

REFLECTIONS

I was asked last Sunday to provide the list of **Prayers God Always Answers** that I talked about in the morning message. This is a summary based on Psalm 119:145-152. The opening verse, *I call with all my heart; answer me O Lord, and I will obey your decrees*, sets forth the issue of unanswered prayer. I have felt that the traditional response that God answers with **Yes, No or Wait**, while true, rings inadequate and unsatisfying to many. I shared a brief sermon I preached called **Three Prayers God Always Answers: Forgive Me, Save Me, and Use Me**. Each of these prayers cut to the heart of our relationship with God and others.

I have concluded that God is listening to every prayer, for God knows the motive of our hearts. Here are other prayers God always answers:

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| Hear Me | Prepare Me | Bless Me |
| Help Me | Equip Me | Comfort Me |
| Show Me | Lead Me | Fill Me with Your ... |
| Guide Me | Strengthen Me | Spirit, joy, peace, |
| Teach Me | Empower Me | Heal Me |

Most of our praying, though, consists of a grocery list of things we want from God. Oswald Chambers is quoted as saying: "As long as we get from God everything we ask for, we never get to know Him; we look at Him as a blessing machine. Your Father knows what you have need of before you ask Him. Then why pray? To get to know your Father. It is not enough to be able to say, 'God is love.' We have to *know* that He is love." The psalmist requests in verse 149, *Hear my voice in accordance with your love; preserve my life, O Lord*. Jesus' example in the Garden teaches us to pray, *Thy will be done*.

The hardest questions are always about the prayer Heal Me. God does answer that prayer. Many people confuse biblical healing with being cured. The healing we most need may be far deeper than a dreaded diagnosis. Jesus healed multitudes of people, but all of them have died. For the believer, death is the ultimate healing. All of this, by the way, can become very self-centered if we are not careful. That is why we should intercede on behalf of others, by name if possible. *The prayers of the righteous avail much*.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Seek the Father's heart. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| Sunday Morning | |
| Continental Breakfast | 9:20 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Bible Study & Conversation | 11:15 a.m. |
| Wednesday Evening | |
| The People's Pantry | 5:00 p.m. |
| The Clothes Closet Ministry | |
| Prayer Service | 6:30 p.m. |

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Our Church Family

AT HOME

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| Marion Corbett | P J Shepard |
| Joe Crotser | Margaret VanHorn |
| Lydia Ford | Leslie White |

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IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL

Kevin Avery
Bill Barrett
Judy Martin
Lauren White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| June | 19 | Lauren White |
| | 21 | Tina Steel |

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **The Message of Faith**

The most effective disciples share a message of faith born out of personal experience. What is your story of faith? Enrich your own Bible study and discipleship skills with practical helps and applications about evangelism this week. Invite your family and friends to church, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversations with the pastor
Ladies Bible Study
11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JUNE 12

8:45 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers
Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations
Kevin Avery's Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry
6:30 p.m. **Bible Study and Prayer**

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 a.m. **Father's Day**

Behind the Scenes

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday Morning August 5 is the date for the **Owasso Baptist Children's Home Back-to-School Style Show** held at the Renaissance Hotel. The theme for this year is "*We are Family.*" Our church has reserved a table and the tickets are free, while they last. If you are interested in attending, contact *Dorothy DeBorde* at (918) 557-0047. Reservations are due before June 30.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS BEGINS NEW SERIES

Jesus and Women in the First Century and Now is the title of the Ladies Bible Class latest video lesson series. Join biblical culturalist and professor of the New Testament, *Kristi McLelland*, on those dusty roads as she transports us back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with Jesus. The series examines the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel our worship of Him today.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

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| Weekly Budget Need | \$ 2,050.00 |
| General Receipts June 4 | \$ 768.00 |
| Special Offerings June 4 | \$ 0.00 |

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