

Growing in Prayer

By David Wright

Are you interested in having a more stimulating private prayer life? If so, the five biblical suggestions described below should help:

Pray in Unusual Places. Jesus went up into the hills to pray (Matt. 14:23), and Paul knelt in prayer on the beach (Acts 21:5). Praying in an unusual place is spiritually invigorating, and the place doesn't have to be exotic. Stepping out on the back porch at night or even choosing a different room in the house may enhance concentration.

Pray at Odd Times. It's easy to make a biblical case for scheduled prayer (Acts 3:1), but praying at unusual times may often prove more refreshing. At least on one occasion, Jesus prayed "all night" (Luke 6:12). Anything we do on a set schedule may begin to feel predictable and boring.

Vary Your Prayer Language. Jesus said, "When you pray, do not heap up empty phrases" (Matt. 6:7). Is a good prayer necessarily eloquent? No, but it is fresh and heartfelt. Instead of asking the Lord to bless the sick, the afflicted, and the distressed, we should plead with him to meet the specific needs of named individuals.

Meditate on the Psalms. It would be hard to find prayers more rich, varied, and moving than those collected in the Old Testament book of song and prayer. These powerful prayers can become our own. For instance, if we have sinned and feel ashamed, we may find that the words of Psalm 51:9-11 perfectly express our sorrow, fear, and longing for renewal: "Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."

Experiment with Various Postures and Styles. The people of the Bible prayed while standing, kneeling, and even lying facedown. Sometimes they prayed silently. Sometimes they prayed aloud. Does your prayer life reflect this refreshing variety?

1 Tim. 6:6-19 "Pay Your Debts" (AM)

Eph. 5:25-27 "Understand Your Wife" (PM)



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Elders: Monty Lawley, Larry Mathis, Steve McClelen
Deacons: Jason Turner, Leslie Thomas, Rodney Yarbrough, Hesikiah Williamson, Willie Coleman, Sr.

Pulpit Minister: David Wright Youth Minister: Leslie Thomas

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

Visitors, we are glad you came and hope you will fill out the pink side of the visitor card on the back of the pew in front of you. We have an attended nursery for infants to 18 months. Please come back.



Lisa Pack, Jami Wilkin son' s good friend, has been diagnosed with incurable but treatable lung cancer.

Barbara McDonald had surgery on Monday. She is at home recovering; and is having a lot of pain.

Zelma Floyd fell at the nursing home on July the 30th. She is still having pain. Her appointment with and orthopedic Dr. is August the 2Qth,

Lisa Ray has been in the Dr's hospital in Dallas. She has colitis.

Please continue to remember to pray for those that are recovering from recent surgery/ illness:

Dudley Robertson, Jesikah Sexton's mom Leane Newhouse, Melba Jean Mathis, Nadine Tunnel.

Memorial Service: The memorial service for Jean Landess has been scheduled for September the 7th, 10:00 am, here at the church building

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for the giveaway. This event was great! The evangelism team met lots of young families and children.

55 & Better is Thursday evening at 6:00. The meal is pot luck . A couple of our ladies will be performing a skit called "Graveside Comments."

Aug 19 Jason Merciers
 Aug 20 Amanda Lisle
 Aug 20 Aiden Ponder
 Aug 20 Jonnie Rowden
 Aug 23 Roddy Wilkinson
 Aug 23 Janis Wisdom
 Aug 25 Tina Landess
 Aug 26 Terry Tunnell
 Aug 28 Melba Jean Mathis
 Aug 28 Allyson Ponder
 Aug 28 Kolby Rozelle
 Aug 29 Ronald Brown
 Aug 31 Roland Jones

Aug 18 Willie & Joyce Coleman
 Aug 20 Gary & Mary Will i s
 Aug 22 Steve & Janet McClelen
 Aug 24 Bill & Pat Slayton
 Aug 30 Jerry & Charlene Perkins

Dinner with Family meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30- 6:45. It's okay if you are late . You are still welcome. Only \$2 dollars for each person or \$5 dollars for a family. Joyce and Paula want to especially encourage Christian men to come and lead the prayer before the meal! And if you cannot make it in time to eat they will fix you a to go box. Iust text or call and let them know. (loycecell:214 - 674- 2471,

2019 FALL BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Room: Nursery **Ages:** 0-18 months.
Teachers: Sunday: Amanda Lisle and Freida Condrey; **Wednesday:** Kristi Rozelle

Room: 20 **Ages:** Pre
School
Teachers: Sunday: Dessie Sexton and Gloria Shepherd; **Wednesday:** Time Traveler Puppets. Upstairs Theatre

Room: 09 **Ages:** 4-5 year olds
Teachers: Sunday: Scherrie Mayfield and Leslie Robertson **Wednesday:** Time Traveler Puppets. Upstairs Theatre

Room: 18 **Ages:** 1st-3rd grade
Teachers: Sunday: Casey Daugherty and Donna Ritchie **Wednesday:** Time Traveler Puppets. Upstairs Theatre

Room: 8 **Ages:** 4th - 6th grade
Teachers: Sunday: Madilyn Mitchell
Wednesday: Kodie Martin and Cole Thomas

Room: Annex **Ages:** 7th - 12th grade
Teachers: Leslie Thomas and Monty Lawley

ADULT EDUCATION Sunday Morning:

Auditorium: Jason Turner - The Passion AND the Glory

Room 1: David Wright - Multiply: Growing Through Discipleship

Fellowship Room: Steve McClelen - Worship Through Song, Without Singing

Room 2: Hesikiah Williamson - First Principals

The elders and deacons will meet this Wednesday night, August 21.