

Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

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“...let us consider how we may encourage one another”
Heb. 10:24

January 1, 2023

Do I Pray Like Jesus?

In Matthew 26:36-56, Jesus poured out his heart in prayer to the heavenly Father. Do I pray like Jesus?

I am much better at teaching others from the example of Jesus in Gethsemane than I am at following Jesus' example. This is what I tell people. Is there something you urgently and desperately want or need from God? The only way to be content without it is to ask God for it As Urgently and Desperately As You Desire or Need it. What if we only ask calmly or reservedly and we don't receive it? We will always have to wonder what might have happened if we had told God how we Really feel, and how much we Really need or want that blessing. We should fervently and repeatedly and completely Pour Out Our Hearts To God. Then, if we do not receive what we ask, we can at least be assured that as God's will being done, our human will has been fully taken into account.

How Jesus Prayed

Jesus was sorrowful and deeply distressed. He told his close companions, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.” As he prayed, he was “in agony, he prayed more earnestly, ... his sweat became like great drops of blood” (Luke 22:44) as a result of his

**“Your lovingkindness, Oh Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” Psalm 36: 5**

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Prayer List and Announcements

PLEASE NOTE: Deborah Grigsby's address is wrong in the directory. I put out correction stickers but some have not updated. Please correct number to 2839. There are also stickers in the lobby.

Jeanette Aldridge hasn't been feeling her best the past few days, but says it is nothing serious, maybe the holiday blues. **Janett King** said she is continuing to recover from her bout with pneumonia, and thanks us all for our prayers, calls, and cards. **Deborah Grigsby** was able to visit Mike two days in a row this week. He had fallen earlier in the week, but fortunately he was not injured. Deborah thanks everyone for the cards and gifts. **Fred Duggin** has been dealing with GI issues all week, possibly due to his new medication. Unfortunately Elaine has not been wanting to get up, and she has lost weight because she won't eat enough. **Betty Travis** had a few good days this past week, and was able to carry on a conversation, but was a bit out of it Saturday. We were happy to see **Barry Phillips** at Bible study Wednesday. He still continues to suffer with back pain. **Betty Dennis** tells me that she is very happy because the vision in her bad eye has cleared up enough that it was just a little fuzzy on Saturday. She will see a retina specialist at the end January.

Let us continue to Remember in Prayer

Janett King, Chelsea Gilliam (friend of Betty Copley), Paige Toxey, Keith Barclay (friend of Betty Copley), Susie Martell & Allison Barton, Dalton Gregory, and Esther Carrera, co-worker of Dwight Mullett.

Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

ELDERS: Johnny Felker & Doug Driver
DEACONS: Ralph Brown & Mark Claypool

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sunday Morning:

Call to Worship:

Ephesians 1:3-10

Doug Driver

Song Leader:

Mark Claypool

First Prayer:

Larry Miller

Presentation/Lord's Table

Doug Driver

Servers:

Austin Miller *** Michael Pittman

Speaker:

Johnny Felker

Prayer & Announcements:

Dwight Mullett

Usher:

Walter Culbreth

Sunday Evening:

Call to Worship:

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

Austin Miller

Song Leader:

Various

First Prayer:

Doug Driver

Invitation:

Johnny Felker

Lord's Table:

Michael Pittman

Prayer and Announcements:

Dwight Mullett

Usher:

Walter Culbreth

Preacher's Pen points

“His Story”



The whole history of our world could be described in seven words.

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His c _____
“In the beginning God c _____ the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1; see also Heb. 11:3; Jn. 1:1-3; Ps. 24:1)

His c _____
“Now the Lord said to A _____, “...in you all the families of the earth shall be b _____. ”” (Genesis 12:1-3)

His c _____
“...for through the Law comes the knowledge of s ____.” (Romans 3:19-20; see also Rom. 10:4)

His c _____
“And the angel said to them, “...for today in the city of David there has been born for you a S _____, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11; see also Jn. 1:10-11)

His c _____
“this Man, delivered up by the predetermined p ____ and f _____ of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.” (Acts 2:23; see also Eph. 1:7)

His c _____
“And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the c _____, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:22-23; See also Mt. 16:18; 1 Pet. 2:9-10)

His c _____
“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious t _____. And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will s _____ them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;” (Matthew 25:31-32, 34,41; Ac. 1:11; 1 Cor. 15:23-24)

It is His story; but each of us has a part in the story. We write our own ending! What is your response to His Story?

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emotional exertion in prayer. “He offered up prayers and supplications with vehement cries and tears, ... and was heard” Hebrews 5:7. He left the garden able to face the cross. He was able to do that because he had fervently, repeatedly and completely expressed his human will to God. Having done so, he could be sure his personal concerns were fully taken into account as God brought about His will.

Why am I Hesitant to Pray Like Jesus?

If you know me well, you know that there is a major trial in my future. It appears as certain as the cross of Jesus. It is probably the deepest my life will ever sink in grief and loss. I would do just about anything to avoid this tragedy, but I have no choice in the matter. In most respects, what is coming was fixed before I was born.

But I can pray! And I do! But how do I pray? Usually very politely, calmly and reservedly. In other words, not very much like Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Yes, silent prayers can be fervent, as in the case of Hannah. But I need to be acknowledging how I Really feel both to myself and to my heavenly Father. I need to get comfortable hearing my own voice crying out to heaven. I need to get alone in the woods or at the church building and have it out with God about this cup. Because I don't want to have to wonder if God would have spared me and my family if I had made my desires and needs known more forthrightly with my Heavenly Father.

And who knows? After I have this settled, God may show me some other things in my life or in the world that I should Also fervently pray about that have escaped my attention.

(Brent Paschall ~via The Blue Ridge Church of Christ ; Roanoke, Virginia)