



By Joshua Fowler

Take a moment to observe the prayers of Paul for the churches he served...

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

Colossians 1:9-12



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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

No Other God

583 – Sing to Me of Heaven

Prayer

1 Peter 2: 4-10; 2: 21-25

The Power of the Cross

Communion

345 – It is Well With My Soul

Sermon

40 – Be With Me, Lord

841 – Sing and Be Happy

Prayer

PM

583 – Sing to Me of Heaven

874 – Jesus is Lord

Prayer

1 Corinthians 6:5-11

843 – As the Deer

822 – Heaven Came Down

Sermon

207 – Hark! The Gentle Voice

755 – When the Roll is Called Up

Yonder

Prayer



PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONES ON
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/9 ----- Ladies Bible Class
- 10/14 ----- Fall Fest
- 10/21 ----- Youth Devo
- 10/28 ----- Ladies Night Out

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events and information

www.goodwoodchurch.org

The Sermon on the Mount—Ask

(...continued from last week)

We can see from Scripture, however, that there are actually many ways that God answers prayers:

Literally: Sometimes, God answers our prayers quickly and just in the way we ask. In Jonah 2, Jonah prayed to God from the belly of the big fish, and God caused the fish to vomit Jonah upon dry land. We like this answer (because it means we get what we ask for!), but we need to remember it isn't the only answer God gives.

Gradually: Sometimes we pray for things that don't happen immediately, but do gradually come about. In Luke 22.32, Jesus told Peter that He had prayed that his faith would not fail and that he would later strengthen the other disciples. Well, Peter's faith did fail on the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested, but over time Peter was strengthened and was able to be a leader among the apostles. There are some things we pray for (development of character, the healing of someone, etc.) that are part of a process that simply takes time.

Eventually: Sometimes, God grants our requests, but after a delay. In Mark 5.21-43 we read the story of Jairus' daughter. Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came to Jesus to ask Him to heal his daughter. Jesus agreed, but healed another person on the way to Jairus' house, and during the delay, the little girl died. Jesus went to the house, and raised the girl from the dead. She wasn't healed immediately, but in God's time, she was. This is another reason we should be persistent in our praying and never give up.

Alternatively: Sometimes God does not give us what we ask for, but He gives us something else instead. In the Garden of Gethsemane in Matthew 26.39, Jesus prayed that if it be possible, God would "let this cup pass" from Him. In other words, "If there's another way where I don't have to be crucified, let's go with that!" That wasn't possible, though, and God did not answer Jesus' prayer in that way, but He did provide Him with the strength to drink the cup and go through the crucifixion. Sometimes we ask for things that God doesn't give us, but He gives us better things instead.

Negatively: Sometimes, God denies our requests. In 2 Corinthians 12.6-10, Paul talks about how he had a "thorn in the flesh" that he asked God three times to take away. God denied that request, telling Paul that His grace was sufficient for Paul, and that His power would shine through Paul's weakness.

We tend to think that we know best about what we need in life, but the reality is that we see things from a much narrower perspective than God does, and sometimes, we ask for things that really aren't good for us. We may want to have a relationship with a certain person, or for us to get a certain job, but it may be that God knows that a relationship with that person would be damaging to us, or that He has a better job in mind for us. To go back to Jesus' analogy, a parent doesn't always give a child what they want; the parent gives what they, the parent, thinks is best for the child. And God is the same way: He gives us what He knows is best. God gives us what we would ask for if we knew what He knows.

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A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

NEW REQUESTS TODAY

MONDAY
John 21:15-19
Recent Requests

Dustin Cooper and his girlfriend Sasha are in need of prayers.
 Scott Kyle is recovering from his recent sinus surgery.
 Cpl. Michael Middlebrook passed away last Sunday night.
 Gloria Scarborough has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer.

TUESDAY
Acts 1:4-11
Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins

*Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
 *Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

WEDNESDAY
Acts 2:1-12; 43-47
Those with serious/ongoing health issues

*Rose & Adam Butler, Merle Burkes, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Grant Hitt, Carolyn Howard, Cherry McCullough, Paige Phillips, Lisa Pickett, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother, Keith Stroud, Jackie Reed, Faith Vallery, Shirley Young

THURSDAY
Acts 4:32-37; 11:22-24
Our Other Friends and Family

*John Abercrombie, Niles Bartholomew, Lea Ann Cavalier, Brenda Clayton, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Hailey Decker, Kay Doiron, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Ellen Garver, Harlan Gilbert, Ferrell Guillory, Grace Gray, Karen Hanks, Rondo Johnson, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Wayne Lee, Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bob Plunket, Bryan Austin Plunket, George Plunket, Candi Prejean, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Laura Rogers, Tylene Ruckstuhl, Louise Savoy, Gloria Scarborough, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis, Kay Wingate

FRIDAY
Acts 5:26-40
Our Partners in the Gospel

*Santiago Bonilla
 *Candido Huete

Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community

*David Ecuyer, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

SATURDAY
Acts 6:9-15; 7:55-60

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

Ladies Bible Class will be Monday, Oct 9th at 11am. Our first lesson, A Man Called James, will be taught by JoHannah Stroud. Lunch will be served immediately following the lesson. Please join us for the wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Fall Fest

Fall Fest is fast approaching! We are still in need of volunteers to man the games, canopy tents, sign up for the chili cook-off, help with the craft tables(inside and out), monitor jump houses, registration table, and storytellers for the story area. You can take increments of an hour at a time or the whole time period. Please reach out to Terry Peeples if you would like to be of service.

Youth Devo

Our next Youth Devo will be Saturday, Oct. 21st, 6-7:30pm. It will be hosted by The Ganucheaus, at 13867 Creekstone Ave, in Denham Springs.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR SPOOK ON? JOIN US ON A HISTORY TOUR OF THE MYRTLES PLANTATION (CIRCA 1796), SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH AT 4PM. SUPPER WILL FOLLOW AT THE FRANCOIS FOR THOSE INTERESTED. SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE ON THE LADIES BULLETIN BOARD. SEE TERRY MCCLURE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Mark your calendars! Our next Fellowship Meal is set for November 12th after morning services. Please bring food for your family and some extra to share with our guests. After our meal, we will have an afternoon service to complete our day together.

If you have any special needs (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? October 1, 2017	
Sunday AM Bible Class.....	86
Sunday AM Attendance	148
AM Average for Year	150
Sunday Contribution.....	\$5,376
Average for Year	\$5,172

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 **Secretaries:** Heather Fowler, Tara Hitt