

# PRAYER REQUESTS

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. [1 John 3:22](#)

As always, we pray for our country, our pastor and his family, our members, and our lost loved ones. In addition, we pray for God's blessed hand to touch these precious souls:

Baylee & Timothy	Mike Bess	Ashley Sexson	Shane Hester
Heather and Philip	Shelby Wells	Brandon Sexson	Jean Hester
David Blalock	Eretta Weathers	Dalton Stewart	Eunice Mason
Addie Griffin	Martha Carson	Rusty Stewart	

**These brothers and sisters in Christ are homebound and need our prayers.**

Billie Tessenar	Glyda Godfrey	Howard Hall
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**We must remember to pray for these precious loved ones who are in care homes. They would also love to receive cards and letters.**

**Mrs. Mary Green**  
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## Announcements

- Has everyone given me their **birthday and anniversary dates**? It's important that I have these, because I don't want to offend **ANYONE** by forgetting one of these important dates. See **Bill Gordon** to be sure.
- The **Ladies' Auxiliary** will meet again on **Tuesday, February 7** at **6:00 pm**. All ladies are invited to attend.
- The **Master's Men** will meet again on **Saturday, February 11** at **10:00 am**. All men are invited and urged to attend for Bible study and fellowship.
- On **February 11**, at **5:00 pm**, our church will be holding our annual **Valentine's Dinner**. The price for adults is \$7.00 per plate and children under 12 are \$4.00. Everyone is invited, and it's a great time for fun and fellowship.
- **Family Ministries** can use **Campbell's soup label UPC codes** and **"Box Tops for Education"** found on many items we use in our homes. **Mrs. Gordon** is collecting and preparing them for delivery. Anyone who wants to help collect these are welcome, and it will be greatly appreciated.
- Our **Prayer Room** is open at each evening service, beginning **15 minutes prior** to the start of the worship service.

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*Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.*

— C.T. Studd



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## Doing God's Work God's Way

In Genesis, God told Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son; and that through that son, God would make of Abraham a great nation. They were both advanced in years at the time (he was 75 and she was 65). In fact, Isaac was not born to this couple for another twenty-five years! Now in the interim, after the promise of a son had been made to them by God but before Isaac was actually born, Abraham and Sarah tried a couple of times to "help God out," so to speak.

First, they decided to just adopt a son born to a servant within their house. But God said instead to Abraham, *And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. Genesis 15:4.* Next, and since God said it would be Abraham's own son, Sarah decided that she was the problem. So, she gave Abraham her handmaid to bear him a son- which she did. But again, God said this was not the way, *And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. Genesis 17:16* So, the couple finally decided to just wait for God to accomplish His purpose through them in His own way, and in His own time. Great decision! Isaac, the *son of promise*, was eventually born to the couple when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90! *And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. Genesis 21:5.*

The lesson for us in all of this is simple: When working for God, we have do His work in His way. Both of this couple's efforts to "help God out" in the carrying out of God's purpose through them were in error. They finally went back to what the Lord said, were patiently obedient to it, and He blessed them for it. That's a great recipe for us!

So often today, we too want to "help God out" by attempting to do His work *in our way(s)*. Friends, learn from Abraham and Sarah- it won't work, and it often causes additional problems. *And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. Genesis 16:4-6.*

We try to "help God out" by inventing all kinds of programs you never read about in the Bible. And then we need various administrators with titles and job descriptions you never read about in the Bible to

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We have a VHS and DVD library  
If you would like a DVD of the service, talk to Marty

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Sunday, February 8, 2012

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Schedule of services		Attendance Last Week	
Sunday School	10:00 am	Sunday Morning	42
Sunday Morning	11:00 am	Sunday School	27
Children's Church	11:15 am	Children's Church	3
Sunday Evening	6:00 pm	Nursery	2
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm	Sunday Evening	47
<i>Prayer room 15 minutes prior to evening services</i>		Wednesday Evening	32

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This week's offering: \$1441.64

carry out all these programs you never read about in the Bible. Then we need more money to pay these administrators you never read about in the Bible to carry out all these programs you never read about in the Bible. And then we need more fund raisers you never read about in the Bible to pay these administrators you never read about in the Bible to carry out all these programs that you never read about in the Bible. And so on, and so on.

It all starts with a failure to do God's work **in** God's way. *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 2 Peter 1:3. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.* Every work we need to be doing for God, and the proper way(s) to accomplish it, is found in the Bible! If we don't read about a "work" or "program" in the Bible, it is work of man, not God, **Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:7-9. But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Matthew 15:13.** And if we don't read about a "title" or "position" in the Bible, we don't need it in the Church, *Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, Philippians 1:1.* It's really just that simple. Read the Bible. Understand the Bible. Live the Bible. God will be pleased, and we will be blessed. Abraham and Sarah eventually figured this out, and I pray we will also.

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On February 8 we celebrate the **B**irthday of  
Lucy Glenn

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