



“Second Wind”

Crosswinds Ministry to Older Adults

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this ongoing warfare.
Pray hard and long.
Pray for your brothers
and sisters.*

*Keep your eyes open.
Keep each other's spirits up
so that no one falls behind
or drops out.”*

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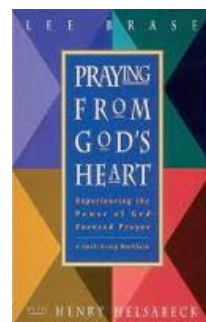
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I recently read a statement that caused me to sit up and take stock of my prayers.

***“What if you woke up this morning
with ONLY the things you thanked God for yesterday.***

Take a minute and re-read that. How would that thought change the way you pray?

We must admit, we are all guilty of taking God for granted. We expect God to bless us, yet we hardly ever thank Him for all He has done for us. Let's think about all that we have. When was the last time we really and truly thanked God for all we have?

Read Psalms 146–150. Each chapter ends the same way, “Praise the Lord!” It's amazing what praising the Lord will do for our lives. When we are grateful, thankful, and responsive to the blessings of God, life becomes an even greater blessing. It's hard sometimes to stay positive in such a negative world, but if we keep our eyes focused on Him and continue to give Him the praise He deserves, even our struggles can be sweet.

Lord, thank You for Your love, faithfulness, and blessings. Help me focus on who You are and what You are doing! In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER 2022



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We count it a privilege to partner with you in prayer for what concerns you. If you request personal prayer or know of others who need the touch of God, please call the church office at 397-7661 and share your request with Darla Allen or you may fill out one of the prayer cards available in the main hallway. We would be honored to pray with you and your concerns.

We are currently in the process of re-tooling the Prayer Ministry here at Crosswinds. This new year will bring many opportunities for you to become involved with praying for and ministering to others. See how you can become involved.



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Keep up with the latest!

This newsletter is published and distributed
six times a year.

***“At some time or another, everyone needs
to catch a second wind”***

"Just a Thought"

from Jay

Paul spent 3 years of his life ministering to, encouraging, instructing, and praying for this group of Christ followers in Ephesus. He had faithfully served on behalf of them and loved them completely. Years later...



... we find Paul in prison, as he writes the words of this letter. ***"To the saints who are in Ephesus"***.

In a few of the ancient manuscripts, there is a blank space instead of the words ***in Ephesus***. Many scholars believe this letter may have been a circulation letter not to any one congregation but meant to pass on to other congregations in other cities. If there is a blank space in the manuscript where others read ***in Ephesus***, could it not be that we could put ***our city of Hobbs*** in that blank space? Try reading this letter with that in mind. It takes on a more personal meaning and one of a great encouragement from Paul to us.


One thing I want to stress today is the beautiful prayer that Paul prayed on behalf of them. Look with me. Ephesians 1:16-20 says ***"I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."***

- He prayed ***constantly*** for them.
- He prayed asking God to give them ***spiritual wisdom and insight***.
- He prayed that they would ***grow in their knowledge of God***.
- He prayed that ***their hearts would be flooded with light***.
- He prayed ***they can understand the confident hope of inheritance*** God has given.
- He prayed ***they would understand the greatness of God power*** on their behalf.
- He prayed ***they would realize that the Power that is available to His believer is the same Power that raised Jesus from the dead***.

Paul loved the people of Ephesus. He wanted them to experience all the greatness of God their Father. These things Paul prayed for, would not only strengthen them as individual believers but would also strengthen the church as a whole... furthering the gospel and bringing glory to the One to who makes all things possible.

Will you commit to join with me to pray daily, the points above, for all the believers at Crosswinds; so that we may become the church God has in His heart for us to be and that His glory would be made manifest in our city? Join me, please.

Love you all, Jay

A scenic photograph of Palo Duro Canyon at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The canyon walls are visible in the background, and the foreground is filled with desert vegetation.

We are headed back to Palo Duro Canyon June 24-25, 2022

Start planning and saving NOW for this summer's BIG trip

Package includes:

- (1) Round trip transportation by charter bus
- (1) Guided bus tour through Palo Duro Canyon
- (1) Ticket for the Bar-B-Q dinner in the canyon, Friday pm
- (1) Ticket to the live production of "TEXAS", Friday pm
- (1) Souvenir Program
- (1) Night lodging in Canyon, Texas, Friday PM
(2 adults per room)

***Deadline for
registration and full
payment is June 5.
Don't Wait!***

Package cost DOES NOT include: Two (2) additional meals, (Friday noon and Saturday noon)
or any personal snacks or gift items. Please plan accordingly.

\$200.00
per person

*Don't have it all at once? You can pay
this out till deadline of June 5.*

*See Jay for more information or to
purchase tickets*

Plan NOW for this Summer Fun Trip



January

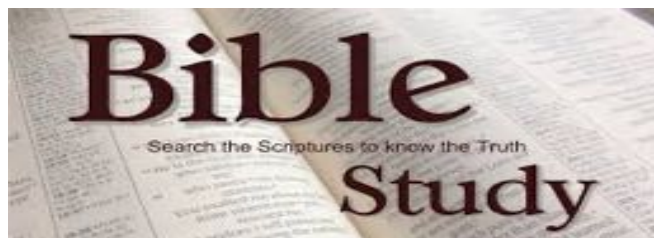
- 4 Wanda Young
- 8 Jackie Gill
- 8 Bill Sumruld
- 12 Meila Newton
- 14 George Lester
- 17 Pat Gage
- 23 Terri Blandin
- 28 Harold Harrington

February

- 2 Clay Osborn
- 5 Cary Murdock
- 8 Buddy Luck
- 9 Rickie Adams
- 13 Linda Woodfin
- 25 Larry Wormington
- 26 Larry Kincaid
- 29 Raymond Gage

Hey There!

If your name is not found on the birthday list...it is most likely because we don't have it in our records. Please let us know and we will add you to the list of our "monthly celebrities".



Join us as we study the Bible verse by verse.

Current Study:

"Hosea, God's constant and persistent love."

Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm
Led by Buddy Luck in CL 104



Calender at a Glance

January

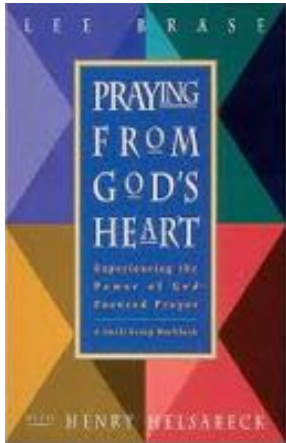
- 9 "Connections Class" 1st session
11am in the Mission (see page 6)
- 13 Thursday Lunch Bunch
11:30 am in the Mission (see page 7)
- 16 "Connections Class" 2nd session
11am in the Mission
- 17 OFFICE CLOSED - MLK DAY
- 19 Wednesday night studies resume
6:30 pm
- 23 "Connections Class" Final session
11am in the Mission
- 24 "When God Reveals" study resumes
6:30 pm weekly in the Sanctuary

February

- 6 New Secondwind Study begins...
"Praying from God's Heart" 5:00 pm
weekly in the Mission (see page 6)
- 14 Valentine's Day
"Remember someone special"
- 21 OFFICE CLOSED - President's Day

NOTICE:

**New Start Date!
February 20**



“Praying From God’s Heart”

***Experiencing the
Power of God-
Focused Prayer***

If you have often felt your heart turn toward God only to find yourself tongue-tied when you go to Him in prayer, you are not alone. God wants to help us find our voice.

As we look at a coming year, our individual lives, our church, community, and our world, are all in desperate need of God’s presence to be manifested at every level.

Join us, as we begin a journey into the kind of prayer life that God has in His heart for each of His children. We will learn how to pray with **His** will as the thrust of our prayers. We’ll spend time getting to know Him better, digging deeper into His word as well as time in prayer together within each session.

What a privilege our Father gives to His children to approach His throne of grace and find Him ready and capable to fulfill all His promises. ***Join us, won’t You?***

**Now Beginning Sunday,
February 20 @ 5 pm
In the Mission**

GET CONNECTED!

CCC Church Membership Class

Connection Classes begin January 9, 2022

Jan. 9 "What We Believe"

Jan. 16 "How We Grow Spiritually"

Jan. 23 "How We Live Out Our Faith"

ALL Classes at 11:00am in the Mission

A Few Funnies

Letter from Grandpa:

I've sure gotten old...I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I am half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. But, thank heaven I still have my DRIVER'S LICENSE!

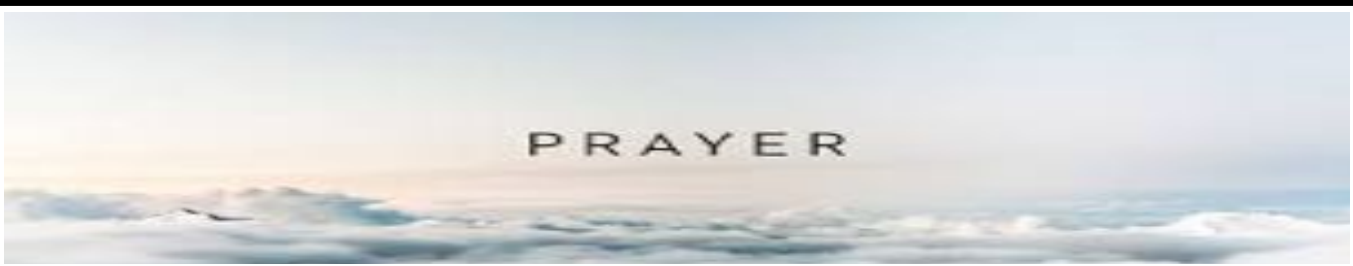
Mr. Norton was in the hospital recovering from an operation when the nurse on duty received a call from a man who asked how Mr. Norton was doing.

"Oh, quite well. We expect he'll be released in the morning."

"Very good, thank you."

"May I ask who is calling so that I can tell Mr. Norton you called?" inquired the nurse.

"This **IS** Mr. Norton. The doctors don't tell me anything!"



If you knew that ours was the last generation before the coming of Christ, how would you live?

When you stand before the throne of God, will you know Him intimately as your friend, or will you be a stranger? Are you going through the routine of your Christian walk without experiencing friendship with God Himself? Through Spirit-led prayer, our eyes will be opened, and we will have an indescribable relationship with God that is rich and fulfilling.

In *Experiencing Prayer with Jesus*, Dr. Henry Blackaby writes, “How deep is your relationship with the Lord as you pray? Do you pour your heart out to Him with complete confidence and trust in His help, because you’ve come to know and experience His love? It takes time, like any relationship. The more time you spend with Him, the more you’ll come to understand His ways, His heart, and His will as you pray.”

Here is a simple PRAY acrostic to help you remember the basic elements of prayer:

Praise **R**epent **A**sk **Y**ield

We **praise** Him, for He alone is worthy to be praised. We **repent** of sin, asking forgiveness so that nothing will hinder us from receiving the blessing of response. We then **ask** in faith for those needs we encounter and for His will to become our will, then we **yield** to His will, for He alone knows how best to respond to our petitions.

E.M. Bounds dedicated countless years of his life to exploring the depth of prayer. In his writings on prayer, he states the following:

“The most important lesson we can learn is how to pray. Indeed, we must pray so that our prayers take hold of God. Prayers do not die. Perhaps the lips that uttered them are closed in death, or the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God’s heart is set on them. Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them ... [they] outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.”

This is a life-changing point: our bodies will age and die, but the prayers that leave our tongues are a blessing to the Father for all eternity.

Bounds writes, “The life of the church is the highest life, and its office is to pray. When God’s house on the earth is a house of prayer, then God’s house in heaven is busy and powerful in its plans and movements. **‘For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people’** (Isa 56:7).”

Taken from, “What is Prayer?” by National Day of Prayer Organization



Coming Soon...



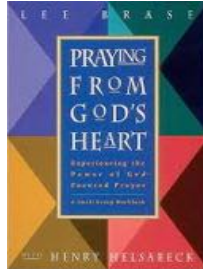
**Thursday, January
13, 2022**

11:30 - 1:00

@ The Mission

"Everything's New"

*Bring a new, tasty dish
direct from your kitchen
and we'll have a great time.*



**Sunday, February
6, 2022**

5:00 pm

@ The Mission

***"Praying from
God's Heart"***

New S.W Study Series



March 21-25, 2022

"Homefront"

*Put it on your calendar
NOW to be involved in
this church-wide effort to
advance the love of Christ
to our community!*

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