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Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

Ryan D.'s father—thanksgiving—improving
Family of Dick C.lark—bereavement
Tom Fehrle family—bereavement
Charles H.—well-being
Wanda H.'s daughter, Linda—health
Kade M.—continued rehab
Claudia M.—treatment
Debi T.—health (Mark and Carol's daughter)

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom A.—health & well-being
Beverly & Mike B.—health/memory
Shelley & Allen C.—health
Joan C.—Anita's mom, health
Gary G. & Judy—well-being
Mark H.'s son Joshua & his brother, Tracy
Wayne H.—strength/health
Mitzi H.—Hospice care
Roger H.—strength
Margaret K., wife of pastor's friend—cancer
David L. family—*unspoken*
Chris M.

Pam & Ron S.

Al V.—health

Sawyer V.—Danny and Tina's grandson—health

Becca R.'s sister-in-law, Kathy K.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
Christians in Israel and Iran**

Military

Heather R.; Floyd & Twila's grandson;
Colton M.; Takoda M.

Protection for our sailors, soliders, airmen, and
marines/Wisdom for our leaders

Our Homebound

Sam C. (Legends at Jefferson Gardens, Edmond)

Lloyd and Joan D. (Burlson, TX)

Donna S., Carol K.'s mother (Grace, Bethany)

Justine H. (Bellevue, Room 446A)

Our College Students & Graduates

Kids at school

Hallie B. and Maddie M.—WSU

Donavon P.—NTSU

Mieka P.—OU

Kaylie R.—UCO

Mikah R. & Harper M.—Friends University

A.S.K. (Luke 11:9)

**Keep on Asking; Keep on
Seeking; Keep on Knocking**

"The effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

March Birthdays

14 Quilla L

Sara R

18 Alan K

19 Olivia M

20 Robert M

21 Michael M

Takoda M

31 Carole-Marie N

Stewardship for Morning	3/8/2026
Weekly Budget Required:	\$4,013.03
Budget Receipts:	\$2,766.00
Over/Under:	\$1,247.03
OCC General:	\$1.00
TAB:	\$20.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$245.00



Strengthen your trust in
the reliability of God's Word.
Sunday Night, 5 PM

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Our Goal: \$2000



100% of your gifts fund missionaries and their ministries.



Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with the families of Dick Clark
and Bette Fehrle in their homegoing this past week.

Dick was 94 and Bette was 98.

Bette's service is Friday, 2 PM at Memorial Park Chapel.

Services for Dick are Saturday, 2 PM at Hahn-Cook. (Hahn Cook
moved to 6600 Broadway Extension.)

Bob Montgomery's sister-in-law passed away two weeks ago in
Florida.



Work Day Scheduled
for March 28,
10 AM—Until?
Lunch Provided



**Making the most of the
Nursery—
Kimber (left)
Hayes (right)**

Pondering Prayer

Christians often speak of the power of prayer, but I think that focus misses the real heart of the matter. In the Scriptures, the nexus appears to be the Person of prayer. I capitalized “Person” because God Himself, not the person praying, is the object of prayer. God is the power in prayer. That might seem like a simple truth, but we can easily lose sight of that. If God were not who He is (all-powerful, all-knowing, merciful, gracious, caring for His own), prayer would have no more power than empty words blowing in the wind, as empty and pointless as the spinning of Buddhist prayer wheels or the vain repetition of pagan worship and false religion (Matt. 6:7).

Steven Cole, wrote, “There is no inherent power in prayer itself, but rather that prayer links us to God who is all-powerful” (<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-24-power-prayer-james-516b-18>). E. M. Bounds wrote, “Prayer can do anything that God can do.” The Angel Gabriel told Mary in announcing the virgin birth, “With God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37), echoing the same thought expressed in Jeremiah 32:17: “Ah Lord God! Behold, thou has made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and outstretched arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.” Jeremiah based His statement in God’s power demonstrated in the creation of the universe. What kind of power does it take to call everything into being from nothing? Remember the old joke that tells of scientists approaching God claiming to have created life from dirt? You recall the punch line: “Next time make your own dirt!”

God reiterated that truth to Jeremiah in verse 27 of the same chapter: “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?” John Gill commented: “Jehovah, the self-existent Being, that gives being to all creatures; and is particularly the God of all men, the Maker and Preserver of them, and that provides for them; who are called ‘flesh’, to denote their weakness and corruption, how unworthy of the divine favour, and how unable to resist his will, or hinder the execution of his purposes: and which is introduced with a ‘behold’, to excite attention, to take notice of what was said; to encourage faith, and remove doubts and difficulties; for if God is Jehovah, the Being of beings; if he is the God and Governor of the world, and all men in it, what is it he cannot do?” In announcing the birth of Isaac to the aged Abraham (99) and barren Sarah (90), God asked, “Is any thing too hard for the LORD?” (Gen. 18:14). “Hard” in Genesis 18:14 and in Jeremiah 32:17 and 27 translate the same Hebrew word. It means “wonderful,” “to be beyond one’s capabilities” (Hamilton, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, Vol. 2, p. 723). It speaks of what we would call a miracle. Hamilton pointedly observed, “The function of God’s wonders is ultimately to make mercy available to the recipient, ... not just to make a demonstration of power.” **GotQuestions.org noted, “The power of prayer** comes from the omnipotent One who hears our prayers and answers them. Prayer places us in contact with Almighty God, and

we should expect almighty results, whether or not He chooses to grant our petitions or deny our requests. Whatever the answer to our prayers, the God to whom we pray is the source of the power of prayer, and He can and will answer us, according to His perfect will and timing” (<https://www.gotquestions.org/power-of-prayer.html>). **Steven Cole stressed, “God doesn’t weigh** the value of the prayers by their length or by how many people get together to pray the same thing or by how much you agonize in your prayers. Although Jesus sometimes spent the entire night in prayer, most of the prayers recorded in the Bible are short. The Lord’s prayer is *really* short! ... Sometimes we think, ‘If we can just get a lot of people praying, it will be more effective.’ But our text [James 5:16-18] says, ‘a righteous man,’ not ‘a really big group of righteous men.’”

In Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis observed that when a Christian prays, he is trying to get in touch with God. He knows that God is inside him, prompting him to pray. He also knows that Christ is beside him, helping him to pray. The whole of God—Father, Son, and Spirit—is actually working in that little moment when an ordinary Christian is praying.

Below are some wise observations from Christians in the past on prayer.

Charles Spurgeon noted, “The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. ... If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer” (<https://www.thejesusgathering.org/charles-spurgeon.html>).

In Morte D’Arthur English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson reminded, “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.”

Thomas Watson wrote, “A prayer meeting is the forge where the church’s weapons are beaten out; without it, we fight unarmed.”

John Knox noted, “The strength of the kirk [church] lies not in its numbers, but in its cries to God in the assembly of prayer.”

R.C. Sproul said, “The prayer meeting is where the church learns to lean on the sovereignty of God, not the strength of man.”

Matthew Henry wrote, “When God’s people meet to pray, it is as if heaven and earth join hands for the glory of His name.”

Remember the parable Jesus told of the woman and the unjust judge in Luke 18, “That men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (vs. 1). Keep on praying—there is no substitute for God’s power, His wisdom, and His mercy.



Gary