

Survey Says...

Survey says "How can I grow closer to God through prayer?"

How many times have you engaged in prayer this week? Daniel tells us that he, in spite of the king's decree, opened his window toward Jerusalem and prayed three times daily. (Dan. 6:10). Have you prayed three times today or three times this week? Without prayer we fail to bring ourselves into the full enjoyment of the blessings of God's kingdom. The bible tells us that prayer is the sincere desire of the heart expressed in words unto God (Rom. 10:1, Matt. 14:30 and Luke 18:13).

When and how often should we pray?

1. We are to pray without ceasing. Read with me 1 Thess. 5:17 "pray without ceasing". Colossians 4:2 "continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."
2. Pray when you get up. Pray before every meal. Pray at set times. Pray when you feel the desire. Pray with your family. Pray before retiring. Pray when you feel discouraged. Pray when you are happy. Pray whenever you must suffer.
3. Pray until prayer becomes a spiritual habit.

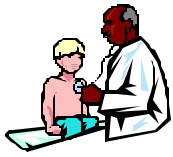
We can never pray too much. Our prayers should be regularly. Psalm 55:17 "evening and morning and at noon I will pray."

Do you want to grow closer to God through prayer? You can. You will feel better when you do. There are many things that we can't change on our own but through prayer God will hear us and answer us in one of five ways. Yes, No, wait, by giving us something altogether different or by giving us more than we prayed for. I encourage you to spend time in prayer. Grow closer to God and put your trust in Him.

I would like to give credit to brother Wendell Winkler who's work "Toward Spiritual Maturity" inspired me to write these articles.

I hope you've enjoyed playing the "West Side Family Feud". May God richly bless your life as you continue to find ways to grow closer to Him on your journey.

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Continue to remember in prayer:
**Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson,
Crawford & Martha Keith, Mariam
Majors, Steve Harrah, Betty Jen-
kins.**

WJ Wood is home from his stay at the hospital.

Kay Poindexter, friend of Shree Lowe, will have a double mastectomy on Dec. 8. Also remember Shree's friends, Donna Sowers, Becky Young, and Cheryl Campbell.

Happy Birthday this week to:



**Velda Gearhart—12/3
Mary Halling—12/4**



NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Markers & Crayons for the kids. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

In Iraq:



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New Teaching Quarter begins next week!!



Primary Teachers will be: Karen Munsey, Sandy Garby, Jean Argabright, Annette Shrader, Melissa Marshall, Charlene Guard and Greg Edwards.

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class will be:

New Testament taught by Marc Laplante and Jason Oldham.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Hall Class will be:

Practical Christianity taught by Jerry Anderson.

Sunday Morning Middle School Class will be:

New Testament taught by David Brown.

Sunday Morning High School Class will be:

New Testament taught by Squeaky Valentine.

Wednesday Auditorium class will be:

God's Relationship with the Nations taught by Eddy Gilpin.

Wednesday Middle & High School class will be in the fellowship room and will be:

Bible Bowl Preparation by Eric Earnhart.

Big Thanks to the following for a great Fall Quarter: Sandra Altizer, Sandra Neighbors, Dee House, Lori Cooke, Kay Anderson, Tammy Reed, Charlotte Harrington, Fred Altizer, Jerry Anderson, Jeff Durham, Bob Garby, Lyn Shrader, Richard Simms, and several ladies who taught the Wednesday evening class!!

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For Your Information



Teens

November Dates

Nov. 30—Young Men conduct Evening Services

Bible Bowl Questions are available!! Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Bidy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

Bi-Monthly Bible Bowl Study Sessions will be held in the large classroom at 5:00 on the following Sundays: December 7 & 21; January 4 & 18; February 8 & 22. Mock Bible Bowl will be held on Feb 14 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be provided. See Jim or Charlotte Harrington for details.

INTERNET SAFETY CLASSES

Internet Safety Classes will be taught here at the building on December 2 at 7:00 PM. Details are available in this issue of House to House and there is a sign up sheet on the board.

POTTER CHILDRENS HOME

The commodity drive is going on for Potters. WS is responsible for sugar free strawberry/banana Jello. A box is available in the foyer. They will be picking up the jello and gleaner cans during the first week in December.

Also the wish list for Christmas gifts are located on the board. See your team leader or Mike Durham (youth) for details.

EDP MEETING

December EDP Meeting will be on Sunday, December 7 at 4 PM.

CARDS/CRAFTS

All ladies are invited to help make cards/crafts on Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 in the Teachers' Resource room. See Melissa Rogers for details.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

December LNO, hosted by Jo Ann, Melissa & Lisa will be on Monday, December 8, at 6:30 at Jo Ann Edwards home. Bring a gift wrapped ornament for the gift exchange and your appetite. If you've never been, ask around—It's lots of fun and food!

EDUCATION BANQUET

The Education Appreciation Banquet will be on Saturday, February 21, at 5:45. This is for all teachers, resource workers, helpers and their spouses or special friends. Reserve this evening for food and lots of Christian fellowship!

WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, at 10:30.

Upcoming Events:



The Teams will combine and have a New Year's Eve Celebration here at the building on Wednesday, December 31, after services. Make plans now to attend and details will be coming!



December 2008**“The End”**

Announcements	Mike Durham
Song Leader (AM)	David Brown
Opening Prayer (AM)	
12/7	Collin Gregory
12/14	Glen Hartman
12/21	Bobby Martin
12/28	Charlie Gwaltney
Preside at Communion	Danny Guard
Serve Table	Jim Harrington Norris Gearhart Bradford Durham Garrett Durham
Closing Prayer	
12/7	Jim Cooke
12/14	Jeremy White
12/21	Sam Valentine
12/28	Luke Guard
Song Leader (PM)	Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (PM)	
12/7	Squeaky Valentine
12/14	George Mellon
12/21	Richard Simms
12/28	Jeff Durham
Scripture Reader	Sam Valentine
Closing Prayer (PM)	
12/7	Paul Mays
12/14	Barry White
12/21	Charlie Maness
12/28	Jason Oldham
Serve Table (PM)	Shawn Simms Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (Wed)	Sam Valentine
Prayer (Wed)	
12/3	Tom Rogers
12/10	Charlie Gwaltney
12/17	Charlie Puckett
12/24	Mitch Jearls
12/31	Mark Brooks
Open/Close Bldg	Squeaky Valentine
Greeters	Glen & Sandra Neighbors Bobby & Peggy Paxton
Nursery Attend	Amanda Brown Kim Brown
Ushers	Bob Garby Curtis Oakes
Handouts	David McFalls John Black Jeremy White Cameron Brown
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	Lisa Valentine Jo Ann Edwards
Cards & Pencils	Jimmy Harrington Dylan Tyler

Last weeks attendance 11/23&26/08

Bible Class—143 Worship Service—173
 Sunday Eve.—138 Wednesday Eve.—147
 Contribution—\$4572

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Time is running out on yet another year. As difficult as it is to believe, just a few more days and 2008 will be history (just when you were getting used to writing it on your checks). The end of the year is in sight as we turn the calendar to December. As we do so, let us consider the phrase “the end” as presented in Scripture. The phrase

itself is found in 148 verses in the King James Version, providing ample material for such an examination.

“And God said unto Noah, **The end** of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth” (Gen. 6:13). Ironically, it is in “the book of beginnings” that we find the first occurrence of “the end.” It is in the familiar story of Noah’s flood. Because of man’s wickedness God saw fit to destroy humanity. Corruption and violence had filled the earth (Gen. 6:11, 12). God’s word calls that generation of men “the world of the ungodly” (II Pet. 2:5) and reveals that it “perished” (II Pet. 3:6). Although it would be 120 years between God’s decision to destroy that world and God’s destruction of that world (Gen. 6:3; I Pet. 3:19, 20; II Pet. 2:5), “the end” of it came. In like manner, God has determined to destroy this current world; not with water, but with fire (II Pet. 3:7-12). “The end” of it will come as surely as did the world of Noah’s day.

Few accounts have received greater ridicule by man than the story of Noah’s flood. Then again, that same mentality makes fun of the catastrophic end of this world and the promise of His coming (II Pet. 3:3, 4). However, just as surely as that world ended, so shall this current. Just as surely as we turn the calendar from November to December and from 2008 to 2009, God will one day bring about “the end” of this world. Our Lord revealed that the people of Noah’s day were carrying on with their lives, oblivious to the fact that destruction was about to befall them (Mt. 24:37-39). From that occasion He looked forward to His second coming and revealed how men would likewise be conducting their lives as if nothing out of the ordinary would take place. The message which Noah’s world refused is the same message of preparedness which our world has received.

The question is, will we be ready when “the end” comes?
 -Eddy