

Wildwood Church of Christ

2022 Theme - Living What You Pray

May 8, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

Song #143 We Have Come Into His House

Song #576 More Holiness Give Me

Opening Prayer – Keith Jones

Song #303 We Saw Thee Not

The Lord's Supper – Jim Routzahn

Song #56 Holy, Holy, Holy

Sermon: Be Holy As I Am Holy

Song #889 Do You Know My Jesus?

Song #104 God Will Make A Way

Closing Prayer – Howard Alls

Give Careful Attention

It is a fact that all Christians have flaws and imperfections and we have a need for improvement. But because of our relationship with God through the blood of Jesus Christ, we are also unique and beautiful in His sight. The same is true in nature. Take, for instance, the formation of crystals which make up valuable minerals and precious stones. I read where each kind of mineral and gem has its own special shape and appearance. Experts in gemology say each mineral and gem is made up of a great number of atoms that are stacked in perfect alignment. They say that occasionally one of these basic particles get out of line. Surprisingly, these "flaws" or imperfections give gems their most beautiful properties. With that said, all of us have personality flaws and character weaknesses. We see sinful tendencies in ourselves such as selfishness, irritability, impatience, vindictiveness.

So, what should we do about these flaws and how can we guard our hearts from getting discouraged and stop living a changed life, holy as God would have us live? One thing we can do is give careful attention to our thoughts, not only because God knows them but also because our thoughts determine our character. Jesus said in Matthew 15:18-19 that our words and actions spring from our heart. Another example from nature is found in Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. In this massive cave there are enormous pillars that have been formed by the steady dropping of water. A single drop finds its way from the surface down through the ceiling of the cavern to deposit its minute sediment on the floor of the cave. Another drop follows it, and still another, until the "icicle of stone" forms a pillar of rock.

The scriptures teach every thought that sinks into our soul makes its contribution, producing the pillars in our character. It is sobering to consider that even though we can hide our thoughts from others, Psalm 94:11 says, "The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are futile." In your daily prayers this week, ask the Father to help you when you speak, when you go places and even help your thoughts be always captive to Jesus Christ our Savior. You can also ask God, as King David did in Psalm 139:1-4, "O Lord, You have searched me and know me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You . . . are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether." Our flaws, our hidden thoughts, our actions when no one is looking, cannot hide from the Father above!

Prayer List

~ Our hearts are saddened at the loss of our brother **Joel Prather**. He passed away last week and his funeral was Friday. Joyce has traveled to Georgia to be with her family and she will be gone about 4 to 6 weeks. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

~ **Marlin Kilpatrick** was taken to the hospital by ambulance this past Thursday. He will be having a heart cath on Monday and possibly a stent put in.

~ **Don Albert** and his daughter, **Tina**, were in a very bad car accident last week and their car was totaled. Don has several injuries but nothing life threatening and he is at home now.

~ **Joyce Albert** has internal bleeding and is in the hospital. She has had some tests and scopes done but the doctors have not been able to find where she is losing blood.

~ **Scott Watts** was not able to have his hip replacement surgery last week. He had another health issue they had to clear up first.

~ **Jamie McCartney** continues to have treatments for his cancer and will be having a radiation procedure soon that involves implanting radiation seeds into the cancer.

~ **Linda Grove** continues to struggle with her health issues.

~ **Lynn Martin** is still in a lot of pain with shingles.

~ **Lois Hutsepiller** is still having a lot of pain and nausea while fighting her cancer.

~ **John Yarborough's** surgery is healed and his cough is getting some better.

~ **Sam Costa** continues to struggle with back issues.

~ **Larry & Janet Hyder's son** had surgery on some discs in his back. The surgery was successful and he went home but then started to have severe pain in his leg. He has 2 blood clots and he is back in the hospital.

~ **Mary Costa's brother, Tom**, has just been diagnosed with MRSA. He has other health issues as well and needs our prayers.

Remember: Ukraine; Tammy Farner; Greg Pope; Edra Nell Courtney/ Irma Botorff; Tara Strickland; Sam Costa; Ken & Sherry Scott; Cherri Gould; Pat Ponsford; Lois Hutsepiller; Larry & Janet Hyder; Don & Joyce Albert; Reggie Colton; John & Leigh Workman; Ron & Carol Rollins; Shirley Threet; Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Martha Rushmore & family; Charlotte Martin & family; Taylor Williams & family; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Clay Pelland; Mary Lee Fogle; Mollie Holley; Teresa Broyles

Announcements

Directory Addition: Joey Carico 33120 Gray Eagle Ct. Leesburg, FL 34748 Home# (352)321-4288 Cell#(352) 430-7891 email: takingchances1978@gmail.com

JoAnn Wood, a member of the church from Mt. Dora, is in Cypress Care Center here in Wildwood. She has no family around and would love to have visitors. She is in room 201 and can have visitors from 10:00 to 2:00.

Wedding: Sheila Bernstein & Ken Wright, along with their families, would like to invite everyone at the Wildwood congregation to their wedding on June 4th at 5:00 here at the building with a reception following. Please sign the list in the foyer if you are planning on attending the wedding and the reception.

Pantry – no items needed this week

May Birthdays

Edra Nell Courtney-2; Leigh Workman-10; Mike Whisenant-14; Aly Blankenship-15; Greg Donewar-15; Taylor Williams-22; Joyce Prather-23; Chris Hallmark-26; Sam Costa-26; Cindy Pope-30; Hadley Gage-30; Debbie Bunch-31; Derek Fort-31

May Anniversaries

Chuck & Charity Stambaugh-2; David & Sarah Myers-27

Greeters: **May 8**-Howard & Sarah Alls **May 15**-Martha Rushmore & Ila Jean Locke **May 22**-MaryJane Wright & Libbie Summers

Nursery Class: **May 8**-Reida Glenn **May 15**-Judy Glenn **May 22**-Tina Glenn

church website: www.bischurch.faith wifi password: John3:16

Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

Happy Mother's Day