

**Prayer: An intimate connection to God
By: Pastor Jeff**

As I have been thinking about what I would write in the next Enlightener Article, in my life I have become more and more aware of the immense need to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17). I think as Christians we at times undermine the connection and power that is in prayer. According to christianbibleference.org in the King James Bible the word “pray” is mentioned over 300 times, and over 100 in the NASB version. Likewise the word “Praise” is mentioned 248 times in the KJV and over 200 times in the NASB. Isn’t it interesting that praise and prayer are mentioned a lot throughout God’s Word? I think not.

From the beginning of creation, God designed humanity for relationship with himself. Take a look at Genesis 3 right after Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, God was looking for them (see Gen3:8-10). Yes Adam and Eve sinned and were hiding. Yet God was looking for them. Even in our deepest moments of shame and loss, God wants to hear from his children. Isn’t that what every good father wants? To talk with them. To bring the troubles that we can’t bear ourselves, to find comfort? To be forgiven? To find Strength and peace?

Even when we sin against a Holy God, we can find forgiveness and freedom when we confess our sin (1 John 1:9). How do we confess our Sin? By speaking the words out loud in prayer. James 5:13 says, “ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise” (ESV). Verse 16 says, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”. Even as I read that passage, the power of prayer stands out. So we wonder why we may be stuck or not see God moving? Have you sought the father in prayer? Do you believe that God will answer (although it may not be the answer we are hoping for). You see Prayer isn’t always about the answer, sometimes as it is about the relationship and trust we build while seeking the Loving father in prayer.

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The Enlightener

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened....” Ephesians 1:18

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OUR MISSION:

**TO
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Serving February 9, 2020	Serving February 16, 2020	Serving February 23, 2020
<u>Ushers</u> Doug Watson Billy Kretzer Cort'Ney Turner Steve Haer	<u>Ushers</u> Don Jones Mark Vincent Mark Alexander Tim Kelley	<u>Ushers</u> Corky Cundiff Gary Lowrance Don Lawrence Steve Cole Ron Leeson
<u>Invocation/Intercessory</u> Rodney Cole	<u>Invocation/Intercessory</u> Steve Lewis	<u>Invocation/Intercessory</u> Mark Vincent
<u>Classic Service Greeter(s)</u> Doug & Roberta Watson	<u>Classic Service Greeter(s)</u> Betty Sybert	<u>Classic Service Greeter(s)</u> Vinita Ware
<u>Contemporary Svc Greeter</u> Deidre Turner	<u>Contemporary Svc Greeter</u> Debbie Lewis	<u>Contemporary Svc Greeter</u> Dawn Rasco
<u>Welcome Center</u> Debbie Walker	<u>Welcome Center</u> Caryl Walker	<u>Welcome Center</u> Don Lawrence
<u>Security Team</u> Team 2	<u>Security Team</u> Team 3	<u>Security Team</u> Team 4
<u>Classic Service Nursery</u> Steve & Debbie Cole	<u>Classic Service Nursery</u> Roberta Watson	<u>Classic Service Nursery</u> Doug & Jamie Nigh
<u>Contemporary Service Nursery</u> Jason & Christie Lightle	<u>Contemporary Service Nursery</u> Ashley Davis	<u>Contemporary Service Nursery</u> Anne Toalson
<u>Van Driver</u> Harold Morgan	<u>Van Driver</u> Kelly Speer	<u>Van Driver</u> Mark Vincent

<u>01-05-2020</u>	<u>01-12-2020</u>	<u>01-19-2020</u>
BUDGET OFFERING		
<u>WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS</u>		
\$7,263.00		
<u>BUDGET RECEIPTS</u>		
\$12,296.75	\$5,101.27	\$6,112.69
<u>BFT RECEIPTS</u>		
\$50.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
<u>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</u>		
\$461.37	\$607.00	\$1,723.50

<u>DEACONS OF THE WEEK</u>		
<u>Feb 9, 2020</u>	<u>Feb 16, 2020</u>	<u>Feb 23, 2020</u>
Darin Gragg 428-2062	Aaron Jones 324-0170	Don Jones 324-5664
Steve Haer 646-9239	Tim Kelley 387-3554	Ron Leeson 324-4384

<u>VISITATION TEAM</u>		
<u>Feb 9, 2020</u>	<u>Feb 16, 2020</u>	<u>Feb 23, 2020</u>
Caryl & Debbie Walker	Tim & Donna Kelley	Donna Morris Valinda Robertson

<u>PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS</u>		
<u>Feb 9, 2020</u>	<u>Feb 16, 2020</u>	<u>Feb 23, 2020</u>
Gary Cole	Gary Lowrance	Kevin Cole

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>January 26, 2020</u>	<u>February 2, 2020</u>
<u>CLASSIC SERVICE</u>	
154	166
<u>STREAMING</u>	
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<u>CONTEMPORARY SERVICE</u>	
125	138
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
167	162

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY please call Pastor Dan @ (816)261-7271. **If no answer in the office on a work day**, please leave a message on voice mail and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 9, 2020 - February 15, 2020

February 9: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time
8:30am Classic Service
9:40am Sunday School
10:45am Contemporary Service
11:30am Connection Luncheon

February 10: MONDAY

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

February 11: TUESDAY

February 12: WEDNESDAY

9:30am Women's Bible Study
5:15pm Dinner - Debbie Cole's group
6:00pm Youth - Student Ministry
6:00pm Adult/Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Children's Activities & Crafts
7:00pm Choir
7:30pm Praise Team Practice
7:30pm Men's/Boy's Basketball

February 13: THURSDAY

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

February 14: FRIDAY

February 15: SATURDAY

8:00am Upward Basketball - all day

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 16, 2020 - February 22, 2020

February 16: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time
8:30am Classic Service
9:40am Sunday School
10:45am Contemporary Service

February 17: MONDAY

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

February 18: TUESDAY

February 19: WEDNESDAY

9:30am Women's Bible Study
5:15pm Dinner - Debbie Walker's group
6:00pm Youth - Student Ministry
6:00pm Adult/Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Children's Activities & Crafts
7:00pm Choir
7:30pm Praise Team Practice
7:30pm Men's/Boy's Basketball

February 20: THURSDAY

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

February 21: FRIDAY

February 22: SATURDAY

8:00am Upward Basketball - all day

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 23, 2020 - February 29, 2020

February 23: SUNDAY

8:15am Prayer Time
8:30am Classic Service
9:40am Sunday School
10:45am Contemporary Service

February 24: MONDAY

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

February 25: TUESDAY

10:00am Second Harvest Food Pantry

February 26: WEDNESDAY

9:30am Women's Bible Study
5:15pm Dinner - Donna Speer's group
6:00pm Youth - Student Ministry
6:00pm Adult/Men's Bible Study
6:00pm Children's Activities & Crafts
7:00pm Choir
7:30pm Praise Team Practice
7:30pm Men's/Boy's Basketball

February 27: THURSDAY

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

February 28: FRIDAY

February 29: SATURDAY

8:00am Upward Basketball - all day



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Technology

Dan Mefford

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Senior Adults/
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Stephanie Mefford

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4Givin' Praise

Musician(s)

Meredith McDonald

Custodian

Terry Toalson

Part-Time Custodian

Ruthie VanSchoiack

Secretary

Roberta Watson

*Second
Around*

We have SEVERAL loveseats, couches, and chairs to give away. Please see Terry Toalson if you are interested in any of these items.

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Youth NEWS AND EVENTS

February 7th - Snow Creek Tubing

February 16th - Valentine's Banquet

March 4th - Andrew County Ministries

March 20th - Guys/Girls Night



WALL OF HONOR

Do you have names of Military Personnel that is currently serving our Country? If so, please get those names to the church office for our Honors Bulletin Board.



I want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and food for Christmas and my birthday!

Cathy Newberry

Hedy Buis and family would like to thank her church family for allowing them to use the church for Hedy's birthday party. They also want to thank everyone that attended.

Hedy Buis, Eilean (Buis) McCauley & Family, Jim Buis & family, and Tom Buis & Family.

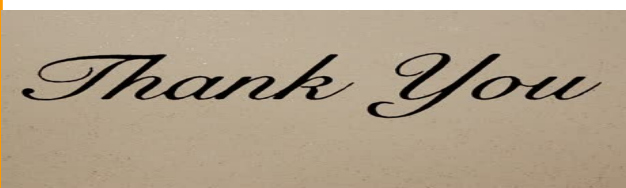


We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve in the Nursery during Sunday School. This would be on a rotating basis, so you would only miss your Sunday School class once in a while (depending on how many people we have sign up). Please contact the church office.

To the FBC Savannah family,

Suzanne and I want to thank you for the beautiful retirement plaque and for allowing us to serve this church last 5 years as Worship Minister. We also want to thank the church for the retirement dinner and for those who worked so hard in it's preparation. May Jehovah continue to bless this church and its ministry in Savannah.

Greg and Suzanne Smith



The next Enlightener date will be:
February 19, 2020
Submission deadline - 02/14 by 9am



Our youth group is hosting a Valentine's Banquet on Sunday, February 16th. This is a spaghetti meal with dessert at a cost of \$10 per person. The tickets have two serving times - 12:15 PM and 1:30 PM. Please have your reservations turned in by February 9th to Jeff Davis, Ashley Davis, or any of the youth leaders - Doug Watson, Roberta Watson, Kodi Moore, Mark Alexander, or Cort'Ney Turner.

Questions, see Jeff or Ashley Davis.

Funds from this event will go directly toward our youth mission trips/youth camps.



Welcome Babies

If you know of a new born baby that is new to the community, please let the church office know.

We have HANDMADE baby blankets that women of the congregation have made to welcome little ones into our community.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or speak with Carole Paxton or Roberta Watson.