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“Be Careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” Philippians 4: 6

THOUGHTS FOR THOSE WHO LEAD IN PUBLIC PRAYER

The person who leads in prayer in a public worship service provides an important service and is to be commended. He also recognizes that he has the weighty responsibility of representing not only himself but others before the Lord. He therefore will feel keenly his responsibility and do his best in determining what to pray for and in expressing himself. The church needs more men who will serve by leading in worship, and all who will should be encouraged and helped. These thoughts may be of assistance to those who lead in prayer.

Preparation

Prayers can be prepared for, just as readings of the scripture or sermons are. While spontaneity is desirable, there is also a call for preparation. Indeed those that are planned are likely to be the more effective. In preparing to lead in prayer, consider the following steps. 1. Ask God to guide and assist you in this public service. 2. The major portions of prayers are praise, thanksgiving, and petitions. Plan what you will say in each of these parts of your prayer. List those blessings for which you will give thanks and petitions that you will make. Be specific. List the names of people for whom you will pray or works on which you will ask God's blessing. Consult with those in the congregation who know of people or efforts which need prayers. You may discreetly use these written references while leading the prayer.

Leading the prayer

1. Remember that you are representing the entire assembly before God and not only yourself. Generally, therefore, it will be more appropriate to use “we,” speaking in the plural for all present, rather than “I.”
2. Speak loudly enough for all to hear and speak slowly and distinctly. Since your

words are representing the prayers for those whom you are leading, they should hear you clearly to be a part of the prayer. The best way to be heard is to use the public address system. Speak clearly and directly into the microphone. When you lead the prayer from where you are in the auditorium, it is best to stand, turn so that you will be facing the largest portion of the audience, and speak with your head high enough that your words will be directed outward.

3. Do not use the prayer as an occasion to preach or to say things, which are actually directed to the audience rather than to God.

4. Speak with expression, but without too much emotional display.

5. If the prayer is for a special purpose, strive to accomplish it. For example, the original purpose of the prayer for the emblems in the Lord's Supper is to give thanks for the bread and the fruit of the vine. If you are leading this prayer, remember to specifically express that thanks.

6. In expressing that the prayer is offered through the name of Christ (Jn. 14:13), state this accurately. It is inaccurate to say, “In your name we pray” when addressing the Father, since the prayer is offered in the name of Christ, the Son (Jn. 14:13; Tim 1:5).

7. Express everything that needs to be said in the prayer, but do not continue it too long. Public prayers differ from private ones in that the audience cannot concentrate on the words of a prayer leader as long as they might on their own thoughts in their private prayers.

8. Please be aware that the congregation deeply appreciates your effort to lead them in prayer. Thank you for this service.

By : John Parker

Via/ Montrose church of Christ bulletin

WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL...

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth. You can't control the contour of your face, but you can control its expression. You can't control the weather, but you can control the atmosphere of your mind. Why worry about the things you can't control when you can keep yourself busy controlling the things that depend on you? Doing beats stewing. When you become wrinkled with care and worry, it's time to have your faith lifted. A lot of people who are worrying about the future ought to be preparing for it. Patience means waiting without worrying. A problem not worth praying about is not worth worrying about. Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. If you can't help worrying, remember that worrying can't help you either. Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrows; it only saps today of its strength. Worry can't change the past, but it can ruin the future.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4: 6-7).

ODD ONE OUT

Sons of Noah

- A. Shem
- B. Ham
- C. Japheth
- D. Cain

12 Disciples of Christ

- A. Paul
- B. Peter
- C. James
- D. Matthew

Judges

- A. Gideon
- B. David
- C. Samson
- D. Jephthah

Raised from the dead

- A. Jesus
- B. Jairus
- C. Lazarus
- D. Eutychus

Beatitudes

- A. week in faith
- B. poor in spirit
- C. Pure in heart
- D. Peacemakers

Prophets

- A. Daniel
- B. Ezekiel
- C. Solomon
- D. Jeremiah

Friends of Job

- A. Ahaziah
- B. Bildad
- C. Zophar
- D. Eliphaz

Trees in scripture

- A. Olive
- B. Yew
- C. Palm
- D. Oak

Metals in scripture

- A. Zinc
- B. Gold
- C. Tin
- D. Lead

Pools in scripture

- A. Gibeon
- B. Beer-sheba
- C. Samaria
- D. Bethesda

Mountains in scripture

- A. Horeb
- B. Sinai
- C. Ebal
- D. Ammah

10 Commandments

- A. do not kill
- B. do not steal
- C. do not covet
- D. do not hate

YOUTH NEWS

- The next Area Wide Youth meeting will be this Sunday night, July 11th, at the East Main congregation. The van will leave at 5:50.
- Terrific Tuesday will meet next week. The activity for that day will be announced later.
- Our youth will be leaving for camp at Maywood on Sunday, July 18th.

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Laura Mae Harris, is at home, but still not feeling well.

Bill King, (brother of Mike King) to have surgery July 15th.

Sharon Clemmer, received good reports from her tests and will be going back to see her cardiologist.

Pat Reed, is improving from her heart procedure.

Continual Prayer List

Margie Barkley, Belinda Colbird, Nance Family, Wayne Jernigan, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Nicki Weaver, J.A. Thornton, Pauline Smith, J.D. Stroud, Tom Elliott, Terry Young,

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Shane Hutton, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen & Anna Davis

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida Barry Wilhite-Marine-Navy –Virginia, Jimmie Stutts-Air Force—California, Tiffany Erwin– Army-Camp Rooker, AL; Aaron Raines-Army, Afghanistan; Jamie Vansandt, Alaska; Michelle Montgomery, Fort Leonard, Missouri, Jim Vest-Afghanistan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 09.....Cody Clemmer
July 10.....Brenda Crow
July 14.....Steve Hill

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 09.....Joe & Bonnie Owen

VBS

Our Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for Saturday, July 31, from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Please be inviting your friends and neighbors. The theme this year is “Bible Heroes”

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bobby Montgomery who passed away early Monday morning, July 5th. Bobby faithfully served this congregation for many years as a deacon and any way that he was able. He will truly be missed. Visitation will be Wednesday night from 5 till 9PM at United Funeral Home in New Albany. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:00PM here at the church building. There will be a meal prepared for the family at 11:00AM Thursday at the fellowship building.

BAPTISM

Sunday afternoon Jennie Brown was re-baptized into Christ by Bill Lyon. Jennie felt the need to be sure of her salvation. We appreciate her desire to have her life right with God.

MEETINGS

- There will be an elders and deacons meeting this Sunday afternoon at 5PM
- There will be an elders meeting Tuesday night July 13, at 7PM.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VBS @ Verona COC July 10th from 9am-2pm
- 2nd Annual Youth Day @ Charleston COC in Charleston, MS Saturday July 10 from 9:45-1:25 & VBS July 12, 13& 14...6:30-7:45pm
- Gospel Meeting July 11th –July 15th @ Tiplersville Church of Christ with Keith Mosher as guest speaker. July 11th will be their Annual Friends & Family Day. Sunday night through Thursday night at 7:30
- VBS @ Fulton COC July 11-14 ; 6pm Sun & 7pm Mon.-Wed.
- Gospel Meeting @ Ashland Church of Christ, July 18-21. They will have different speakers each night. Check the bulletin board.

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OUR RECORD

Sunday School	n/a
Sunday A.M	137
Sunday P.M.	92
Wednesday	77
Contribution.....	\$3,079.50
Budget	\$3,305.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Phil Young
A.M. Prayer	Jerry Gibson
Closing Prayer	Drew Drummond
P.M. Prayer.....	Richard Jennings
Closing.....	Mark Jennings
Wed. 7/14.	Roger Clayton
Wed. 7/14.....	Bill DePriest
Usher & Lock	Roger Clayton
Greeters.....	H & D Crowe

PANTRY ITEM: Crackers

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

Elders

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

Deacons

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	538-0791
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

Minister

Office.....	534-4649
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IT'S MOSTLY UP TO YOU

When you start out in a morning
With your luck a-running wrong,
The birds along your pathway
Have a harshness in their song,
And the grass, though soft and velvet
You will sort o' stumble through;
Such times, if you want things better,
Friend, it's mostly up to you.
‘Tain't hard smiling with the sunshine,
But it's during stormy spells,
When our weary feet are slipping,
That the stuff what's in us tells.
No, you don't have flowers always
In the paths you travel through;
Still, if you would have things better,
Friend, it's mostly up to you.

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