



**Today is Sunday October 06, 2024**

**WELCOME TO THE  
SOVEREIGN GRACE  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Our Prayer List**

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son’s Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and

Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O’Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

**Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works**

*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Act 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

**“Godly sorrow worketh repentance.”**

By Charles Surgeon

“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” 2 Corinthians 7:10

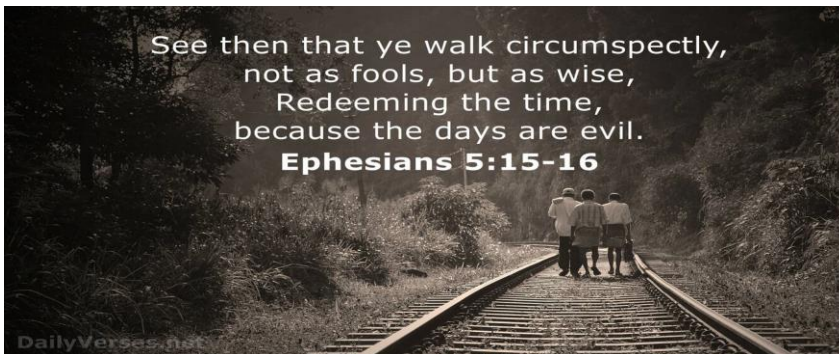
Genuine, spiritual mourning for sin is the work of the Spirit of God. Repentance is too choice a flower to grow in nature’s garden. Pearls grow naturally in oysters, but penitence never shows itself in sinners except divine grace works it in them. If thou hast one particle of real hatred for sin, God must have given it thee, for human nature’s thorns never produced a single fig. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh.”

True repentance has a distinct reference to the Saviour. When we repent of sin, we must have one eye upon sin and another upon the cross, or it will be better still if we fix both our eyes upon Christ and see our transgressions only, in the light of his love.

True sorrow for sin is eminently practical. No man may say he hates sin, if he lives in it. Repentance makes us see the evil of sin, not merely as a theory, but experimentally—as a burnt child dreads fire. We shall be as much afraid of it, as a man who has lately been stopped and robbed is afraid of the thief upon the highway; and we shall shun it—shun it in everything—not in great things only, but in little things, as men shun little vipers as well as great snakes. True mourning for sin will make us very jealous over our tongue, lest it should say a wrong word; we shall be very watchful over our daily actions, lest in anything we offend, and each night we shall close the day with painful confessions of shortcoming, and each morning awaken with anxious prayers, that this day God would hold us up that we may not sin against him.

Sincere repentance is continual. Believers repent until their dying day. This dropping well is not intermittent. Every other sorrow yields to time, but this dear sorrow grows with our growth, and it is so sweet a bitter, that we thank God we are permitted to enjoy and to suffer it until we enter our eternal rest.

See then that ye walk circumspectly,  
not as fools, but as wise,  
Redeeming the time,  
because the days are evil.  
**Ephesians 5:15-16**



## **Pastor's thought for the week.**

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;"* 1 Peter 5:2

### **"Our Heavenly Father Knows Our Needs."**

Matthew 6:8 *"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."*

What is the context of this passage of scripture, it is praying to be heard. *"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."* Matthew 6:5.

Prayer is a special meeting between our Father and His child, it is a very private heart to heart talk with our Heavenly Father. It is not a time for personal glory, it is not a time of proud speaking to be heard as the heathen would do. God is our Omniscient or all knowing and all wise God, so much so that He knows everything about us that there is to know, even our most needful needs. Jesus went on in verse (31) to say, *"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?"* I cannot believe that Jesus meant that we are not to ever ask God for our needs, but we do need to remember that we are speaking to our Omniscient Father, who does supply all our needs. We need to remember that He is the Eternal God and knows the beginning to the end and everything in between. As Christians we never need to be forgetful that everything in our life is a result of God bringing them in our life. While sometimes it is hard for us to see or to understand, we must remain conscious of God's work and dealing in our life. We are never walking alone but by the will and grace of God for us. This is why we must have an active prayer life, praying many times a day. We are asking our Heavenly Father to bless us in so many ways, because we trust Him to answer. The Psalmist wrote, *"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him."* Psalms 91:15 God will never give us all our that we ask for, but He will supply our need if asked according to His will. *"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."* 1 John 5:14 - 15 We must always be reminded that God has ordained our life from the womb to death. Charles Spurgeon wrote in his sermon "Shall and Will" these words, *"He shall call upon me." It is not said, "I will give him this and that, without his praying." He that asketh receiveth; to him that knocketh it shall be opened;*

## **Pastor's Thought Continued**

*he that seeketh findeth. The asking, the knocking, the seeking must come before the reception, the opening of the door, and the finding. This is God's way."* That is God's way indeed, that we do not pray in the open to be heard but that our prayers be and opening of our hearts to God our Father. Jesus went up into the mountain and prayed all night long, *"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."* Luke 6:12 This proves to us that an active prayer life is only a good thing but should be part of our Christian life. We need to also understand that it is not only that we pray but that we pray much, as Jesus did. While public prayer is so wonderful and I love to hear God's men pray, prayer is also a private time between our Father and ourselves for talking to Him and making our personal request known. Let us pray for each other, let us pray for our Pastors, Ministers, Churches, and Missionaries and their works. There is so much we all need to sit and talk about with God, ask and you shall receive, but never ask amiss and never pray just to be publicly heard for your well speaking. Ask for wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God's word. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit and teach you, and to correct any doctrinal misunderstandings. Talk to our Father about our nation and our wicked world, about the hate in the world, and how best to present the Gospel to the lost. Jesus prayed all night on that mountain top because He had much to talk to His Father about and so do we. Make a list, and talk to God about that list, point by point. Cannot sit on a mountain and talk to God then use a closet because it is always a better conversation when it is one on one and exceptionally long in time. Folks, it is our prayer life, not only publicly but more so in a private setting with us and our Gracious and loving Father. If we ever pray to be heard, then we are praying amiss, and God will refuse to hear and answer our prayer. The Lord said, *"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."* Matt. 6:6 The Lord does not forbid public prayer as long as it is sincere and not for show. And when we pray, do not let us pray as though God doesn't know our needs, because He does.

## **Church information and Happenings**

- October 21, 2024, will be our churches Sixty-Third Anniversary.
- Our clocks will fall back one hour on November 03.
- Happy Birthday to Brother Justin Bookout Wednesday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Happy Anniversary to Brother Frank & Sister Dawana Reigel Friday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>