



Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

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Pray without ceasing. 1st Thessalonians 5:17

I have had wonderful Christians ask me if God answers all prayers. Sometimes their question is from a place of faith; other times it's from a place of frustration. I always and with confidence say YES.



Below are categories in which God's answers can come.

NO. When our prayer requests are clearly outside the will of God, God answers with a firm no. When our prayers are demanding a specific and at a certain time outcome, God may say no. No is an answer, but it's not one we like very much.

KNOW. When our prayer is for that which God could answer yes, we may need more information so that He can answer with a firm yes and for us to appreciate what He is up to.

SLOW. God wants to answer yes. But are we ready for the answer? You could give the car keys to your ten year old because they have asked (pestered) you to let them drive. You know better than they that they aren't ready - yet. God's delays are not God's denials.

GROW. Mature living moves us from demanding a thing to be done when we want it done, to cooperating with the process. Prayer is much more than getting answers. Prayer is a process that develops our faith. I can ask for bigger and better because I can be trusted with the answer.

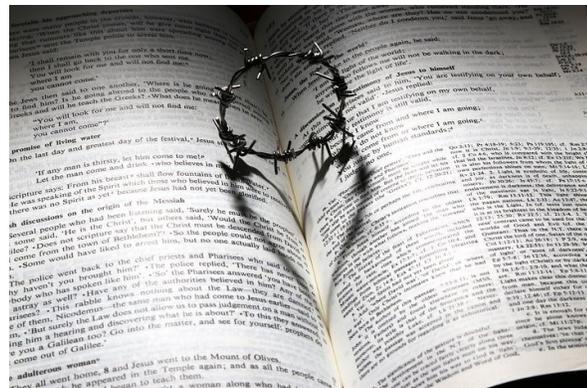
GO. Prayer and faith go together. Putting feet to your prayers is often the missing element. Isaiah saw God in a prayer meeting and proclaimed this: Here am I send ME! Moses was called of God to a great task and he said: send AARON! An Isaiah response will put you square in the middle of being the answer to prayer. A Moses response may just be more about your unwillingness to be used than God's ability to answer.

When you get frustrated with God, sift your request through these five possible answers. You may just find God's answer is at the doorstep. He may be waiting on you; not the other way around.

Thank You! Metro Lutheran Ministry sent Thank you notes for "...your thoughtful gift in honor of Father's Day in the amount of 150.00..." and "\$53.10 to support the mission of MLM". "It is donors like you who allow MLM to continue to make such a significant impact. " This month's Food Pantry item is Canned Tuna or Chicken

Bible Puzzle...

- Who was the first child born in the Bible?
- What is the name of the first person who appears in the Bible?
- Who was Israel's First king?
- Who was the first mother?
- What were Jesus' last words?
- What is the first book in the Bible?
- What is the first book of the New Testament?
- What is the last book of the Bible?
- What was the first plague in Egypt?
- What was Jesus' first miracle?



Greeters this Sunday August 22: Jody McLaughlin Sunday August 29: Jody McLaughlin

- The congregation welcomed Adam Ledbetter as church musician Sunday filling in for Ben Gentry. Adam is Ben's cousin and obviously comes from a family with musical skills. Thanks Adam! Ben continues to improve from covid, but thought it best to delay returning to worship.
- Linda Cain and Marylou Reiter placed sunflowers on the pews on Sunday to observe social distancing. Thanks Linda and Marylou!
- Virginia Hale is recovering at home from recent leg surgery and has another surgery for the other leg scheduled in the near future.
- Ina May Fakhoury has out-patience surgery on Tuesday. Pray for Ina May!
- Thanks for all who attended worship on Sunday for observing the covid protocols of wearing masks and social distancing.

8/4/2021
Budget
Actual
Current
2409.10
1603.92
Missions
269.23
195.60
Cap. Imp.
192.31
156.48
Total
2870.64
2,901.00

CHALLENGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On June 27th, Garmai and I walked you through the progress of the Challenge to Humanity school in Nyeakai, Bong County, Liberia which Grace Baptist Church supported in 2019. We told of the many children benefiting from this school. We told of the restrooms that cannot be finished due to rainy season. We told of the many children who walk 45 minutes each way to get to school. We told of the food that is provided for the children so their tummy's are full and they are ready to learn. We also told of the need for a building that can allow for the children who walk the long distances to stay/sleep 3 nights per week with adult supervision. In finishing the story, Garmai was asked "what can we, Grace Baptist Church, do to help? What is the need?"

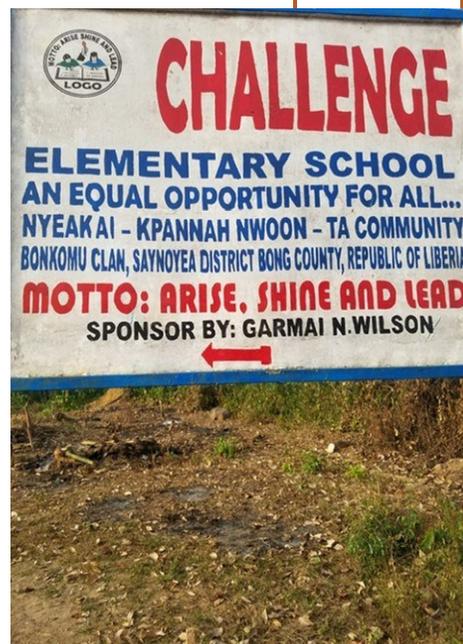
Garmai went back to her team in Liberia and they prepared a list of the supplies and labor needed to build the sleeping quarters for these children. She is anticipating approximately 25 children will utilize this facility. One side will be girls and the other side will be boys. The supervisors will be in the middle. It will cost \$6,370 U.S. dollars for this project.

If you are interested in supporting this project further, you may mark your offering envelope with the word "Challenge" and the Church will write a check for the project. Garmai is very appreciative of the generosity of GBC and thanks everyone.

Answers... 1. Cain (Genesis 4:1) 2. Adam (Genesis 2: 20) 3. Saul (1 Samuel 10:21-25) 4. Eve (Genesis 4:1-2) 5. "It is finished" (John 19:30) 6. Genesis 7. Matthew 8. Revelation 9. The water turned to blood (Exodus 7:19-20) 10 Turning water into wine (John 2:1-11)

**Mark Your
Calendar
September 19
is National
Back To
Church day.**

Attendance
Worship
44
Sunday School
0
Video



Prayer Requests

Health: Theresa Gentry, Debbie Crain, Ina May Fakhoury, Virginia Hale, Jeff Ashworth, Marcia Bush, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Reece Hall, Nathan Hespelt, Dave Hoitenga, Jim, Ima Jean, Dave Jones, Karen, Larry Merriman, Monte, Mike Nelson, Sharon Patterson, David Pine, Scott Pulido, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Taylor, Jackie Thorn, Timber, Gary, Jim, Colston, Vaccinations for COVID-19, Don Wenger

Other: ABW, Tara Barnett, Bev, Burma, Campers, Chinese friend of Dennis Farabee, NE Christian University/India, Disasters in the USA, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/Interim Pastor, Sunday School, Day Care, Diaconate, Hespelt family, Law Enforcement, Lenders of Nation and State, Medical Staff Workers/First Responders, Refugees, Ruth Naw, Search Committee, Shootings—World Conflicts, Our Missionaries, Those Traveling

Bereavement: John Ashworth family on the passing of his brother Jeff.