana.



Words To Live By

Of all of the useful and glorious parts of our body, I believe that the tongue/mouth is the one that gets misused the most. The mouth and tongue were originally created to help us digest our food. The tongue was also used to help us communicate with others. I'm not sure if the original intent of the creation of our tongues to communicate with others was to include mean and hurtful words – do you? And yet our society has grown to accept that the bashing of others with our words and the hurling of lies and deceit through those words are okay. What happened to the world where we supposed to use our words to lift up and encourage each other? I think the Bible speaks pretty clearly to us about that in Ephesians 4:29: *Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (NLT)*

How do you use your words with family, friends, co-workers? Are you one of those that jump on the bandwagon to heap hot coals upon someone who is already burning up? Are you one of those that take the opportunity to throw discouraging words upon someone who is already down, using those things that you know hurt them to take them down even further? Or are you one of those that makes it appear as if you care for someone by saying 'oh poor so and

so' but are really taking that opportunity to use their predicament against them - you'd rather talk about them than pray for them? (The bible has a verse just for you that do - James 3:10 *And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!*) Do we get some sort of pleasure out of these thoughts and actions towards others? What about those times when we know someone is struggling or down and we take that opportunity to pounce on them when they don't do something that measures up to what our expectations are? I think that's called kicking them when they're down!

Oh those *words* that we throw around when we don't think about others or even care that our words matter. That old saying of 'sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me' really isn't true is it? If we think back to those things that stick with us the most throughout our lives it's those memories of words that were said to us or those words we spoke to others that we just can't seem to get past sometimes. Forgiveness takes strength and endurance on our part when dealing with people that want to hurt us. And according to the Bible, we really don't have an option if we want to be able to have our sins forgiven. In Matthew 6:14-15 is says: *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.*

¹⁵ *But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.* All of us have read at some point Proverbs 6 about what the Lord hates. In looking at verses 16-19, doesn't it all appear to center around things that hurt us and others? Look at what it says: *There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: ¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, ¹⁸ a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, ¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.*

As we travel down this road called Life, let's all try to be a little kinder – a little less harsh – a little more loving and encouraging. After all, who are we to want to tear others down when they may be the very one the Lord will send to encourage us when we need it?

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

Janey



Clinch Mountain Run Club



- **Where:** 1/2 mile track located on Technology Drive above HMG in Duffield
- **When:** Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 27th at 4:15 pm

This is a community run club and everyone is invited to participate by walking, jogging or running. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult to participate. This club is not school sponsored. The club is not responsible for injuries. Waivers must be signed by all participants. There is no fee to participate. The goal for those interested will be to participate in the Crazy 8 run in Kingsport on July 11th, 2015 and the Duffield Daze 5k in Duffield on September 5th, 2015. Entering these races is NOT a requirement to participate in the club. If you have any questions, please call Pete Chambers at [276-431-3498](tel:276-431-3498)

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Schedule of Services	
<i>SUNDAY</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
AWANA	500-7:00 p.m.
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Grades 8-12)	7:00 p.m.
Children's Group (K-7)	7:00 p.m.

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