



FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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An Unexpected Prayer

Can you imagine the pain of trying to become pregnant month after month yet failing to do so? Some of you can. What if the month after month turns into year after year? Some of you can understand. The pain. The hurt. The exhaustion. The internal demons and doubts that begin to creep into one's mind, and worse, heart. The strain this must put on a marriage relationship and the overall shadow it must cast upon one's world view. To make matters exponentially worse, your next-door neighbor continues to birth child after child and go so far as to make fun of you for being dried up and unable. Pure misery.

In a nutshell, this was Hannah. Year after year going to the Shiloh, the city of the priest where yearly sacrifices are made, and year after year praying for a child with no results. Emotionally drained and potentially filled with negative self-speech, is our Hannah in 1 Samuel 1. But then the unthinkable happens! Through fervent prayer, an undying faith, and the grace of God, she becomes pregnant. Her promise to God was, if a child came to her, she would lend this child to God. This meant giving up the child she desired for years and years. Giving up the child that had filled her once aching heart. Giving up the child, relegating their relationship to occasional visits in another town. Giving up her child!

So upon giving her child up to the Lord in service in the Temple of Shiloh, we have a prayer that Hannah prayed. What do you think this prayer would consist of? Wouldn't you think it would be filled with thanks for her wishes coming true, words of strength for Samuel, or even help to get through the emotional strain of having to give him up? None of the above. Go to 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and read a focused prayer of praise and adoration. Listen to a heart that clearly understood, no matter the circumstances I will praise God almighty! For the sake of space and time, allow me to share with you one phrase that ought to be a regular phrase used in our daily prayers, *"My heart glories in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord... There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."* (1 Samuel 2:1, 2)

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm

January 24, 2021

THANK YOU

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for all the cards, the throw you sent, and all the prayers that have gone up for our family, during Grant's illness and his passing. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers, as we navigate the days and weeks to come.

May God bless you all!
Shelia Azbell, Grant Azbell III,
Angela Voigt, Mary Beth Narmore

CONGRATULATIONS

Heritage Christian University will be having their Founders Ceremony in March. There are 10 unsung and under-appreciated heros, who have extended noble service to the church and/or to our broader community. Each recipient will be awarded a Gold Founders Medallion. One of the recipients, of the Founders Medallion, is our own Don Williams. Please congratulate him on this award.

SICK/PRAYER LIST

Lane Baker, Reed & Sue Canerday, Ray Carpenter, Danny Coats, Marjorie Cox, Steve & Jeneane Ezell, Gene Gooch, Harlon Goolsby, Mary Garrett, Boyce Holderfield, Robert Holderfield, Eleanor Martin, Leo & Hazel Martin, Helen Parker, Larry Phillips, Paul Richardson, Dave & Janice Schmidt, Shelby Trousdale, Delores Williford

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Brian Allen (son of Dwight & Linda Allen), Georgia Anders (grandmother of Sonya Cox), Larry Hunter (father of Kevin Hunter), June Jones (mother of Kaye Holderfield), Larry Martin (son of Leo & Hazel Martin-brother of Deb Harrington), Eugene Pierce (friend of Jerry Trousdale, Vance Pitts (husband of Patsy Pitts), Keith Wade (son of Doyce & Shelby Wade; brother of Mike Wade), Tim Webster (dad of Brett Webster)

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

CEDAR VIEW ASSISTED LIVING: Doug Webster, Room 111;
LAUDERDALE CHRISTIAN NURSING HOME: Mary Nix, Room 6;
Glen Gist brother of Ravford Gist Room 13



All ladies are invited to a "Drive-By Baby Boy Shower," for Rachel Stovall, on Sunday, February 7th from 3:45 pm-4:45 pm, under the awning, close to the fellowship hall. Selections are online at: BabyList.com. Shower Team # 5 will be the hostess.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM & On Line Views: 648
Sunday School & On Line Views: 376
Sunday PM & On-Line Views: 564
Wednesday & On Line Views: 246
Budget: 13,300
Contribution: 10,517

2020 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Because of COVID-19, the report will be somewhat delayed and limited in its scope for 2020.

It will mainly consist of contributions made, in the white envelopes. Because contributions were recorded, in a number of different formats, some of the information could not be retained, as in the past.

If data is missing, or you have special problems, you should notify either Ray Carpenter or Jerry Trousdale. This should be done in writing and must contain all dates and amounts. We will review our records and attempt to provide you with information or data that may solve your problem. We request that you check and review your personal records prior to making your request.

JANUARY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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Sermon Titles:

AM:

PM:

Assignments

Morning Worship
Scripture Reader:
Nick Hayes

Evening Worship
Scripture Reader:
Nate Fulmer

Leading in Communion:
Howell Sparks

Prayers	Prayers
First – Cody Peery	First – AJ Gooch
Last – Anthony Myers	Last – Remington Medley

Youth Led: (4:55pm)
Song: Brooks Johnson
Scripture: Trent Woodfin
Prayer: Jarrett Johnson

Sermon Notes

Key Words:

Outline: