

March 10, 2024

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Luke Hobson

Opening Prayer
Caleb McMillin (A.M.)
Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Andy Reese (A.M.)
Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Danny Shackelford

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (03/13/24)

OUR RECORD March 3, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 87
Sunday Morning Worship: 99
Sunday Evening Worship: 156 (Youth Night)
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

DOES PRAYER REALLY WORK?

Mark Lindley

One of the great privileges of the Christian life is the opportunity to approach the heavenly Father in prayer. God's people are encouraged to draw near to the Father's heavenly throne with boldness, seeking help in time of need.

Sometimes, Christians get discouraged and may wonder if prayer really works. One might say, "I prayed that God would heal my loved-one, but now my loved-one is dead. Why did my prayer not work?" I suppose we all struggle with the question, "Why?" The answer to the question is not always easy to understand, and, frankly, in some instances we may never find an answer that satisfies.

Nevertheless, Christians can know with all certainty that God hears and answers prayer.

Biblical proof of this is 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." This passage declares that "prayer...availeth much." In other words, prayer not only works, but it also works powerfully and accomplishes much! This should settle the issue for everyone who believes the Bible—God really hears and answers prayer. Prayer works!

But notice the kind of prayer that works. The verse cited from James chapter 5 indicates that an "effectual fervent" prayer is the kind that works. The term "effectual fervent" means "powerful or energetic." Prayer that avails is not merely uttering words in a cold, routine manner. It is not simply "saying" a prayer, but rather it is "praying" a prayer with sincerity, eagerness, and faith. The one praying pours out his heart to God.

Another characteristic of prayer that works is that it is prayed by "a righteous man." A righteous man is one who is just and holy, one who is a faithful child of God. God does not promise to honor the prayers of those living in rebellion to his will (Psalm 66:18), but the prayers of his righteous children avail much.

God does not always answer prayers with a "yes." However, God's people have assurance that God hears; He cares; and He answers according to his divine will.

In view of these thoughts, how comforting it is when a righteous child of God says, "I'll be praying for you." No wonder Paul encouraged, "Brethren, pray for us" (II Thessalonians 3:1).

Be All That You Can Be By Clifton Angel

"I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's Army." From 1980 to 2001, the popular recruiting slogan was used to imply that it is only in the United States Army that you can "Be All That You Can Be." While the U.S. Army is pertinent to our nation and has a lot to offer to recruits, it is not the army where one truly can reach his fullest capacity. Rather, the Lord's Army is the only place where you can "Be All That You Can Be."

You see, it is only in the Lord's Army that the Captain of the Host is perfect. He's been through the drills; He's passed every test. He has experienced every temptation that His soldiers can experience, and yet remained without error through it all. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

Furthermore, it is only in the Lord's Army that the Captain of the Host has all power. No doubt, captains in the U.S. Army have great authority and ability, but they do not have complete authority and ability. In the Lord's Army, the Captain has ALL power. He is on record as saying to some of his soldiers, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18).

Finally, it is pertinent that we understand that it is only in the Lord's Army that the Captain of the Host offers ultimate protection. The U.S. Army is strong, but protection lacks in comparison to the Lord's Army. Even with the great strength of the U.S. Army, the faithful soldier can lose and the entire nation can lose. Such is not so in the Lord's Army. For, He is the Captain of our eternal salvation from sin (Hebrews 2:10), and He has guaranteed victory for the faithful soldier: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation 3:21).

Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism for remission of sins grants you an entrance into the Lord's Army. Are you in His Army? If yes, are you endeavoring to "Be All That You Can Be"? "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17). "I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's Army."

NEW DIRECTORY

We are doing new directory for church and will be needing your pictures. Send Caleb your pictures at 662-882-8754 or timcalebmac@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations

to MR. & MRS. RICHARD STEPHENS!
Susan Yancey and Richard Stephens were united in marriage this past Saturday.

BRIDAL SHOWER

FOR AVA GREENE & CALEB MCMILLIN

Saturday, March 16th

3 pm to 5 pm

Men & Women are invited

Chapman Fellowship Hall

They will be married April 22 in Indiana.
Registered - Amazon & Gift of Gab

GOSPEL MEETING

March 17-20, 2024

Speaker: Wayne Cox
Verona Church of Christ

Sunday: 10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
12 Noon Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM Evening Service

7:00 PM Mon - Wed

FIFTH SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
12 Noon Fellowship Meal
1:30 PM Evening Service

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Whitlee Grisham (Great Granddaughter – Juanita Michael), Carolyn Estes (Sharon Pannell's Aunt)

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY: Mason McAlister, Betty Derrick, Connie Koon

SURGERY RECOVERY: Ella Shackelford, Dani Kate Childs

HOSPITAL: Melrose Roberson (Luke Hobson's Great Grandmother)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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