

Wildwood Church of Christ

July 26, 2020

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Song: #615 To Christ Be True
Prayer

Song: #356 Tis Midnight and On Olive's Brow
Lord's Supper

Song: #112 They'll Know We Are Christians

Sermon: In These Difficult Times:
Understanding What God Expects

Ephesians 4:1-16 - Part 3

Song: #893 Jesus The Loving Shepherd

Song: #594 Bind Us Together

Get Up Anyway!

We have the following prayer on our refrigerator at home. It says, "Dear God, so far today, I've done alright. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't lied or cheated, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. In Jesus name, Amen."

We've all had them. Those days when we think to ourselves, "I should have stayed in bed." Nothing is going the way we would like. Perhaps it is a day where we find ourselves "all thumbs." Maybe it seems that every time we say something, it is the wrong thing or the wrong time. We may be struggling to control our temper or our tongue. Some days are just like that, aren't they?

Our prayer starts the day off right. So far, Lord, so good. But then we get up and it all begins. And we do need a lot of help!

The really great thing is that the Lord is there to help us. More than that, He **understands**. He **understands** our struggles and our weaknesses. Mind you, understanding is not excusing. But, He is forgiving and merciful in our weaknesses and our shortcomings. The Hebrew writer wrote of this One, our great High Priest, "*For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we might receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.*" Hebrews 4:15-16

Make mistakes? Maybe a real whopper? Sin getting the best of you? That's what love and grace addresses. He loves us and favors us without merit. Having a bad day? He understands. Everything seems to be going against you today, this week, this decade? He knows what it is like. Stumbling about to do what is right? He is merciful and graceful in our weakness. With such a One on our side, why wouldn't we want to race to Him for the help and understanding we so desperately need?

Don't know how the day will go? Will it be a good one? Will I do what I ought to do? Can I live up to His expectations? Don't stay in bed. Get up and get on with the day. Know that the Lord is with you and that He cares. Claim the help that is ours as His

Remember in Prayer:

Remember **Joel Prather** and his family in prayers. His sister passed away last week.

Mary Jane Wright's and **Gloria Murphy's** cousin, Foy Bryant, passed away last week. Mary Jane also had a niece pass away last week.

Sue Longfellow – is doing better and has moved into an assisted living in Wildwood, just up from our library. Her address is: Harbor Chase, 1477 Huey Street, Room #B103, Wildwood, FL 34785

Judy Glenn has not been feeling well and is dealing with some health issues.

Darlene Smith had knee surgery and is in a lot of pain. She is rehab but cannot have visitors. If you would like to send her a card her address is: Buffalo Crossings Rehab, 3875 Wedgewood Lane, Room 124, The Villages, FL 32162

Joyce Albert is going to have back surgery in August.

Peggy Murphy is going to have a catherization on her kidney this coming Tuesday.

Lew Faulkner has been in the hospital for a severe UTI and was coming home but then had a fall. He should be coming home today or tomorrow after they run tests.

Leigh Workman

Linda Grove

Charlotte Martin

Linda Jones

Pat Ponsford

Ken Scott

Larry Hyder

Richard Menninger

Tara Strickland

Bruce Longfellow, Janet Hyder's brother, recovering from a stroke.

Teresa Broyle, Charles Wright's daughter, has been diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer

Ensley Webster, the 8 year-old child with cancer, (friends of the Myers) is under hospice care.

Announcements

Due to the rise of Covid-19 cases and recommendations from health officials,

**To protect each other, the Elders are asking EVERYONE
to follow some very important guidelines:**

The elders are asking again for everyone, including children if possible, to **please wear a face mask** to service. **Please take a seat as soon as you come in and do not visit around in the auditorium.** Our greeting and visiting can be done after service, **outside in the parking lot.** Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Don & Joyce Albert are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 28th. There are memory cards printed out and these are in the foyer, to share your favorite memory of Don and Joyce. Please send these, no later than Monday so Tina can get them in a memory scrapbook for her mom and dad.

July Birthdays

David Myers-25; Greg Pope-25; Jane Howell-27; Sarah Alls-28; Jeanette Harris-28; John Workman-28

July Anniversaries

Don & Joyce Albert-28

August Birthdays

Mary Costaa-5; Sue Longfellow-5; Mary Murphy-8; Jennifer Freeman-10; Peggy Murphy-11; Darrell Ponsford-12; Kevin Williams-16; Bob Barden-17; Linda Routzhan-19; Liam Hicks-24; Ken Scott-24; Joyce Freeman-30; June Crenshaw-31