

If You Were to Ask God for One Thing...

by David Sproule Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Palm Beach Gardens, FL

We've all heard the stories about a genie offering to grant wishes, and most of us have probably spent time imagining what wishes we would make. While genies are, of course, imaginary and fanciful creations of some clever minds, there is a story in the Bible about God asking a man what he wanted.

In 1 Kings 3, "the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night" (3:5). Some translations have the words of God on this occasion as a statement of instruction—"Ask what I shall give thee" (KJV); "Ask for whatever you want me to give you" (NIV). I like the way the New King James Version translates it as an exclamation, followed by a question—"Ask! What shall I give you?"

Forget the imaginary genie! This is the Almighty God! Suppose the Almighty God said to you, "Ask! What shall I give you?" *For what would you ask? If the One with whom all things are possible told you to "ask for whatever you want," what one thing would you request?*

Some would ask for wealth or material possessions. Let's face it, many are living today with their lives focused on the goods of this world, and that would, no doubt, be the one thing they asked of the Lord, if given the chance. Later in life, Solomon petitioned the Lord, "Give me neither poverty nor riches—Feed me with the food allotted to me" (Prov. 30:8). Perhaps contentment should be the request we make (Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Heb. 13:5).

Some would ask for a long life with perfect health. Many today would love nothing more than to live as long as possible on this earth, enjoying every pleasure the world affords. While there is certainly nothing wrong with a long life on this earth, our eternal life in our eternal home should be the focus of all we do, and that should dictate how we live this temporary life in this temporary world (Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:11-12; Heb. 11:13-16).

When he could ask for anything, Solomon asked for wisdom to discern good from evil. Sin results when we choose evil instead of good. Shouldn't it be of foremost importance to us to know good, to know evil and to know the difference, so that we do not choose actions, thoughts or words that would separate us from God?

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5). Ask God for wisdom!

If you have something for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “**Quiet Please**”

Prayers *In our prayers, let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Marjorie Reed She is staying with her sister Judy as she recovers. She is slowly improving. Please see the address posted in the back.

Bill Kinney is scheduled for a heart procedure Sept. 28. Let’s pray things go well.

Sherry Carter is undergoing tests for her back and gall bladder.

Ruth Knepp Let’s remember her in our prayers. She was recently in quarantine.

Laura Lehning and family are dealing with Covid.

Vicki Elder recently had a TIA. Let’s pray things go well.

Lula Elder had cancer and was in remission but the cancer is now back. Let’s pray for her.

Keith Marten is scheduled for open heart surgery Sept. 22nd to replace two valves and a pacemaker.

Bentley, Samantha Mellott’s son, has Covid.

Jim Zachary (Amherst congregation) will be going to Cleveland Clinic Sept. 20th for an ablation.

Dan Callari (Amherst congregation) Pray for him as he is getting treatment for cancer.

Bob Ammerman (Amherst congregation) Let’s pray for him and his family.

Walter Weiss, father of Denise Garlitz’s boss, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Mary, Maria Swindlehurst’s neighbor, requests prayers for comfort in the loss of her brother .

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let’s pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let’s pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let’s pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let’s pray for our shut-ins and call and send cards.

Let’s pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let’s pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let’s pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let’s pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let’s pray for God’s people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let’s pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let’s pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let’s pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children’s Home and Family Ministries*.

Let’s pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let’s pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Sep. 19 Today. Congregational Mtg.
To nominate men for trusteeship.

Oct. 03 Congregational Mtg. To elect men for trusteeship.

Oct. 3-10 “On Our Way To Jesus” *Extravaganza*
(Sponsored by N.F. church of Christ)
Please see info posted in back.

Oct. 11 Columbus Day in U.S. / Thanksgiving in Canada

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,470.00

Attendance Last Sunday 37

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes
are posted in the back of the auditorium.

Check the board in the back for addresses.

Please check the board in the back for Zac & Lisa’s new address.

If you would like to send a card to Marge Reed there is an address posted for her also.

Caleb Callari’s Radio Program “Everyday Follower”

Do a search on YouTube for

Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

Please check the

“*Mission Board*”

in the back of the auditorium.

Making Plans

by Greg Gwin Collegevue church of Christ Columbia, TN

A financial planner observed that most folks spend more time planning their summer vacation than they devote to planning their most important lifetime goals. That is, without doubt, a sad but true fact. How can we hope to succeed in life without planning and goal-setting? If you want to be a successful student, businessman, politician, etc. - it takes planning!

Surely this same point can be made in regards to our spiritual service to God. In fact, it may be even truer in this particular realm. We might even say that some folks appear to spend more time planning what they will do after supper on a given night than they have ever spent charting their plans for serving God. It’s a sad situation, to be sure.

The problem is that we have gotten our priorities out of order. Notice what Jeus said: “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where withall shall we be clothed?. . . for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:32-33)

Do you see it? Jesus said that we ought not to worry about the things that we most often do worry about. And, He said that we should give careful consideration to our spiritual work - putting it first in our lives.

Christian, are you making your plans to be faithful to God and to be active in His service?
Have you spent any time lately planning about the things that are really most important?