

March

First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From your Session Why Not Pray?

Does that phrase sound familiar? It might, because I thought of it as I recalled Pastor Ginger's sermon series, "Why Pray". I'd like to think with you for a few moments about setting aside some reasons not to pray. I'll take the view that to pray is a natural thing to do. Here are some reasons not to pray that come to mind and what I read in the Bible about them.

You feel the need to pray for a particular situation but don't know what to pray. Perhaps a friend has a problem or is in a difficult situation. You have no idea how the Lord would best help him/ her. It is difficult to pray. But Paul (the apostle) says that we can pray even in a groaning way, and God's Spirit will pray on our behalf! We can leave it to Him to know what should be prayed for that friend. We can offer our prayer, no matter how weak or confused, and the Spirit will pray His "revised version" in our place.

You think your concern is too small to bother Jesus with.

It seems that it might be best to pray only for the really big needs – because you don't want to bother Jesus with a "little thing". You are concerned that He might get tired of hearing from you if you bring Him a lot of small concerns.

Jesus spoke about God's concern for the grasses of the field – and how beautifully He has clothed them in flowers. He went on to say how much more He is concerned about His people. Surely since He cares much more about us than about the flowers, He is concerned to hear our prayers – even the smallest ones!

You are too busy to pray.

Let's consider the example of Paul (the apostle). He must have been a very busy guy! He worked at a trade to finance his activities (he made tents). He traveled extensively, visiting and helping Christian communities. He wrote a lot of letters to them. Yet he prayed a lot! He said he didn't stop giving thanks for the believers to whom he wrote. He prayed for wisdom for them, repeatedly.

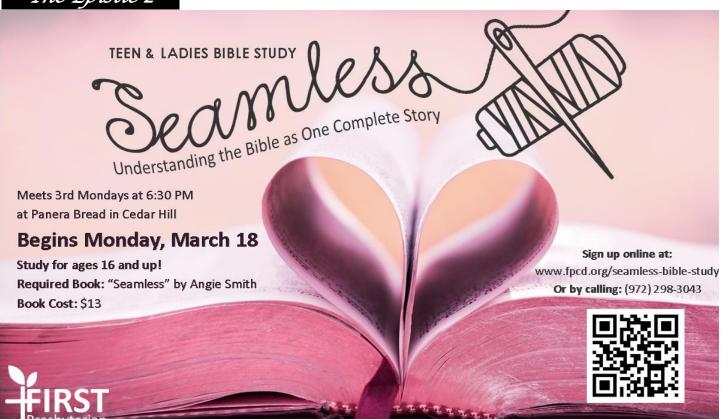
Well, we might be put off by Paul's seemingly limitless energy for praying. But personally, I take his commitment to prayer as an encouragement to me to work some prayer into my schedule, even when I'm too busy. How about praying while also doing something that doesn't require much concentration, such as showering, washing dishes, having trouble going to sleep, riding as a passenger in a car – perhaps when the journey gets boring.

I wish you well in your praying!

Paul

Related scriptures: Romans 8:26, Matthew 6:28, Ephesians 1:16, 17. Thanks to Elder Vanessa Cordova for part of the "also doing something" list.







543 E Freeman Street, Duncanville, TX 75116

Teen & Ladies Bible Study for ages 16 and up!

Led by: Brenda Everett,
Nyadia Thorpe, and Sandy Gaskins

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at

6:30 PM @ Panera Bread, Cedar Hill 416 E Pleasant Run Rd, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Please register online for this Bible study at:

www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study

Or contact the church office: (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org

Study Materials:

Required Book: "Seamless," by Angie Smith

(972) 298-3043 | www.fpcd.org | info@fpcd.org

Book Cost: \$13 for Adult version

\$12 for Teen version

Study Schedule:

Mar. 18 - Intro/Why Study?

Apr. 15 - The Beginning

May 20 - The Patriarchs

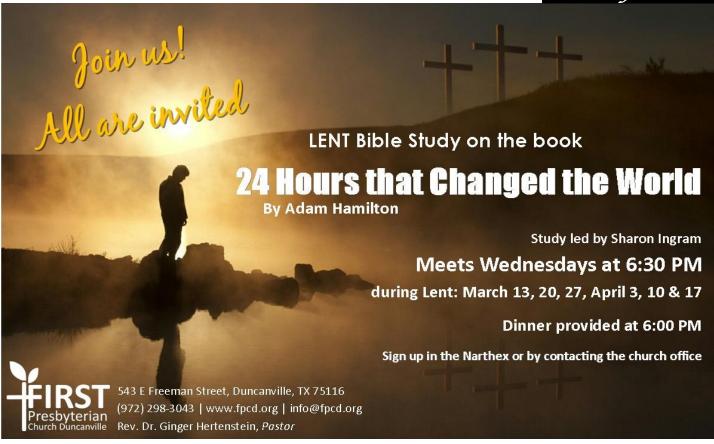
Jun. 17 - The Exodus

July/August - (No Meeting)

Sept. 16 - The Messiah and The Disciples

Oct. 21 - The Messiah and The Gospels

Nov. 18 - The Letters and Group Celebration



LENT Bible Study on the book

24 Hours that Changed the World

Bv Adam Hamilton

For Anyone and Everyone!

Led by: Sharon Ingram

Meeting on Wednesdays during Lent

Dinner at 6:00 PM Followed by Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Sign up for this study in the Narthex

or by contacting the church office at 972-298-3043 or info@fpcd.org

Please let us know if you need us to order you a book or if you will provide your own.

Study Materials:

Required Book: "24 Hours That Changed the World," by Adam Hamilton

Book Cost: \$12 - if you order through the church. You can also purchase a kindle version on Amazon, an eBook from Christianbook.com, or a copy from Audible, which may be more cost effective.

Study Schedule:

March 13—Ch. 1, The Last Supper

March 20-Ch. 2, The Garden of Gethsemane

March 27—Ch. 3, Condemned by the Righteous

April 3—Ch. 4, Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate

April 10—Ch. 5, The Torture and Humiliation of the King AND Ch. 6, The Crucifixion

April 17—Ch. 7. Christ the Victor

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Ingram at (469) 774-7997 or call the church office.

Women's Bible Study

The ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will gather in March for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading Lesson 7 from "God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun.

The Sarah Circle will hold their meeting on Tuesday evening, March 12, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jocelyn Bolles.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon, March 13, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

If you'd like to join them or have any questions, please call Joan Brown (972.742.7997) about the evening group or Connie Steger (972.741.7932) about the afternoon group.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Ephesians 4:2 NLT



March 2019

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Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

MEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education – 10:36 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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March Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Bobby Reed, March 2 George Huttar, March 3 Dennis Walters, March 3 Jimmy Cordova, March 4 David Gaskins, March 5 Irving Kezar, March 5 Paul Barton, March 8 Nancy Bergman, March 9 Vincent Thorpe, March 9 Blake Gaskins, March 9 Roy Jensen, March 10 Jennifer Johnson, March 11 Vangie Jackson, March 12 Pat Sparr, March 12 Dudley Austin, March 17 Dick Bergman, March 23 Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24 Tom Harmon, March 27 Carol Orwig, March 31



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

Receipts Expenditures

January \$15,208 \$18,130