

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Bible Class

SCRIPTURE

Today: Shawn T.

Next Week 8/23 Brad Hoots

SONG LEADER

Dan Mott

Tristan Roy

PRAYER

Carl Cooper

Wes Garland

Worship/Bible Study: Opening Prayers

SUNDAY AM

DC Mock

SUNDAY PM

James Brown

WEDNESDAY

David Shoaf

Song Leaders

SUNDAY AM

Clayton Workman

SUNDAY PM

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WEDNESDAY

Tristian Roy

Announcements: Brad Hoots

Security & Greeting: Gene Ruark, Shawn Thomason. ALT: Rodney Brown

Communion: Lead: Jay Stewart Servers: Harry Picciuto, Mark Clemmons, Johnny Spillman, & Colin Robinson

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There is also a spiritual side of a Christian, and this is the most important side of us. It is the side of us that will determine where we will be for all eternity. This is the side that will live on long after this life is over. With this being the case, God has given us an avenue through which we can take care of the problems that we have. This can be from asking for forgiveness, asking for help to overcome temptation, asking for help with your attitude towards someone, etc. Specifically, in our text, He brings up the fact that “if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven (vs. 15).” Isn’t it awesome to know that if someone is found to be guilty of sin, that we can pray for that person and they will be forgiven?! It is important to know that this can only be done on behalf of the person who is willing to repent and do the acts needed to gain forgiveness for themselves (1 Jn. 5:16). But knowing that we can pray for another and “they can be healed (vs. 16)” is a very beautiful power that God has given to us. May we take this avenue seriously and use it!

I love how James describes the power that we have in prayer in verse 16. He states, “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (vs. 16).” This means that there is power behind the words that we request. We can help make someone feel better physically and also help them be forgiven, SIMPLY BY PRAYER! This is truly an avenue that needs to be used a lot more than it is. May we not be found guilty of “not having because we do not ask (Jms. 4:2). How are we using this avenue that God has given to us?

- Wes Garland

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Prayer: The Secret Element For Every Situation  
Text: James 5:13-18

Have you ever wanted to know a secret ingredient or a secret thing that would make something so much better or would be a game changer? What if I were to tell you that God has given us a secret item, a secret element, that could change the life we have and make our life happier? James, through inspiration, clues in on this special element in our text. This special element is prayer.

He brings to mind different situations that affect our everyday lives. He brings in suffering, sickness, and confession for transgressions. As Christians, we all have both physical and spiritual needs. God, knowing that we need these things, gives us the element that makes all of this possible and doable. I love how God foretold us of the things that we would go through before we got into it, like persecution and suffering for His cause. We must realize that there is suffering on behalf of the Christian just for being a Christian (Matt. 5:11, 5:43-44, 2 Tim. 3:12). So because this is the case, God is NOT going to leave us with nothing to help us get through it. Therefore, He gave us prayer. Along with suffering, we are also physical and therefore subject to natural sickness. When we get sick or suffer from major illness, He wants us to rely on Him to help us get through it. Sickness brings about a certain frame of mind, like anxiety, nervousness, worry, and stress. God doesn’t like us having these feelings and so He opened an avenue where we could talk to Him, the One Who can change the circumstances of our situation. This is why He states, “And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up (vs. 15).” God is not confined to this physical world; therefore, He can make things happen that would otherwise NOT happen. We need to use this privilege to help us in our physical walk of life.

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## PRAYER LIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a few members and students who are attending PTP in Sevierville, TN, this week. Also, NCSBS will have no chapel/classes this week. Please pray for safe travels.

DJ Harrison injured her back.

Jo Castillo had some dental surgery. Prayers as she recovers.

Erica Stewart's brother, Scott, has stage 3 rectal cancer. Prayers are appreciated.

David Brown (Belch's family member) had emergency hip surgery. Pray for a quick recovery.

Cathy Hutchins fell after her wheelchair broke down, and she broke her right arm. She will likely have to have surgery soon. Because of the wheelchair issue, she may need some assistance getting around and getting to appointments.

Cindy Tesh's shoulder surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she heals.

Jennifer Allgood had gallbladder surgery on Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. Everything went well. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Kay Hauser is in Forsyth Hospital following emergency colon surgery. She has asked for prayers, but no visitors at this time.

Darrell Hauser had lumbar laminectomy surgery and is now home resting. Prayers appreciated.

### Continual Prayer List

John Ransom, DJ Harrison, Roger Allen, Gary Wadford, Manchel Tesh, Kara Kee, Sherrill Stewart, Don Minor, Mary Burke, Austin Workman, Daphne Pickup, Peggy Holder, Linda Ellison, Mike Huey, Cathy Hutchins, Marsha Patterson, Marie Harper, Tony Minor, Tim Allen, Ernie Kirkland, Rick Clemmons, Jim Harrison, Brian Queen, Becky Allen, Eddy Craft, Betty Doss, Jamie Beulin & Elizabeth McCloud.

## Youth Corner

### Teens

- **Every Tuesday Night- Teen Devo in Annex. See Allan Knight for details.**

### 12 & Under

- **Pew Packers will resume on September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### Bible Trivia

*Last week: One another.*

*How many Lawgivers, in James 4:12, are able to save and destroy?*

## WELCOME VISITORS

**We are thankful that you joined us today! If you have ANY questions, please ask one of us.**

**If you are interested in a Bible study, we would LOVE to study with you!**

**PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR'S CARD AND GIVE IT TO ONE OF US!**

### Food Pantry Items for Southwest Elementary

**August: Cereal**

Cameron & Bailey Gilliam are expecting a baby boy in September! A box is placed in the foyer for them. They are registered on Amazon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 30<sup>th</sup>** Congregational potluck meal after AM service.
- **September 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** NCSBS Lectureship. More details later.
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** Chicken Stew/Soups
- **November 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** Gospel Meeting with Doug Burleson.

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- **August 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, TN.
- **August 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** The Northwest congregation will be having a song-leading workshop with Kirk Sams. Please register if you plan to attend.

### August Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup> Gina Harper & Mark Minor  
21<sup>st</sup> Tim Allen & Linda Warner  
22<sup>nd</sup> Gale Queen

### August Anniversaries

16<sup>th</sup> Bill & Gaye Carothers

**More to come!**



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