

Lancaster Baptist Church

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A COMMUNITY OF GRACE
THAT IS **GROWING**
AND **GOING**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

- WHITE Team Mon.
Aug. 27th at 6:00 PM
- Mentor Training, Sat.
Aug. 25th – 9:00 AM
- Tailgate Sunday -FLC
Aug. 26th after a.m. service

SEPTEMBER

- Motorcycle Sunday –
Sunday September 16th

GROW Schedule

WHITE TEAM
August 27th at 6:00 PM

GREEN Team
Sept. 4th at 6:30 PM

PRAYER WARRIOR
Donna Sutton

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

From Your Pastor:

PRAYER

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To this end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:8-19

How is your prayer life? This is a question that our men's Tuesday morning Bible study has been wrestling with the past couple of weeks. If you read the verses above, you will notice some specific elements that should be included in our praying. Paul says we are to pray "in the Spirit" which tells us the Holy Spirit wants to help us in our praying. One of the blessings of spending time in prayer is the work that the Spirit begins to do in our lives.

The Spirit speaks to us through the Word of God and works in our prayers (when accompanied by Bible intake) to help align our thoughts and desires to God's desires. There have been times in prayer when the Spirit has shown me areas where I have selfish desires and wrong motives. In that regards, our time in prayer can be turned into beneficial times of sanctification.

Paul reminds of the importance of persistency in our praying. We are not to lose heart in prayer but keep on praying (ask, seek, knock, and keep asking, seeking and knocking). Paul says that we should pray all kinds of prayers. Sometimes we pray prayers of thanksgiving, sometimes confession of sin, sometimes our prayers are prayers of adoration to our Lord. Most of our prayers are petitions (or supplication). We are invited to bring our petitions and to cast all of our cares upon the Lord. I was reminded on Sunday of the connection between prayer and evangelism. The Lord acknowledged that the harvest was plentiful but the laborers were few and exhorted us to pray (specifically for laborers). Since that reminder, I have been praying for more laborers in the harvest.

Prayer is part of the spiritual warfare that we face in this life. In regards to evangelism, the enemy wants to blind the eyes of the lost to the truth of the Gospel. We must not only pray for laborers (and we definitely need more laborers working the harvest fields), but we must also pray for the Spirit to open blind eyes and soften hard hearts toward the Gospel.

It is often a helpful discipline to have an established time and place for prayer. An established time gives you an opportunity to have dedicated time to spend time worshipping/adoring the Lord, confessing our sins, offering thanks for God's provisions and His answered prayers, and then to pray through a prayer list. Prayer list are helpful tools in our prayer time. While I like to have specific time in the morning for Bible reading and prayer, I don't want to treat prayer as a checklist that I check off for the day. We are to pray without ceasing. As we go throughout the day, as people come to our mind, as we make decisions, and things come up, we are always invited to bring them to the Lord in prayer.

It was helpful to get a little prayer checkup in my life. I want to be a man of prayer. How is your prayer life?

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAILGATE SUNDAY: This Sunday we invite all of our students/staff to wear their team/school colors and show off your team spirit. We will have some BBQ after service for our teams/students/staff.

LIFEGROUPS: We hope you will find a Life Group to try. We had 126 participants this past Sunday.

DNOW HOST HOMES NEEDED: Anyone interested in being a host home, please contact Tami Pickett or Michael Anderson. DNow will be Nov. 3-4, 2018.

CHOIR PRACTICE: All are invited to join us for Choir practice on Wed evenings at 7:20 PM.

MENTORS: Mentor training for the coming school year will be on Sat., Aug. 25th from 9:00-12:00.

KIDZROCK: We will start back on Wed. Sept. 5th. We could use some bus driver (no CDL required) substitutes and teacher substitutes. See Laura Hatmaker if you would like to help as a substitute.

HAITI YARD SALE: Set up August 24th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Any help would be appreciated! Yard sale August 25th

LADIES STUDY ON DANIEL: Beth Moore Bible study on "Daniel" starting on Wed. Sept. 5th at 6:00 PM. Meeting will be in Jana Oliver's Sunday School class on 3rd floor.

INDIA MISSION TRIP: If you are interested in going to India in January please let Bro. Gary know.

MOTORCYCLE SUNDAY: Sunday September 16th. Monty Short has two routes planned depending on weather and the desires of the riders.

PRAYER REQUEST (*Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16*) Della Hall – (859) 548-9250

Jayce April	Jeanne Hall	Nelli Moore	Derek Smith	LBC
Jim & Linda Baker	Leland Hall	Bradlee Aguilar-Moreno	John "Bubba" Smith	Bro. Harold & Family
Sue Ballard	Phillip Haynes	Lisa Morrow	Tyler Stratton	Bro Nehemiah & Family
Don Banks	Eva Hicks	Morrow Family	Andy Sutton	Bro. Gary & Family
Dorothy Bennett	David Holland	Geri Morton	Mike Sutton	Bro Michael & Family
Scott Brown	Misty Horton	Cline Mullins	Oda Taylor	Chervens
Kaleigh Burkhardt	Judy Hoskins	Dorothy Murphy	Beth Turner	Our Deacons
Eric Caldwell	Sara Hoskins	Ralph Murphy	Isaac White	Our SS Teachers
Jerry Carrier	Carolyn Hunt	Samantha Rush-Peek	Danny Wilson	Church Leaders
Sally Jo Clark	Lonnie Jenkins	Amber Rankin		Adam and CJ
Levi Clontz	Cheryl Johnson	Bo Renfro	HOMEBOUND	College Students
Tracy Cook	Julia Kay	Kelly Richards	• Betty Arnold	Lost
Nikki Coulter	Don King	Derek Roach	• Mary Atkinson	COMMUNITY
Rosa Cranfill	Margaret Land	Bobby Robbins	• Marie Black	County Judge
Dorsey Davis	Buffy Lawson	Lisa Logan Rogers	• Jewell Callis	(Wilson)
Ruth Dean	B.G. Lewis	Dave Ruda	• Lois Carrier <small>(Landmark)</small>	City Mayor (Davis)
Francis Dishon	Mandy Lynch	Wayne Ruff	• Nellie Cole	Representative
Elizabeth Durham	Darin Mackey	Leroy Russell	• Allene (Peg) Dollins	(Shell)
Gary Durham	Sue Major	Bob Schrock	• JoAnn Grow	Police/Sheriff Dept.
Peggy Eden	Sherry Martin	Betty Scott	• Margaret Land	Fire/EMS
Stephanie Elam	Landyn Maynard	Mike Sexton	• Anna Meadows	Schools
Jimmy Flynn	Marjorie McBride	Amos Sharp	• Della Meadows	Lost
Bro. Chad Fugitt	Lindsey Meadors	David Simpson	<small>(Landmark)</small>	NATION
Randall Grant	Kim Middleton	Virginia Simpson	• Tina Montgomery	President (Trump)
Deborah Gumm	Nancy Moberly	Danny Smith	<small>(Landmark)</small>	Governor (Bevins)
Barbara Hackney	Betty Montgomery		• Marie Naylor	Legislatures
Barb Hall			• Dorothy Shockley	Armed Forces
			<small>(Landmark)</small>	Missionaries
			• Katherine Sowder	Persecuted Christians
			• Billy Williams	Spiritual Awakening