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In 2016, we spent the year looking at the spiritual disciplines and committed to being a more disciplined people. The spiritual disciplines are in integral part of growth and maturity. One of those disciplines is the discipline of prayer. In February, we looked at the different aspects or elements of prayer – the mechanics if you will. We will begin this year taking a deeper dive into prayer. We will talk about what it means to be disciples of prayer, partners in prayer, warriors in prayer, and a number of other practical aspects of our lives as it relates to prayer. Our overarching theme for the year will be vision and mission. I believe that God is ready to do incredible things through you and through us. But first, he must do them in us. The only way to see that through, is by being a people devoted to prayer. Let us continue our journey together.



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning
Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening
Worship – 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening
Bible Study – 6:30 PM

It is the Lord's desire that we love one another. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come to worship. May we all be blessed as we praise God. Thank you for being our guest at the Goodwood Boulevard church of Christ.

Order of Worship

AM

Welcome

855 – God's Family
524 – Our Heavenly Father Understands

Prayer

Psalms 145:18-19

238 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Communion

553 – Rise Up O Men of God

Prayer Matters; Disciples of Prayer

29 – I Surrender All

888 – Thank You Lord

Prayer

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**PM**

632 – The Gospel is For All

589 – Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

**Prayer**

**Philippians 4:8**

642 – The Lord's My Shepherd

482 – O Listen to Our Wondrous Story

**Under Construction; Controlling Our Thoughts**

538 – Prepare to Meet Thy God

866 – I Will Call Upon the Lord

**Prayer**



## RESOLUTIONS

It is hard to believe that 2016 has come and gone. We have ushered in yet another new year. Every New Year brings with it another opportunity to start fresh. Many, if not most, have made a declaration of resolution. Some resolve to eat more healthy foods. Some resolve to exercise more regularly. During a game of "Dirty Santa," my wife gave a gift which included my kind of exercise. Inside the package was a small 1 inch by 1 inch wooden block. The block had a note on it. The note read, "This is an exercise block. Place the block in the middle of the room. Now, walk around the exercise block 4 times. Sit down and relax. You have just walked around the block 4 times!" Now that's my kind of exercise. Some folks resolve to spend more time with family, less time at work, more time enjoying life. Whatever the choice, there are countless resolutions that are made each and every year. And what a blessing it is to have the opportunity to reflect, evaluate, and adjust our lives for the better. Isn't it great to know that God continues to bless us in so many ways? A. W. Tozer, in his book Knowledge of the Holy, stated, "The goodness of God is the drive behind all the blessings He daily bestows upon us." We are blessed in so many ways by our God. And much of the time, we fail to realize the full extent of the gifts we receive from Him.

I wonder what it would be like if we all sought to understand the blessings of God more, if we were to truly search deep within ourselves for the countless gifts our Heavenly Father grants to us daily. When we finally come to a better understanding of the blessings of God would we live our lives differently as a result? Would we commit ourselves on a deeper level to Kingdom work? I wonder if we have become too comfortable in our journey. I wonder if we have become spiritually complacent. If we have become spiritually complacent, is it possible that we have done so because we subconsciously believe God has maxed out His blessings for us? Do we ever think, "I've been faithful for a long time, God has blessed me, and I'm now standing at the pinnacle, or possibly the plateau, of my spiritual blessings.?"

The reality is that God has blessings for us that are beyond our comprehension. In reference to Ephesians, A. T. Pierson said, "In the word of the text, 'the unsearchable riches of Christ,' 'unsearchable' literally means riches that can never be explored. You not only cannot count or measure them, but you can form no estimate of them; and you not only can form no estimate of them, but you never can get to the end of your investigation. There is a boundless continent, a world, a universe of riches, that still lies before you, when you have carried your search to the limits of possibility." Wow. What a thought. No matter how far we search out the blessings of God, we can never reach the limit. Even if we carry our search to limits of our possibility, there is infinitely more blessings from God. God is able, and I believe God does, more than we can possibly ask or imagine. We cannot even begin to fathom the depth of his love and care for us. Why should we fear, when we serve the living God?

What great blessings lie in store for us! God desires to bless us far beyond all we can ask or imagine. And as we begin this New Year, my challenge for us all is that we will commit ourselves more deeply to God and His Church. My prayer is that you will seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness. May we resolve to rise up, trust in God, and move forward as He continues to lead and bless us!

**A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8**

**NEW REQUESTS TODAY**

**MONDAY**  
**Genesis 1:1; 1:26-2:3**  
**Recent Requests**

- \***Adam Butler** is struggling with health issues at this time.
- \***Christie Estave**, Richard Collins' daughter, is home from the hospital.
- \***Steve Juneau** will have surgery for prostate cancer on January 17.
- \***Ramar Rogers** is looking for permanent employment.
- \***John Perkins'** brain cancer has returned and he will have surgery on Tuesday, January 10.
- \***Yvonne Sibley** has moved to Room 109 at the Nottingham Rehab Center (2828 Westfork Drive, 70816). She would love to have visitors.
- \***Audrey Thibodeaux** broke her leg and will be going to rehab.
- \***Bradley Travis** for health issues and restoration.
- \***Doug Statham** has suffered a heart attack.

**TUESDAY**  
**Genesis 2:15-24**

**Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, shut-ins**

- \***Myra Evans** and family in the loss of her mother on Tuesday.
- \***Kerri Williams** is seeking employment, issues involving family and relationships, and for restoration.
- \***Family** of Tracy Spann who passed away last week
- \*Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- \*Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Padgie McFatter, Margaret Morris, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

**Elders:** Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie, Tommy Phillips **Deacons:** David Andrews, Todd Bell, Bobby Chelette, Jack James, Pat McGibboney, Bert Ruckstuhl, Mitchell Smith, Joshua Young **Ministers:** Joshua Fowler, Jay Plunket **Secretary:** Peggy Moragne

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Genesis 3:1-7, 9-11**

**Those with serious/ongoing health issues**

- \***Faith Vallery** continues to improve.
- \*Allison Andrews, Rose & Adam Butler, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Jackie Reed, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother

**THURSDAY**  
**Genesis 4:6-10, 13-15**  
**Our Other Friends and Family**

- \*Niles Bartholomew, Calvin Carter, Beulah Cooper, Dot Dudley, Keven Dupuy, Sheila Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Harlan Gilbert, Pat Hale, Sheila Kelso, Jerry Kimbrough, Bryan & Revonda Kirby, Candy Lackie, Mack & Bettie Lovering, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bryan Austin Plunket, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, family of Tracy Spann, Doug Statham

**FRIDAY**  
**Genesis 6:11-14, 9:11, 16**  
**Our Partners in the Gospel**

- \*Santiago Bonilla
- \*Candido Huete

**Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community**

- \*Jason Clark, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

**SATURDAY:**  
**Genesis 12:1-7**

- \*Parents and students in schools
- \*City, State and National elected leaders

**Attention Young at Heart!**

Our next luncheon will be held on **Monday, January 9th**, beginning at 11:30 AM in the BOB. If you are 55 or over, please join us for this time of fellowship!



All ladies are invited to our next Ladies Night Out on **Friday, January 13th**. We will meet at Drusilla's Seafood restaurant at **6:30 pm** and enjoy good food and fellowship with our Christian sisters. The restaurant needs to know how many to prepare for so please sign the sheet on the Ladies bulletin board if you will attend. Please make plans to join us!!

**From the Elders:**

This is the report that is being sent to all those who donated to our Flood Relief program. "We have had over 200 donations totaling approximately \$496,000. All but \$24,000 has been disbursed to flood victims and the rest will be distributed shortly. We continue to help 24 families from the Goodwood Church of Christ in Baton Rouge to recover from massive losses. In addition, the funds received have been used under the Elders guidance to help local churches that do not have the resources to help their members as well as some evangelistic outreach to our community.

We served over 55,000 hot meals, housed and organized workers from numerous congregations who came into Baton Rouge to help with the demolition and reconstruction of 40 homes (over 100,000 homes were affected by the flooding). We have been a distribution point for food, water, clothes, cleaning supplies and other essentials for our surrounding community. Efforts are ongoing and we will continue until the needs are fulfilled.

Again we thank you for your contributions and especially for your prayers and support of our efforts."

If you have a special need (including sermon CD/DVD requests), please fill out one of the cards located on the back of the pew with the necessary information and pass it to the inner aisle for pick-up.

**How Are We Doing?**

*January 1, 2017*

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| Sunday AM Bible Class..... | 59      |
| Sunday AM Attendance.....  | 120     |
| AM Average for Year .....  | 120     |
| Sunday Contribution.....   | \$4,624 |
| Average for Year .....     | \$4,624 |