

# Vancleave Church of Christ

## Prayer Requests and Announcements

8 January 2023

Sermon Title: How is my "Spirituality"?

Scripture: Matthew 25:34, 41

### PRAYER REQUEST

**Elsie Ashcraft:** She has been suffering from a severe case of strep throat. Let's be very mindful of her.

**David Robinson:** He did not get a good report on his PSMA scan, and is dealing much discomfort. Next week, his doctors are to consult on treatment.

**Zenie George:** She continues to battle with problems related to cancer. Our prayers are requested.

**Rick Bedwell (of KW church):** His MDS transitioned to Leukemia. He is to receive treatments and will be hospitalized for 20-30 days. He and Susan need our earnest prayers.

**Gary Mitchell (from Luverne, AI):** He has been diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Gary is 74.

**Sandra Roberson:** She is to be moved to a senior citizen home after a short stay in the hospital.

**Mike Kenney:** Mike's final skin graft surgery was a success! He is at home recovering and improving.

**Suzette Saucier:** She has been hospitalized with heart issues and other problems.

### Ongoing Prayers

Susan Flurry	Ingelise Myrick	Naomi Waitrous	Frank Sentelle
Maxine Robinson	Pete Hankins	Sue Watley	Frieda Wilson
Darlene Hannah	Ashley McGriff	Darrell McCormick	Charlotte Rashun
Paul Myrick	Gerardo Ranario	Dot Catchot	Heath Smith
Mike Inabinette	Virginia Dickerson	Jesse & Sharon Owens	Raymond Page
Earl and Linda Kenney			

### **A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead**

The internet has made finding information easier for us than ever before. God needs no such search "engine," yet, He still seeks those who want to worship Him!

"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth."

(Psalms 96:9, KJV)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER**

- A special thanks to brother AL Lowery who is preaching in brother Duane's absence!
- East Side Church of Christ is hosting a Gospel Meeting, **January 15-19, 2023**, "In Search of The New Testament Church" See Flier on table in front foyer.
- Men's Breakfast **next Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** here at the building.
- We will host a Gospel Meeting, "Weathering the Storms of Life" **February 5-7, 2023**. David Looney, special guest speaker. Fliers for the meeting are on the table in the front foyer.

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

(Psalms 84:11, NKJV)

## Just How Do We Spend Our Time?

Someone once said that although there are many inequalities in everyone's lives, there is one great equalizer: time. To be certain, we all have the same amount of time each day!

We lead busy lives. Setting priorities is a common way that we can get things done in our days and lives that we believe are most important. We would do well to follow the teaching found in Psalms 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Those whose work it is to calculate it say that the average life expectancy is 79 years. During that time we spend...

- 26 years sleeping
- 10.4 years on television and entertainment
- 10.3 years working
- 9.5 years fixing our hair, deciding what to wear and shopping
- 4.3 years driving
- 3.7 years eating
- 2 years watching commercials
- 1.5 years in the restroom

Adding it all up still leaves 11.3 years of "discretionary" time. With that in mind, consider now our priorities:

- To read the entire Bible in one year would require 12-15 minutes per day.
- To read the Old Testament in one year would require only 9-10 minutes per day.
- To read the New Testament in one year – a mere 3-5 minutes

Setting aside even the smallest amount of time (by comparison) each day for Bible reading will have deep and lasting impact on our lives for the better! Before and after reading Scripture is also good time to pray. Our attitude and interaction among others will surely improve, increasing many opportunities to express our faith in God. Forming new habits takes less than a month. Even though daily Bible reading takes commitment, its effect can last more than a lifetime!

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### *A Note from your Preacher*

In the not-too-distance past only those who were financially well-off could afford a Bible. Today, however, we are all blessed such that almost anyone can own one! ~ DP