

by Mike Riley, Gospel Snippets



Taking Advantage Of God's Treasure Chest

Most of us wouldn't ignore a dollar lying on the ground. We would gladly pick it up and put it in our pocket. Yet we often ignore the Bible, a treasure chest overflowing with God's precious promises (2 Peter 1:2-4; cf. 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 2 Corinthians 7:1). David, the likely author of Psalm 119, recorded the rich blessings he experienced as he studied God's Word and stored it in the pocket of his "**heart**" (Psalm 119:10-11).

David not only rejoiced in God's Word, but he also used it as a personal safeguard against sin. He said to God, "***Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You***" (Psalm 119:11).

But David did more than memorize it. He saturated his heart with its truth, using these methods: He "***meditated***" on God's precepts, contemplated His ways, and delighted himself in the Lord's teachings (Psalm 119:15-16). Therefore he could say, "***I will not forget Your word***" (Psalm 119:16), for we don't easily forget what we treasure in our hearts (Matthew 6:21).

The Bible, God's treasure chest, is the basis for all the articles I have written on this blog. As we read these articles, let's take the time to read and study the associated Scripture verses. They are designed to help us hunt for precious gems in God's Word. Like David, let's hide them in our "**heart**" so that we'll remember them and rejoice (Psalm 119:14 KJV).

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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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) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

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Phil Sanders
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Tuesday 5:30 AM
Friday 4:30 PM

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

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Marvis Garrett, Brenda Nelson, and Diane Mellott.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz’ grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Tony & Eglá Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, George Beckwith, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Brenda Baptiste, Cheryl Wheeler, Karen & Joe Costanzo, Cindy, Jeanne Johns, and Emily Sestack, Levi, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Lionel Weir, Mary Lou, Gloria, Kevin & Gail Bodie, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Michael, Billie Jo Potter, Louise Kohlbacher, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, and Jeff - Denise’s son.

Updates:

Let’s pray as we search for a new preacher.

Edie Sumner needs our prayers concerning a return of lymphoma.

Marvis Garrett continues to deal with some health issues. He is scheduled for an endoscopy Dec. 1.

Anna Brink saw the eye doctor Nov. 17. She will be having surgery but the date hasn’t been set yet. She does have an eye infection.

Mary (daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT) is dealing with a health issue.

Linda Mudd. It was found out Oct. 29 that she is awaiting a lung transplant. She has been cleared for surgery. It may take from 3 days to 3 months to receive a lung.

Andrew, Kassie Kern’s ex-boyfriend, was recently arrested for possession of marijuana. Let’s pray for him.

Martha, a friend of Brenda Nelson, is in need of prayers concerning a family situation.

Vanessa Lewis, age 20, youngest daughter of former member Cyndi Lewis, is in the hospital with a kidney problem.

Jim Yarian recently had a bunion removed and now the area is infected.

Keith Marten had to go to the hospital Nov. 21 to get a catheter unplugged again.

Also

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

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

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

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

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

Let’s pray for those who may be traveling.

Let’s pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY.

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.

Please check the
“*Love One Another*” and “*Answered Prayers*”
boards in the back of the auditorium.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



Today

Rodney Jones will conduct the Adult Bible Class.

Ron Cameron will preach for us.

Trays Today

Diane Mellott

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Dec. 09 Ladies Holiday Party Pane’s Restaurant in North Tonawanda

Dec. 17 Men’s Business Meeting

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 New Year’s Eve
NO Area-wide 5th Sunday Singing

Dec. Birthdays

05 Dennis Reed
17 Carol Jones
25 Kyra Kyle

Dec. Anniversaries

None This Month

Do You Think To Pray?

by Gene Taylor

The opportunity to pray, to communicate directly with God, is one of the greatest blessings the Christian enjoys. It is evident that Divinity places a great deal of emphasis on prayer and its power. While on the earth, Jesus prayed often both showing and instructing His disciples that they ought to be people who pray (1 Thes. 5:17).

Prayer is the general term for addressing God. Since it is possible for His children to talk to Him, He asks them to call upon Him often (Luke 18:1-8; Ephesians 6:17-18; 1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Prayer is both the privilege and duty of the righteous (James 5:16). The model prayer given by Jesus in Matthew 6 shows that prayer was designed for children of God (v. 9). Only those who are trying to live righteously have their prayers heard and approved (1 Peter 3:10-12).

Prayer is asking, seeking, and knocking with the assurance that the Father is ready, willing, and able to respond (Matt. 7:7-11).

Prayer is an act of faith (Luke 18:1-8; Jas. 1:5-7). By praying to God, one shows he believes that He is real, that He loves His children, and that He hears and answers their prayers (John 9:31; 1 John 5:13-15).

Prayer is an expression of worship because praise, an integral part of worship, is a major component of prayer (Matt. 6:9). The very fact His children seek Him in it and pray that His will be done demonstrates their respect and love for God thus worshiping Him in prayer.

As stated above, prayer involves adoration and praise. It eulogizes God (Acts 2:47; Matt. 6:9).

Prayer includes petitions, pleas for one's needs (1 John 5:15). These can be such things as supplications (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6), confession of sins, and pleas for forgiveness (1 John 1:9-2:2). Another essential of prayer is thanksgiving for blessings received from God (Phil. 4:6). Intercessions, pleas for others, are also an element of prayer (1 Tim. 2:1).

Since prayers can be hindered by many things, Christians must constantly be on guard against those things which would hinder their prayers. Such things as lack of faith (Jas. 1:5-7), wickedness (Psalms 66:18), selfishness (Jas. 4:3; Luke 18:9-14), improper attitudes toward others (Matt. 6:14-15; 5:23-24; 1 Pet. 3:7), and the substitution of prayer for obedience can all hinder the prayers of the church and its members.

Holy living is a must for God to hear your prayers.