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Sundays
 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM
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 Worship.....6:00 PM

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Goals For 2021
Theme
 A Church with a Mind to Work
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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Brian Anderson will be preaching today.

We are now in week #49 of our Daily Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Lynn Maudlin's father
 Pam Caudill
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl, Brooke Thomas
 Cathie Hall, Debbie Lewellen
 Roseanne Denison, Mark Maudlin

Prayer: Js. 5:16, I Thes. 5:17, I Tim. 2:1-2, Acts 12:5

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Heb. 9:22-28

Scripture Reading
 AM: I Tim. 2:1-3
 PM: Acts 9:36-39

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 0
 Invites last month: 8
 Visitors YTD: 14

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PRAY

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Intro: We continue with our theme of "A church with a mind to work." This month we're looking at Prayer. Let's consider the word PRAY and remind ourselves what our prayer life should be.

I. P raise

Mt 6:9, Dan. 2:23, Ps 109:30
 Ps 22:22; 111:1; 150:1, 6
 Ps 29:2

II. R equest

Mt 6:12, Ps 32:5; 51:1-2, Acts 8:22
 I Tim. 2:1-3, Col. 1:3; 4:3, Phil. 4:6
 Ps 55:17, Lk 18:21, Ps 34:17; 55:22
 I Pet. 5:7

III. A cknowledge

I Thes. 5:17, Acts 12:21-23
 I Thes. 5:18, Ps 107:1; 7:17
 Eph. 5:20, Js 1:17, Ps 100:4
 Ps 50:14, Col. 3:15

IV. Y ield

Mt. 6:10; 26:36ff, Heb. 5:7ff
 Mk 14:34ff, I Pet. 3:12a
 Eph. 3:20, Js 5:16, I Jn 4:8

Ghosts of Christians Past

Intro: Read Heb. 12:1. A Christians we stand on the shoulders of giants. Men and women that in their lives had to face incredible danger and persecutions to stand for the cause of Christ. Let's take a look at some of those that went before us.

I. Dorcas _____

Acts 9:36ff, Jn 8:24, Heb. 11:6
I Sam. 15:22, Matt 7:21, Lk 6:46
Rev. 22:14

II. Phoebe _____

Rom. 16:1-2, Mk 10:44-45, Gal. 5:13
Phil. 2:3-4

III. Epaphroditus _____

Phil. 2:25ff, Matt 20:1; 9:37, I Cor. 15:58

IV. Apollos _____

Acts 18:24ff; 19:1, I Cor. 3:5-6

V. Aquila and Priscilla _____ Error

Acts 18:25-26, I Tim. 3:15, Mt. 28:19ff
Acts 8:4, 2 Tim. 2:2

VI. Philip _____

Acts 8:29-30, Titus 2:14, Gal. 4:18
Rev. 3:19

VII. Simon _____ and was _____

Acts 8:13, Mark 16:15-16. Mt 28:19
Acts 8:26-41, 47; 18:8, Heb. 5:8-9

Short Prayers With Such Power!

Sometimes you hear Christians say, "I do not know how to pray." If by this they mean they could not pray the long, flowery prayers we sometimes hear, there is a sense in which this is a blessing. Remember what Jesus said about praying. "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words" (Matt. 6:7). Long prayers are not wrong, unless they are filled with empty words or unless the one praying them thinks the length of the prayer is a measure of how powerful a prayer is. Consider some of the powerful short prayers in the Bible.

"Lord, save me." The apostles had just been part of one of the most astounding miracles of Jesus. He had taken five loaves and two small fish and fed 5,000 men (not counting women and children). That night (actually it was during the fourth watch—somewhere between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.) their boat was about to sink because of the storm. When they saw Jesus walking to them, Peter asked Jesus to bid him to walk to the Lord. It was an amazing step of faith which started his journey, but when he took his eyes off of Jesus and looked at the waves, he began to sink. His prayer was, "Lord, save me" (Matt. 14:30). It is the shortest prayer in the Bible. It was all that was needed.

"God, be merciful to me a sinner." Two men entered the temple to pray at the hour of prayer. One prayed "with himself" and the other prayed "unto heaven." The first told God what a good man he had been and how righteous he was. The other's humility would not even allow him to raise his eyes toward heaven. He pounded his chest as a sign of his distress and simply prayed, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Think of the power of this short prayer.

"Lord, increase our faith." Jesus had just described how His followers must forgive a penitent brother who sinned against them seven times in a single day. We may struggle to forgive a person who wrongs us once in a lifetime, or at best we may think, "Three strikes and you are out." However, the Lord looked at seven events in just one day. The apostles' response was, "Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). His response to them was to describe how the smallest faith can cast a mulberry tree into the sea. Having trouble dealing with your life? Their prayer should be your prayer.

Want to enhance your relationship with the Lord? Think of these short prayers (or others that fit your particular situation) and pray them throughout your life. We sing about the "Sweet Hour of Prayer," but it might help us all to spend more time in those "sweet minutes" of prayer in which our short prayers have such power!