

Vanceleave Church of Christ

Prayer Requests and Announcements

5 February 2023

Sermon Title: Resisting the Devil

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8, 9

Elsie Ashcraft: Elsie has been diagnosed as having CoVid-19. Please pray for our sister, Elsie.

Jarad Robinson: Jarad, too, has been diagnosed with having the virus. Our prayers are needed.

David Robinson: David is to begin radiation treatments on the 13th. Pray God strengthens, heals.

Bob Harris: Bob has returned home, is improving remarkably, and will have outpatient therapy.

Jerry Mobley: Jerry has been diagnosed with a blood clot in a leg. He goes to hospital Wednesday.

Raymond Page: Raymond passed away and his funeral was last week. Our sympathy is given to family.

Richard Bourn: Son of Allen Bourn, evangelist at Gautier, passed away from a heart attack recently.

Jackie Vaughn: Jackie passed away last week, also. Let's remember in our prayers all these who grieve.

Murray Davidson: Mr. Davidson suffered a stroke and had to be taken to the hospital in Mobile, AL.

Ongoing Prayers (Please see earlier Prayer Requests for details)

David Robinson	Barbara Patton	Ingelise Myrick	Naomi Waitrous
Priscila Redmond	Susan Flurry	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	Sandra Roberson	Earl and Linda Kenney
Mike Kenney	Suzette Saucier	Gary Mitchell	Zenie George
Rick Bedwell	August Hart	Andi Barrett	

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

God is in the forgiving business; let us, therefore, be in the believing business!

"Did you not know I must be about My Father's business?"

(Luke 2:49, KJV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER

- Our Gospel Meeting, being postponed due to the unexpected illness of brother David Looney, is currently being rescheduled for the Fall. Your patience and understanding is deeply appreciated.
- Today is the first Sunday of February. We plan to enjoy our traditional fellowship meal followed by a brief devotional. We will dismiss evening services today.

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD"

(Psalm 31:24, KJV)

Things Not in The Bible

Adapted via *House to House Heart to Heart*

~ Anonymous

Did you know that . . .

- The Bible nowhere says “accept Jesus as your personal Savior”? (Luke 6:46).
- “The Rapture” is not once mentioned in the Bible? (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).
- No one in Scripture was ever told to “Ask Jesus into your heart” in answer to the question “What must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:29–32).
- Christians did not use mechanical instruments of music in worship? (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
- Nowhere in the Bible is there a command or example for a set day to be baptized? (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- Women did not lead in worship when men were present? (1 Timothy 2:8–15).
- “Faith only” is mentioned just once in the Bible, and there it says “*not* by faith only”? (James 2:24, *emph. mine, DP*).
- Peter was not a pope, and he had a wife? (Matthew 8:14; 1 Peter 5:1–2).
- It is against God’s will to call any man “Father” as a religious title? (Matthew 23:9).
- No church ever sprinkled water instead of immersing in water for baptism? (Acts 8:35–40; Romans 6:3–4).
- No preacher or board of deacons was ever the head of a congregation? (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5).
- There is no example or command for preachers to wear special robes or clothes, nor does the Scriptures imply any should or must do so? (Matthew 23:5; Mark 12:38).
- No babies were ever baptized in the Bible? (Acts 8:12).
- No one is identified as transgender or non-binary in the Bible? (Matthew 19:4).
- Everyone who has put on Christ in baptism is a “saint”? (Philippians 1:1).
- There is no God-approved same-sex marriage mentioned in the Bible? (Romans 1:24–32).
- Nothing in the Bible suggests that a person can be bought out or prayed out of “purgatory” – which place, also, according to the Bible doesn’t exist? (Matthew 25:46).
- No Scripture says God arbitrarily chooses some to be saved and others to be lost? (Matthew 11:28).

“These . . . searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” Acts 17:11

A Note from your Preacher

“Perhaps.” This is a word that has puzzled me for a long time. Things that may or may not be, depending on circumstances and choices. Thankfully, we can absolutely trust the “perhaps” occasions when we know that when we put our faith in Christ, God is always providing even when we don’t always understand the outcomes...