

## Prayer

This month in the elders' corner we will be looking at the subject of prayer. How important is it to pray? When should we pray? How often and for what? These and many other questions will be answered. Please begin by studying the following verses:

**Isaiah 65:24** And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

**Jeremiah 33:3** Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

**2 Chronicles 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**James 5:16** Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**Matthew 7:7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

**Matthew 7:21-22** Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in the name have cast out devils? And in the name done many wonderful works?

Additional reading:

Mark 11:22-26; Luke 18:1-6; John 15:7,16; Romans 8:26; Ephesians 6:18-19; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; 1 Peter 3:12; Revelation 8:3-4



Mary Anderson is at Richfield Room (444.)

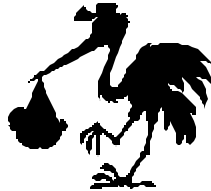
Doris Sledd, Kay Anderson's mother, is in RMH, (room 950.)

Mandy Tyler will be having her tonsils removed on March 14.

Steve Harrah is in RMH.

Remember the following in prayer: Betty Jenkins, Marguerite Charles, , Lynn Anderson, Margaret Kratz, Tirzah Cook, Keith Angelotti Tim Gearhart.

Congratulations to Paul & Yvette Mays on the birth of a daughter, born February 26, 2008. Chloe Jane Mays weighed 9 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces and all are doing well and should be home from the hospital.



*Happy Birthday this week to:*



Jo Hartman-3/2

David Mc Falls-3/3

Jerry Wood-3/5

Mandy Tyler-3/7

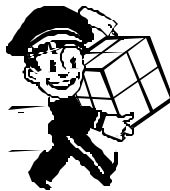
Glenn Neighbors-3/3

Barry White-3/4

Preston Duff-3/6

Luke Guard-3/8

**FEBRUARY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:** Dream Whip and ink pens. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



Don't forget to turn off your cell phones!!!

## Spring Teaching Quarter

The new Spring Teaching Quarter begins today. The following primary teachers will be teaching: Kristie Jearls, Amanda Brown, Susan Duff, Kim Brown, Lisa Valentine, Shree Lowe, and Michelle Earnhart.

The Middle School class will be Jeremy White teaching the OT on Sunday morning and Eric Earnhart "Talking about Jesus" on Wednesday evening.

The High School class will be Bob Garby teaching the OT on Sunday morning and Jim Harrington teaching "Science and the Bible" on Wednesday evening.

The auditorium class will be Tom Duff teaching the OT on Sunday morning and Eddy Gilpin teaching "Intertestamental History" on Wednesday evening.

The Fellowship room class will be a ladies class with Jeanny Gilpin teaching "A Course in Letter Writing" on Sunday morning and Don Pettit will be teaching "Hermeneutics" on Wednesday evening.

Remember our special series of studies on Sunday evenings (February 3-March 9). These are being advertised in the current issue of "House to House." Our subjects will be:

March 2—"Why Baptism in Water is Essential to Your Salvation"

March 9—"Why the Use of Mechanical Instrument of Music in Worship Is Sinful"

Please make an effort to invite someone you know to these last 2 lessons!!

### Elm or Evergreen?

Several years ago, The Wall Street Journal carried a story about Sally, an overly conscientious youngster who made herself miserable over the smallest failures and setbacks. Early one fall, while the leaves were still on the trees, there was an exceptionally heavy snowstorm. Sally's grandfather took her for a drive during which he said,

"Notice those elms; the branches are so badly broken that the trees may die. But just look at those pines and evergreens. They are completely undamaged by the storm. My child, there are two kinds of trees in the world, the foolish and the wise. An elm holds its branches rigid. As it becomes weighted down, eventually its limbs break. But when an evergreen is loaded, it simply relaxes, lowers its branches, and lets the burden slip away. And so it remains unharmed. Be a pine tree, granddaughter."

Christians who give all their cares to the Lord can face life's

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## For Your Information

### VENING AT WEST SIDE HOSTESS MEETING

There will be a meeting this afternoon at 4:00 for all ladies interested in hosting a table for this year's evening at West Side (aka Blue Dinner or Red Dinner). For this event to happen I will need hostesses for at least 12 tables.

### PRECIOUS MEMORIES

The kid's memory program will continue this evening at 5:40. Please consider this class when you enter the auditorium this evening.

### SPECIAL WEDNESDAY CLASSES

For the five Wednesday evenings of February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12 the Jr. High, Sr. High and Adult classes will be viewing the video series "The Silencing of God" in the auditorium. You are asked to make a special effort to be present for this informative series.

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Wednesday Fellowship Meal on March 5 at 5:45. It's Pie Night—sign up on the board and pay your \$5 at the door.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be on March 8 at 8 AM at Famous Anthony's in Salem.

### MEN'S RETREAT

Men's Retreat registrations are located in the tract rack in the foyer. The retreat will be on March 4&5 at the 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Our own Eric Earnhart will be speaking on Friday night.

### VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

5 weeks until Virginia Christian Camp. There is a list of items needed for crafts located on the board in the hallway. Please see Jo Ann or Melissa for details or to make your donations!

**Team 1** (Duff/Simms) will be sponsoring a *Sweethearts Dinner* on March 15 at 6:00. Please sign up on the board!

**Team 2** (Garby) will be having a Think Spring, Wear Green Fellowship on March 8 at 5 PM. Wear a green outfit and bring a dish with a green theme.

On April 5 at 5 PM we will be having a potluck fellowship at the home of Madolia Rosette.

Team Leaders be sure to get your events to the office by Friday, 8AM. Email is best!!  
office@westsidecofc-salem.com



## Teens

*March Dates*

*TBS ~ 3/16*

*Game Night ~ 3/28*

*Young Men conduct Services ~ 3/30*



*Winter Youth Devos:*

*March 8—Lake Drive*

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## WOW

The next meeting will be on March 11, 2008.

If you would be interested in coordinating the WOW Group functions, please see one of the elders.

### MILITARY

Ty Stricklin—should be home

(CA) by the end of March.

John Duran—overseas.

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq.



- It is probably harder to be honest with yourself than with anyone else.
- Converted does not mean that we are perfect, but that we are committed.
- It is always nice to be nice, and if you are not kind, you are the wrong kind..

**March 2008****Announcements**

Roger Mays

**Song Leader (AM)**

Eric Earnhart

**Opening Prayer (AM)****3/2**

Herb Baker

**3/9**

Greg Edwards

**3/16**

Bob Garby

**3/23**

Collin Gregory

**3/30**

Danny Guard

**Preside at Communion**

Jim Harrington

**Serve Table**

George Mellon    Jeremy White

Ethan Rogers    Ryan Simms

**Closing Prayer****3/2**

Gene Benefield

**3/9**

Mark Brooks

**3/16**

Josh Whitlow

**3/23**

AC Janney

**3/30**

Paul Mays

**Song Leader (PM)**

David Brown

**Opening Prayer (PM)****3/2**

Adam House

**3/9**

Jeff Durham

**3/16**

Wayne Dixon

**3/23**

Tom Rogers

**3/30**

Squeaky Valentine

**Scripture Reader**

Shawn Simms

**Closing Prayer (PM)****3/2**

Charlie Maness

**3/9**

Barry White

**3/16**

Crawford Keith

**3/23**

Bob Martin

**3/30**

Bob Garby

**Serve Table (PM)**

Cameron Brown    Sam Valentine

**Song Leader (Wed)**

Charlie Gwaltney

**Prayer (Wed)****3/5**

Jim Cooke

**3/12**

Preston Duff

**3/19**

Don Pettit

**3/26**

Lynn Shrader

**Open/Close Bldg**

Tom Duff

**Greeters**

Hartman    House

**Nursery Attend**

Claire Gray    Jo Hartman

**Ushers**

Curtis Oakes    Glenn Gabbard

**Handouts**

Bobby Paxton    Garrett Durham

Mark Brooks    Fred Altizer

**Alternates****Prepare comm.**

Susan Duff    Amanda Brown

**Cards & Pencils**

Sydney Durham    Rebecca Doss

**Last weeks attendance** 2/20&24/08

Bible Class— 143    Worship Service—165

Eve. Worship— 121    Wed. Service—149

Contribution—\$5042

**The Next Time**

Like so many others, I like trivia. It is interesting to hear and share little tidbits of information that are rare themselves or that are little known by others. Perhaps you have heard the following information about the early occurrence of Easter this year. Easter occurs on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring (which is why it is different from year to year). The earliest it can possibly be is March 22 and the latest is April 25. This year it will be March 23. The last time it was this early was in 1913 and the next time it will occur will be in 2160. The last time Easter was on March 22 (its earliest possible date) was in 1818, and the next time it will occur will be 2285. To witness Easter on its latest date of April 25 is not quite as rare. It last occurred in 1943 and will happen again in 2038.

One point of interest in regards to this is the precision of the universe. When you think about it, it is amazing that we can know when such an event occurred in the past and can tell with absolute certainty when it will occur next based merely upon the movements of the celestial bodies. That is design! And design demands a designer! "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God" (Heb. 3:4).

Another point of interest (and a very sobering thought) from this trivial matter is that the next time Easter occurs this early, none of us will be alive. Our world (if it still stands) will have changed in so many respects. The next 150 years will likely bring improvements in technology, communication, transportation, medicine, and most other areas. Those of us who live today will not be around to witness these things. That is simply the fact of the matter (Heb. 9:27). However, that time will find us still in existence- either in torment or paradise. So, where will you be the next time Easter occurs this early? You won't be on earth, but you will be somewhere. Where that is depends on what you do now with God's word. Think about it.

-Eddy