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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)*

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY**

**Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM**  
**AM Worship 10:45 AM**  
**PM Worship 6:30 PM**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM**  
**(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)**

## **Today's lesson:**

*What Jesus  
Endured*

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## *The Privilege of Private Prayer*

*Dee Bowman*

*via-The Market Street Messenger—07-18-2010*

Prayer is such a privilege, such an exalted advantage. It implies connection to the Almighty, an adjoining to our Creator. What joy to pray and know we will be heard. What unspeakable joy! *"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if ye ask anything according to His will, He heareth us"* (1 John 5:15). I doubt there could be a better or more blessed assurance than to know that God not only knows who we are, but hears what we say.

I was thinking awhile back about how we can pray the simplest of prayers, prayers, that are not intended to be heard of anybody but our Father, and know that we have come into His presence. Is that not wonderful, and does it not embolden our faith and enliven our hope, to know that He not only hears, but cares what we are saying and will grant what we wish according to His will?

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It seems to me that simple prayers are the best. No flamboyance, no pretense, no seeking to be heard by anyone but our Father. He needs no assurance of our ability to articulate great phrases and employ educated terminology. He just wants a prayer that comes from the heart, one that is open, honest, without admixture or pretense. *"I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding"* (1 Corinthians 14:15) means more than just praying with a good attitude and with the truth. It means that I reach down into the inner-most parts of who and what I am, the reach up in adorning reverence for the approval of God, the Almighty. It means that I use that lasting part of me which He gave me—that eternal spirit—to give back to Him my filial devotion and unfettered worship.

Simple prayer is very personal, too. It is intimate, a private time reserved for you to make grand affirmations and glorious praises to God without any interference or intrusion. It is a time between just you and your Father, and, in my opinion at least, is a privilege superior because it involves the two of you in the most private of conversations, one where there is no facade, no dressing up or down, just plain, purely personal talking between two who love one another.

Prayer deals with the heart. Without heart-involvement, there is no such thing as prayer—it becomes empty verbiage, vain talking devoid of any significance, a conversation without substance or marrow. To *"pray with the spirit"* is to give heart-felt devotion, punctuated with words of adulation and praise. No other kind is acceptable. In fact, no other kind is prayer.

Here are three simple prayers, prayers you can pray too, methinks.

**"Lord, give me a clean heart."** *"Create in*

*me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me"* (Psalm 51:10) is a noble and honorable prayer. It suggests, first of all, that this kind of heart must be created; that is, only God can forgive sin and thereby create a new heart, one cleansed of unrighteousness and impure living. A clean heart is a heart forgiven. A prayer for a clean heart also suggests, by implication, that one is looking not only to have that clean heart, but to maintain its cleanliness, to exercise the most careful vigilance to keep it from the world and its tarnishments. A clean life can only come from a clean heart; and a clean heart can only come from God, the Father. 'Tis a prayer worth repeating!

**"Lord, give me a clear heart."** I use the word "clear" here to depict an understanding heart. *"The heart of him that hath understanding*

*seeketh knowledge"* (Proverbs 15:14). This prayer for clear perception is purely practical, for it tends toward making wise decisions and choosing good ways to go. This clear heart understands what is vital, what is imperative, what is necessary. It differentiates between the carnal world and God's eternal design for mankind. It sees life as a probation and looks past the partiality to the real and complete life, the one for which Christ died. This prayer is pragmatic, immensely practical.

**"Lord, give me an open heart."** *"The entrance to thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding to the simple"* (Psalm 119:130). A heart that is open can receive the words of light when they come. It is not so with the closed one. A closed heart is a prejudiced heart, one that has been shut up with its own presuppositions, one that is not disposed to any sort of intrusion from any source. Prejudice—the shut up heart—is the bane of our society. It keeps out the truth and closes the doors to true knowledge. It takes various forms, ranging from sheer ignorance to high intellectualism. It is not only acceptable among the intellectuals, but to such an extent



that snarling rebukes come to those who would dare question their “wisdom.” An open heart, on the other hand, is a heart disposed to look for truth, no matter its source, to revere and respect it, even when it indicts or accuses --and especially when it offers spiritual correction. The open mind is a mind acclimated to truth and tuned to verity.

Prayer. What a blessed privilege. What an exalted pleasure. What a tremendous asset to the Christian.

## Let us pray.

### *A Heart Will Find Its Home*

*by Gary Henry  
via-Reaching Forward—02-11-2011*

***“... eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness — indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”***

**—Romans 2:7-10—**

In our heart of hearts, each of us “seeks” something. The evidence of our daily words and deeds may suggest that we’re actually seeking something different than what we SAY is most important to us (Romans 6:16), but the fact remains, we each seek something. By our nature, we are seeking creatures. We’re always moving, always

“growing” in some direction or another.

Every kind of seeking that we may engage in has its own set of consequences. Ungodliness, for example, cannot lead anywhere except away from God. If a person travels that path and refuses to change, there is only one destination he can arrive at. Similarly, godliness has an inevitable destination, albeit a very different one.

Depending on what we seek, we will each arrive at a “goal” that is the ultimate outcome of our seeking. The Scriptures speak of the “end” of our choices in this world. In one place, for example, Paul asks those who had become Christians, *“What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the END of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the END, everlasting life”* (Romans 6:21,22).

So there is a sense in which our hearts WILL find their way to the “home” that they have sought. It is senseless to suppose that a person can spend his lifetime seeking the things of this world and then in eternity find himself enjoying the things of God. No, the worldly heart will find its way to a very different home than the heart set on God. It will reap what it has sown (Galatians 6:7,8).

But our destiny is not determined by fate or divine decree. If we have to admit that our hearts have not been seeking God, we can decide to start doing so. We can learn to love God with all our hearts, and when we do so, we’ll begin moving toward the home that will someday be found by all who have truly loved Him.

***“Every love has its own force; and it cannot lie idle in the soul of the lover. Love must draw the soul on. Do you, then, wish to know the character of a love? See where it leads” —Augustine of Hippo***

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Announcements</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 13:1-18
<b>Reader</b>	John Lemal
<b>Prayer</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Ed Roberts
Fruit of the Vine	Earl Miller
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Terry Smith
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Wayne Cambell
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 13:19-37
<b>Reader</b>	Terry Smith
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Earl Miller

## Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Announcements</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Invitation</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bryan Legg

# *News N Notes*

**Please remember these in your prayers:**

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Don & Phyllis Coen
- Zeda Goddard
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, Sr., Harold's father
- Kitty Morgan
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grand-son of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson