

For What Do You Pray For Others?

Usually, when we pray for others, it is that God will restore their health or comfort them in their trials. Why do we limit it to so little? Can we not think of anything else to ask God with which to bless them or help them? The apostle Paul prayed often for others in the body of Christ. I find it amazing how much he could put into the most simplest of prayers. In Philippians 1.9-11, Paul prayed, ***"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."*** In our Bibles, the prayer is only three verses long; but the content is overwhelming.

Paul prayed that the Christians at Philippi would continue to grow in love (v. 9). He prayed their love for God, for one another, and for all mankind would abound more and more. We cannot pray for a better thing for our Christian friends than that they may abound in love. Nothing can improve their welfare more than growth in love. Do you remember what Paul said in the "Love" chapter of the Bible (I Corinthians 13)? He said, ***"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*** Isn't love at the very core of the gospel? Why did God send Jesus to earth? Love (John 3.16). What is the one quality that we share with God? Love (I John 4.8). What did Jesus say hinged the whole law of the Old Testament? Love for God and love for one another (Matthew 22.37, 38). When was the last time you prayed that love may abound in others?

Paul prayed that the Philippians would continue to grow in instruction (v. 9). He wanted their knowledge to increase. Isn't knowledge of God's Word that which draws one closer to God? The apostle Peter conclude his second epistle with the exhortation, ***"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3.18)***. Isn't having a thorough knowledge of God's Word the basis for which we maintain sound doctrine? Isn't it knowledge of the scriptures that increases our hope for that which is to come in heaven? James said, ***"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" (James 4.8)***. How do we grow closer to God? Isn't it through study and prayer? When was the last time you prayed that someone would continue to grow in knowledge of God's Word?

Paul prayed the Philippian Christians would continue to grow in purity (v. 10). The word ***"pure"*** figuratively means ***"tested as genuine,"*** thus, pure, sincere. The apostle wanted their Christianity to be without hypocrisy, authentic, and heartfelt. Their lives should be above reproach and without causing anyone to stumble. You will remember that Paul praised Timothy's genuine faith (2 Timothy 1.5). Is it not appropriate that we should pray the same for others? Certainly, this is a quality that all Christians would appreciate others petitioning God on their behalf.

Finally, Paul prayed that the church family would grow in righteousness (v. 11). Desiring their lives be filled with the right attitudes, words, and actions as that professing their faith in God. The apostle wanted their lives to be filled with the righteousness of God. When such occurred, then the fruits of such would certainly bring praise to God. Did not Jesus instruct us to do the same? ***"Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5.16)***. All we do in our lives should be for the purpose of bringing glory to God.

Can you believe Paul requested so much good to come to the Philippians that would strengthen their Christian lives and draw them closer to God? May we fill our prayers with just as many blessings to build up our brothers and sisters in Christ. As rich and interesting as this prayer of Paul is, what do you think you could gain from studying his other prayers?

Gary

A Successful Church

No matter what the undertaking may be, we desire to be successful. That can be no more true than when it comes to the success of the Lord's church. However, in the minds of many people, a successful church is measured in size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community. People often point to the mega-churches within our society as examples of successful churches.

While there is nothing wrong with size, numbers, facilities, and reputation within a community, not a single one of these characteristics is essential to having a successful church.

So, just what does make a church successful? Consider some of these qualities:

- ♦ Christians who humbly and quietly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives.
- ♦ Christians who unceasingly pray every day for the strength and stability of the Lord's church.
- ♦ Christians who are committed to moral living and whose goal is not to fit in with society, but whose goal is purity and godliness.
- ♦ Christians who love peace more than they do a fight; who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss; and who love words of edification more than the allure of gossip.
- ♦ Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and who re-affirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.
- ♦ Christians who understand the times, and who attempt to reach out to the world in relevant ways, while maintaining the purity of the gospel message.

Now these characteristics would make a successful church! And take note: It's not about numbers, size, or facilities. It's about inward transformation, a renewing of the mind, and conforming one's life into the image of Jesus. And here's the best news - it's within the grasp of every one of us.

Steve Higginbotham

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Good Morning church! Today we are featuring Randy & DeeDee McCoy in our Connection Corner.



Randy was born and raised in Abilene, TX. He graduated from Cooper High School where he won some UIL awards for Latin and excelled in his science and physics classes. He built his own astronomy telescope and observatory in his parents' back yard. Randy describes himself a "Nerd with a capital N." He was also very interested in music. He sang in his own band. He also played the violin and piano as well. Randy bought his own 4 track tape system, converted a shed to a recording studio and began earning money. He also went to work in the telecom business as a power engineer, doing drafting and mapping. The owner of the company started a reprographics company and Randy became the manager. Randy then went to work as manager for a doctor in town who started a 24 track recording studio. More on that in a moment... (start the foreshadowing music!)

DeeDee was born in Amarillo and graduated from Caprock High School where she was very involved in music, choir (more foreshadowing music here...) and Future Homemakers of America club. At 14 years old, DeeDee began attending a church and taught in their bus ministry, all the way until she went to college. She won a scholarship to West Texas State, but wanted to be among Christians and someday meet a Christian man to marry so she enrolled at ACU. (Ok, cue the dramatic music...) She joined an acapella chorus that wanted to record an album and it just so happened that the recording engineer hired was... Randy McCoy! During the sessions Randy was enthralled with her voice and smile that as soon as it was over he ran up and... gave her his business card! (He did ask her to call him.) She did, and they have been making beautiful music together ever since!

They soon married and began working with the TX Country Reporter TV program, where they shot video, wrote stories, helped set up studios and led bus tours for the show. They met Tom Landry, Nolan Ryan, Faith Hill and many other celebrities during their time there. Now they have their own business in the video and graphics industry here in Ft. Worth. Over the years they have been blessed with 2 children (including our own Sarah McCoy) and 1 grandchild. Randy leads singing often, and helps set up and run our online streaming services. They both help with VBS, our photo directory and much more. Reach out and get to know them; you'll be blessed and have some laughs too!



Truth For Today World Mission School is focusing its evangelism efforts on China in 2023. They have translated The Life Of Christ Commentaries into simple Chinese in a digital format. They are looking for Chinese Christians to use the commentaries and then send to friends and family in China. It is all free. If you know of anyone who fits this description and would be interested in participating, please contact Steven Yeakley at 501-473-0218.

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* *Shepherd of the month*

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steven Johnston

Song Leaders - Randy McCoy

Song - All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

Song - All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Song - What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Prayer - Milt Birmingham

Scripture - 2 Samuel 3:1-6

Song - In Memory Of The Savior's Love

Lord's Supper - Chuck King

Prayer for Contribution - Chuck King

Song - We Have Heard The Joyful Sound

Believing Vs. Living - Les Keele

Song - Is Thy Heart Right With God?

Announcements - Ross Tomlinson

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Ross Tomlinson

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Here is ours:
Thank You!*



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, June 5

Psalms 7 - 11

Tuesday, June 6

Psalms 12 - 15

Wednesday, June 7

Psalms 16 - 19

Thursday, June 8

Psalms 20 - 24

Friday, June 9

Psalms 25 - 28

Saturday, June 10

Psalms 29 - 31

Sunday, June 11

Psalms 32 - 34

Last Week

Bible Class:	121	Wednesday:	88
AM Worship:	213	Contribution:	\$ 19,056.91
PM Worship:	42	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

June 4, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Tom Pauley 2/24/2023	Was released from the hospital. They believe he had a series of 4 TIAs; but he is doing well now. 4620 Ocean Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76123	The medication to resolve his issues
Johnie Wright's family 5/4/2023	His cousin, Nancy Wright, passed away in Longview. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Comfort for the family
James Yawn 5/4/2023	He has been diagnosed with a break in his back. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Quick healing
Bill Baumann 05/04/2023	Has now been sent back to Willow Park Rehabilitation Betty Baumann: Harvest of Aledo: 1043 Bailey Ranch Road, Apartment #129, Aledo, Texas 76008	Better days
Makayla Johnston 05/17/2023	Was the victim of a hit and run accident and is having issues with her reconstructive surgery from last year. 108 Brock Hill Lane, Weatherford, Texas 76088	That everything heals and goes back to normal
Chris Intharansy 5/05/23	Heart ablation went well. 7812 Downs Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Quick healing and recovery

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
June 4, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Beverly Yarbrough, mother of	Angie Kirkpatrick	Is in ICU with a brain bleed and they are working on hospice arrangements.	Comfort 06/04/2023
Lyn and Danny Spain	Larue Bow	Their grandchild, DJ Spain, was born early weighing 1 pound .64 ounces and 12 inches long.	DJ to continue to develop and meet the benchmarks of childhood 06/01/2023
Ashleigh Hupp	Les Keele	In need of prayers.	5/25/2023
Madden Gore, nephew of	Lindsay Forehand	In need of prayers.	05/17/2023
Darlene Cervas, mother of	Steve Cervas	Is having health issues along with taking care of her handicapped daughter that broke her foot. Also, Steve's doctors have given him a year to live because of his cancer.	The whole family, especially Steve's wife, Linda, for God to carry her through 05/17/2023
Paula Hamrick, sister of	Patti Musselman	Is going for a 2nd biopsy, 1st was inconclusive.	Clean bill of health 5/15/2023
Alisun McLeroy, daughter-in-law of	Kristie McLeroy	Is in her 39th week of pregnancy and she is on bedrest and is also having breathing issues.	Full term healthy baby and mother 05/16/2023
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list 12/18/2022
Amy Maddox	Wincie Neusse	Is having kidney issues and has sepsis.	Doctors to figure out what is wrong, quick healing 05/12/2023
Candy (Kumcha Amre)	Joe Billman	She is having health issues. (972) 374-6694	Quick healing 05/07/2023

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently. Thank you.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes
salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

As a new encouragement opportunity, we will be posting an email for one of
our missionaries every two weeks. Please send words of love and support.

This week is:



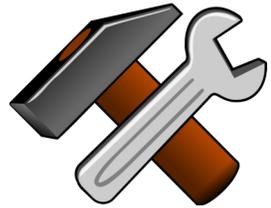
Samuel Ahenkorah and his email is:
samuelahenkorah1982@gmail.com



Youth Mission Trip

July 22-29

Meeting today (June 4) immediately following morning
worship.



Children's Bible Time will have a summer break from June until August. Beginning in
September we will expand the ages from 3 years old - 2nd grade. If you are older
than 2nd grade and would like to help some, you will need to sign up with the
assigned teacher.

Senior Sunday: June 25th

We will celebrate our seniors and all their hard
work . Tickets will be sold for the Senior Sunday
luncheon.

Our seniors are:

Aaron Adkins	Adam Davis
Makayla Johnston	Ben Keller
DJ Keller	Landon Kille
Jayden Clay	Jonathan Price

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April Food Bank Stats:

184 - Families Served
\$910.98 - Cost to WHCOC
5,729 lbs - Estimated
Weight of Food

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Beginning in June / Summer Quarter

Auditorium: I Corinthians: Russ Bartee

Young Married/Young Adults: I Corinthians:

Jay Garner

Room 207: Educational Building



BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6:00 PM.

VBS sign-ups:

are on the table in the foyer. Or scan our QR code. Make plans to participate in some capacity.

VBS will be June 25th- 28.



Betsy Strother has men's shoes size 8.5 to 9, narrow. If anyone is in need, please see Betsy.

Missing: One Photo Kit.

Please return to the office as soon as possible.



NEW ADDRESSES:



Yvonne and Aubrey Hallum have moved to The Westmore Senior Living Center; 25 Leonard Trail, Apartment #317, Westworth Village, Texas 76114. Their phone number is (817) 832-6561.

Jackie Jaso's new address is 2024 Tin Top Road, Apartment #1502, Weatherford, Texas 76086. Her new phone number (214) 682-5723.

Missy Hall's new address is 5601 Westhaven Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76132. Her phone number is (817) 870-6647.

June

Happy Birthday

1 Khamkhian Bounmany

1 Barbie Dekoker

3 Kathryn Sloan

4 Nancy Moody

4 Polly McCarty

7 Madeline Montanez

7 Skipper Reed

11 Carlos Wallace

12 Noah Johnston

13 Ben Meyer

19 Doris Chin (102)

19 Barbara Howard

20 Sisoupha Vilaysack

24 Delisia Torrez

24 Delores Reeves

29 Trey Markum

30 Jennifer Scott

Children

23 Kayla Moore

23 Alex Barte