

# FRISCO MESSENGER

Speaking the Truth in love...Ephesians 4:15

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*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.*

*Acts 2:37-38*

## 6 Reasons Why Some Prayers Are Never Answered (Part 4)

1. Faithless Petitions Flounder
2. Ignorance Impedes Our Invocation
3. Impurity Inhibits Intercession
4. Pride Prohibits Prayer

No one is qualified to approach the great God of the universe with a spirit of smugness.

He is the Lord, God Almighty (Gen. 17:1). We are but dust (Gen. 3:19). He is Creator. We, the created (Psa. 100:3). He is holy (Psa. 9:9), yet we are sinners (Rom. 3:9, 10).

Accordingly, prayer must ever be characterized by a spirit of lowliness.

This lesson is taught in one of the Lord's parables. Two men went up to the temple to pray (Lk. 18:9ff). One was a Pharisee and the other was a publican.

The Pharisees were the strictest sect of Judaism (Acts 26:5). To put it bluntly, they were religious show-offs (Mt. 6:1-17). The common people of Palestine revered them—which seems to be the purpose of their religion.

By way of contrast, the publicans (tax collectors for the Roman government) were despised. They were put in the same category as Gentiles, prostitutes and sinners (Mt. 18:17; 21:31-33; 9:10).

When the Pharisee arrived at the temple, he struck a pose and eulogized himself. "I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men." He viewed himself as a self-made man, and he adored his creator!

In stark relief, however, the publican contritely sought the Lord's mercy as a sinner. He was justified rather than the other.

The lesson of the parable is this. Arrogance can negate prayer. Humility will bless it.

This word may be added. While we are to pray with truly humble hearts, a balanced view acknowledges that, due to the work of our great high priest, Jesus, we may draw near "with boldness unto the throne of grace" (Heb.4:16).

**Humble confidence** is the divine ideal attitude for effective prayer.

# Prayer List

- Sympathy is extended to **Ray Wheeler** in the passing of his father, Gary, last week.
- Sympathy is extended to **Sharon Moore** in the recent passing of her aunt, Iris Gay, and her cousin, Gwen Bradley.

## Ongoing Prayer List...

### Those suffering with Cancer:

Malissa Wilson, Emily Seals (Palliative Care), Trelitha Bryant, Mike Cofer, Greg Armstrong (ALS), Kelley Lawson.

**Recovering from illness, surgeries, chronic conditions:** Hulon Brinkley, Archie Balzen, Cris Longoria, Will Watkins, Lisa Watkins, Janis McGee, Steve Fortner, Ethni Langford.

### Missionary Efforts:

Josh & Divine Austin (Phoenix, AZ)  
Ititi & Mary Nimending (Cameroon)  
Cameroon Preaching School  
Cameroon Prison Ministry

Please give frequent updates to the Office to keep list current.

### Helpful Websites:

- \* apologeticspress.org
- \* basicbiblestudies.org
- \* christiancourier.com
- \* gbntv.org
- \* oldpathspulpit.org
- \* wvbs.org



(Last Week)

Sunday Morning Bible	
Sunday Morning Worship	101
Sunday Evening Worship	53
Wednesday Bible Class	45
Offering	\$5627
Weekly Budget	\$3735



- 10/2 - *Todd Crayton*
- 10/4 - *Amanda Morton*
- 10/9 - *Inez Morrison*
- 10/14 - *Mable Wilson*
- 10/15 - *Drew Williams*
- 10/16 - *Ron Bostic*
- 10/18 - *Kevin & Jennifer Booker*
- 10/20 - *Courtney Ferguson*
- 10/30 - *Lauren Maloy*

### OCTOBER BAPTISTRY PREP:

Charlotte Pollock / Gail Fowler



## MEETING TIMES

Sunday Bible Class—9 AM  
 Sunday Morning Worship—10 AM  
 Sunday Evening Worship—5 PM  
 Last Sunday of the Month Worship—1PM  
 Wednesday Night Bible Class—7 PM  
 Ladies Bible Class (3rd Saturday)—9 AM  
 Elders Office Hours—By Appointment



Today:

- ◆ WBS Meeting at 3:30 pm today. Please come and get involved in this work.
- ◆ Any family who needs to update their directory information or picture, please see Rose Crayton.
- ◆ 10/21—Annual Ladies Planning Meeting at 3:45 pm in the Annex. All ladies are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ 10/21—October Birthday & Anniversary Celebration at the Craytons following evening services.
- ◆ 10/26-28 - Gospel Meeting, "Jesus: Our Hope", with Phil Sanders.

### CHURCH Leadership

**Elders:**

Todd Crayton  
 Brian Kidd  
 Kevin Lowry  
 Will Watkins

**Deacons:**

Kevin Booker  
 Cris Brown  
 James Cothran  
 Clayton Fowler  
 Brian Hasz  
 Brian Lofton  
 James Morton

**Evangelist:**

Todd Crayton

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