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Two and a Half Amens

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.

1 Samuel 12:23

If someone asks me to pray for them or someone else, I do it. I say a prayer right there and then. The duty for the children of God to pray for each other is a frequently mentioned topic in the Bible. Failing to pray for others is a sin if we believe Samuel. But, if I understand correctly, the verse does not refer to a single prayer, but the same kind of constant prayer that Paul exhorts us to when he says *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**.

If this is the case, and I believe that it is, then I sin without ceasing. Certainly I say a prayer when someone asks me, but that's usually where it ends. A prayer or maybe two and a half amens is about it for me in most cases. I don't claim to be a "prayer warrior," but I fear I'm misleading folks when I say "I'm praying for you." Yeah, I'm praying for them at that moment, but tomorrow morning I will have most likely forgotten about it. To be honest, I often forget to pray for even myself. I suspect that many of us are like that, but I must confess that it is embarrassing to admit. This is an area of my spiritual life that I realize needs to be worked on.

I have a few non-Christian friends who are absolutely honest with me when I ask for prayer and tell me that they can't or won't do that. They might say that they "wish me well" or are sending "good thoughts" my way, but won't commit to prayer. In contrast, I have a few believing friends who say they will pray for me but fail to do it. Which is worse, the unbeliever who tells me the truth, or the believer who fails to pray? In my opinion it would be the believer who fails to pray. A non-believer has not subjected himself to the authority of Christ and is not bound to any requirement to pray. I don't begrudge their refusal to do so and actually appreciate their honesty. I'm not saying that their refusal to acknowledge God is anything good, but at least they are honest about it. There are those who feel that God doesn't listen to the prayers of non-believers anyway, based on **John 9:31**, *"We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will."* There are other references to prayers by unbelievers that show otherwise. In particular, Cornelius, the Roman centurion in Acts 10 was a gentile yet prayed regularly and the apostle Peter was sent to him in response. God is almighty and is not restricted to answering the prayers of only those who believe in Him. Yes, there are instances in which God does not answer the prayers of an unbeliever. At the same time, in His grace and mercy, God is perfectly capable of responding to the prayers of unbelievers as he chooses. My point with all of this is that unbelievers have no responsibility to pray.

As Christians we do not have the same freedom to ignore prayer or to pray however and whenever we feel like it. We are told to pray and to do so without ceasing. A failure to pray, particularly when we specifically say that we will, is dishonest and ultimately sinful.

Forgive me, Lord, for failing to pray. Strengthen my desire to talk with you at all times.

Al Graff



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) now under hospice care at home.

Peggy Hollback at her home on Bussey Rd now. Continuing peritoneal dialysis until kidney transplant. Cards still appreciated. Please limit phone calls.

Norm McGinnis is scheduled for back surgery September 29 in Columbus.

Sonja Brooks (friend of Steve) having a bone marrow transplant, needing a donor.

Dick Havens now back at Heartland.

Shirley Glispie (Gary Glispie's mother) also in Heartland near Dick Haven's room.

Macy Shumway in Concord after a stay in the hospital.

Ruth Miller is scheduled for cataract surgery on September 25.

Valerie Lemaster scheduled for removal of lymph nodes soon.

Jim Cunningham now in Riverbend. Cards very much appreciated.

Dee Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) taken back to SOMC this week.

Garnet Lindeman showing some improvement lately. Staying with Nancy, her daughter

Alan Graff having some problems with blood pressure and blood test results, medications are being adjusted.

John Gardner (Julie Miller's father) having a radiation patch installed behind his eye tomorrow. Cards to 215 Old Town Lane, Brandon, Miss. 39042

Carroll Klinker (Sharon Gampp's sister) in rehab now. Address for cards: 10542 Oak Branch Trail; Stongsville, OH 44149.

Henry Mason showing some improvement. Cards to Alexandria House, 811 Findlay St, Portsmouth 45662.

Etta Lewis scheduled for an appointment with a specialist in Columbus, September 30.



Coming Events

Details for all of these events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- 9/22 Innermission Back-To-School Dinner
- 9/26-27 Roundlake Men's Leadership Retreat
- 9/28 James Group Meeting 5:30 pm
- 10/5-26 Home Groups at Sunshine
- 10/5 Deadline for Baby Bottles of Change
- 10/5 Flu Shots at Sunshine
- 10/6 Sweet Monday Resumes
- 11/7-8 Ladies Retreat at Fort Hill Camp
- 11/14-16 Spiritfest in Corbin, KY

Worship Leaders Class

Resumes tonight at 5 pm in the Annex.

Singing

Every Sunday evening at 6 pm there in the auditorium. Come and be a part.

Hope for Haiti's Children News

* **Washcloths**--In preparation for the upcoming medical mission trip in January, Sunshine has been asked to collect **1500 washcloths** (medium quality, any color) for the children of Haiti. As the children progress through the medical clinic, they are provided with a bag of school and hygiene essentials to take with them. It is projected that the clinic will serve 1500 children!! A suitcase will be placed in the foyer for your contribution.

* **Sewing**--For those of you who enjoy **sewing**, the bags that are provided to the children can be made using Simplicity Pattern 2164 (Styles C & D) for the girls and black drawstring (*not* messenger bag style) for the boys.

Updated Directories Available

The latest edition of our Fellowship Directory is on the table in the foyer.

Sunday PM Service

Tonight Mark Villinger will be preaching for us in the auditorium. Next Sunday evening **David Deacon** will be preaching.

Foyer Bulletin Board

Needed: A person willing to take care of the foyer bulletin board. See Steve or Irmalee.

Home Group News

Pads are laid out on the table for signing up for your Home Group. Sign up is in progress.

Discussion Leader/Host materials are also available on the table in the foyer.

HOSTS pick up the Info Sheet and if there are any restrictions or special instructions about your group, please write them on the pad.

DISCUSSION LEADERS pick up the Info Sheet, a DVD and the Discussion Question Sheets.

ELDERS AND DEACONS, you are the Discussion Leaders for these groups. Look over the groups and make sure that each group is covered with a leader.

Community Service Update

Friday evening, September 26, all of you who signed up to work the concession stand at the MHS football game should show up at 5:45 pm. Plan on staying till after the game in clean up (roughly 10 pm). The T-shirts are ordered and will be available at the gate on Friday or possibly as early as Wednesday Bible Study.

Food for the Weekend

It's that time again. We are still sending food home on the weekends for students in need. Please donate non-perishable items that kids can easily open. These items would include things like fruit cups, pudding/jello cups, breakfast bars, Vienna sausages, crackers, juice pouches, etc., things that kids can easily open. We currently have about 30 students who have need for this kind of food. Questions, see June Book.

Sweet Monday Returns!!

October 6, 7:30 PM. We are starting a whole new year, so if you have never joined us or if it's been a while since you have attended please plan to come! There is nothing to bring but yourself. See Heather Gragg with questions.

Midwestern Collections

Please bring in donated items for Midwestern Children's Home. This week we will focus on two items: **PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY**. Get a copy of the complete list on the table in the foyer.

Daughters of the King

2014 Sunshine Ladies Retreat

Ladies, please join us on November 7 & 8 at Fort Hill CYC. Enjoy a weekend of fun while we learn more about our identity as Daughters of the King! Sign up list is in the foyer. Cost will be \$45 per person. More details to come. Please see Cheryl or Mandi with any questions.

Spiritfest Coming

The youth group and Campus Ministry will be going to the Spiritfest youth rally in Corbin, KY on November 14-16. Anyone interested in going should sign up in the foyer. Further details will be provided as the trip draws nearer. Please see Tim or Jamie with any questions.

Innermission Back-To-School Dinner

The Innermission Back to School Dinner will be on Monday, Sept. 22nd. Sign up sheet will be in the foyer. Food needs to be at the church by 5:30 or at the Innermission bldg by 6pm. We also need the \$5 gift cards for various local fast food restaurants....Thanks! See Cheryl Villinger or Jamie Riley for details.

Joy Boxes

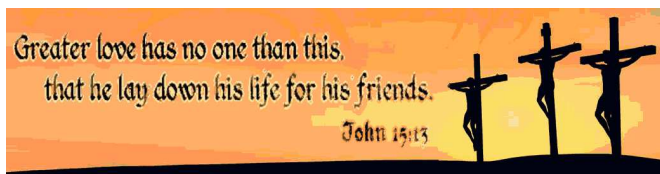
The 2nd and 3rd grade classes are working on Joy Boxes for Haiti. Each student has a child they are putting together a box for. The students are responsible to work and earn the money and purchase items for their box. Each box will cost approximately \$20-25 to fill. There is also a \$15 shipping fee for each box. We are asking the church for sponsors to help with the shipping costs on 18 boxes. There is a chart on the window in the foyer with student's name and place for a sponsor right beside it. Please sign your name if you want to sponsor a box so that we know all boxes are covered. We will be shipping them in early October, so please turn in checks or money by September 28 to Nick Davis. For more information call Sharon Hallam.

James Group-Ladies Classes

The new class for ladies will have a meeting on **Sunday September 28th at 5:30pm** to share our plans & let everyone see the materials we will be using. The class will begin after home groups.....so the first CLASS will be on Sunday November 2nd at 5pm. The book is Life's Healing Choices by John Baker. Always in His Service, Cheryl Villinger.

Flu Vaccines

Sunshine will have 25-30 **Flu Vaccines** available on **Oct. 5** through our partnership with SOMC parish nursing program. (This is the same number we have used the past 2 years, so if you have been getting your shot with us then you should be able to continue.) The process is the same as last year and the cost is still \$25. Medicare billing is also available. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer for shut-ins & elderly and the remainder will be given first come first serve starting at 9 a.m. (Please remember to wear something easy to access your upper arm.)



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

September 21

Wayne Gampp
Aaron McCray
Troy Gahm
Shane Mougey
Steve Miller

September 28

Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Mike Gampp
Price Gammon
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

David Bradshaw
David Gampp
Mark Villinger
Matt Cram
Don Ramey

Greg Shepherd
Troy Gahm
Wesley Book
Jeff Hayward
Ira Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

Zach Coriell
Tim Coriell

Gabe Coriell
Steve Williams

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Samuel
I have hearkened
Grayheaded
Whom have I oppressed
He is witness
Egypt
Righteous acts
Sisera
Moab
Forsaken the Lord
Ye dwelled safe
Fear the Lord
Your wickedness is great
Turn ye not aside
Serve him in truth
Israel
A king over you
Whose ox have I taken
I will restore it
Moses and Aaron
Stand still
Jacob
Philistines
We have sinned
Jerubbaal
God was your king
See this great thing
Fear not
God forbid

word search

1 Samuel 12

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