

WELCOME VISITORS We're happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again. Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

What is the reason that most of us pray to God? I believe it is because we know that God is able to do what we ask. I know from experience that often times God gives us even better than what we ask for. The Bible tells us that God knows what we ask and need before we even ask it. In Matthew, God is portrayed as a loving Father who longs to answer his children, and to give the best of what life can bring (7:11). This is why we are told not to worry in chapter 6 of the same book. God's answering of our prayers is motivated by His great love for us.

Prayer is sometimes answered in different ways. Over the last several years I have experienced many answered prayers that did not go as expected. For instance, often times what I asked for was not as good as what I received from the Lord. When this type of answer occurs I know that it is because of the Lord's providence and goodness. Other times, when I have prayed for something, I did not get what I prayed for. Soon after, I usually see that it was a good thing, because I would have been in trouble if I had received what I asked for.

That is the essence of who God is. He knows all, sees all, and desires to protect us from harm. When I have looked back over the last few years and the things I have prayed for, I can see God's hand at every turn. Even the prayers that were not answered the way I desired have given me stronger faith. I am now confident when I pray for something that if I ask with the right motives, and with God's will in mind, that I can look forward to a blessing. I just need to have patience, and ask that His will be done in the situation that I am praying about.

I know that my God's will for my life is better than what I could imagine or dream up. I have faith the Lord will answer my prayers in the way he desires for my life. I don't worry anymore when I pray because I know that if God is for us, nothing can stand against us. *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us- whatever we ask- we know that we have what we asked of him."* **I John 5:14&15** *"The eyes of the Lord on are the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry."* **Psalm 34:15** Nathan...

PRAYER OF THANKS John Baker came forward in thanks to God for His providence and to his Family Care Group who have been praying earnestly for him in his job situation. John will be starting a new job soon at the Walgreens distribution center. We rejoice with him and give the thanks to God.

BIBLICAL GUIDANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:27. In this and surrounding scripture we are reminded that God loves us and will take care of us. However, many people still worry and suffer needless anxiety about things they simply can't control. For some this is natural and temporary, for others it can be part of a debilitating and chronic problem. Compounding this problem is the stigma that surrounds mental illness in our society and even in our churches. Sunday, February 12, I will present a lesson on the guidance I have found the Bible to offer about coping with mental illness. It is my prayer that you will find it helpful and encouraging for yourself, a friend or family member.

SUPERBOWL On February 5 after evening services the Super Bowl game will be shown in the life center. Please bring a snack and a beverage to share. We ask that you sign up on the foyer board if you plan to stay for the game so we can plan accordingly. Thanks!

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING There will be a short informational meeting on February 12 immediately following morning services in the library. Books for the new quarter will also be given out. If you can't attend please see Paula Miller. Thanks!

WIDOWS LUNCHEON All widows and sponsors are invited to a luncheon on Tuesday, February 14 at noon in the life center. Sponsors, please contact your widows. Wanda Peace and Beverly Zilka are coordinating the luncheon.

SUNDAY POTLUCK—FEBRUARY 19 Our next potluck meal will be February 19 after morning services. Each family should bring a main dish and either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Widows and singles should bring 1 two liter of pop and either a large salad, vegetable or dessert. Plan to stay, enjoy great food and have a wonderful time of fellowship

CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT Mark your calendars!! Saturday, February 25 starting at 6:00 pm we will have a night of fellowship at the church building to play ping pong, air hockey, basketball, Wii games, board games, etc. Please bring your favorite snack and a beverage to share. Every one of all ages is invited; please feel free to invite your family and friends.

DAILY BIBLE READING February 5, Leviticus 13; February 6, Leviticus 14-15; February 7, Leviticus 16-18; February 8, Leviticus 19-21; February 9, Leviticus 22-23; February 10, Leviticus 24-25; February 11, Leviticus 26-27.

- Jason Grimes—son of Randy & Linda Grimes, grandson of Janice Holt; pray for comfort for all of them and that Jason will be pain free.
- Ed Parker—father of Joy Parker, St. Charles Hospital, fell and broke his pelvis.
- Jacquie Sloan, Jim Thomas, Jeannie Oberski & Joy Parker-- continue to need prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR R.C. McElwain, Ruth Ragland, Maggie Clouse, Norma Gonzalez, Johnnie Brown, Jim Thomas, Don & Marian Loertscher, Carmen Wright, Mike Borysiak, Jason Grimes, Bertha Wells and Charline Drake.

COUCH NEEDED If you have a good used couch that a member of Echo Meadows could have please contact the office. Thanks!

RECORDS JAN. 29, 2012			
9:00	102	N.E.	4
10:00	257		
6:00			
Wed.	86		
Contribution		\$4,080.00	
Missions			
Building Fund			
Total		\$4,080.00	
Weekly Budget		\$5,444.62	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study

