

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for January 2011

The Lord's Supper

Reed Kilcrease / Steve Sanders / Larry Wyrosdick / Russ Kilcrease

Announcements

J. W. Furr

Building Duties

Jim Johnson

Greeters

Bobby Owens
Sam Sanders

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
Zack Wilson

Lord's Supper Preparation

Judy Dixon

Scripture Reading

John Frost

Privileged to Serve on January 30, 2011

Morning Prayer

Bob Williams (opening)
David Sanders (closing)

Evening Prayer

Danny Rolling (opening)
Russ Kilcrease (closing)

Song Leader

Frankie Sims

A/V Equipment

Steven Frost

If you are unable to serve, please contact John Frost - 429-1114/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



**Minister
Keith Dixon**

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER

Privilege of Prayer. Have you ever considered the power and greatness of God? Have you ever contemplated that God spoke and the entire universe was created? Psalm 33:9 states, "For he spake, and it was done, he commanded, and it stood fast." "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). Even down to the smallest detail, God planned and created everything. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead: so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). Even the seasons were planned by God. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). God also continues to sustain this earth by this power of His Word. "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:3). Just think how much power God has.

We know only a small portion of the power of God! Job contemplated the greatness of God (Job 26:7-14). "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? But the thunder of his power who can understand?" Notice in the last verse (underlined), Job says that we are only seeing just a small portion of all that God can do. Oh, how great is our God! How powerful are His works!

Partaking of Prayer. Let us meditate on a few thoughts that all of this stirs. We are just one person out of the billions that are now living. Out of these billions of people God is listening to certain ones. Peter informs us, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (1 Peter 3:12). Those who God considers righteous may be few, but a few among billions is still a lot.

Are you part of the righteous? You might say that you are. However, do you define the righteous as God defines the righteous? What one wears, what one says, what one thinks, even one's attitude makes the difference in one's righteous. The righteous are reflecting the Light into the world (Matthew 5:13-16). The righteous can be identified with Christ as belonging to Him. That also means that the righteous are practicing what they are preaching. If they are telling others how to live, then they themselves should be living that kind of life.

Power of Prayer. The righteous pray: "Our Father, which art in heaven..." James relates, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). The Power of the universe is listening to what one righteous person has to say. He takes time to consider and He does answer that prayer. This implies the power that the righteous have with God. This implies the power of prayer. **(Continued on Page 3)**



In Our Prayers

- Shanna Bethea - doing well with chemo
- Mike Bagents – doing well following surgery
- Larry Brady – lupus
- Ruby Bush – radiation treatments
- Curtis Cates – leukemia
- Glenn Daniel- physical therapy
- Ken Helms – health problems
- Linda Joiner - health problems
- Cecil Kelley – health problems
- Lucy Kilpatrick – health problems
- Barbara Jean Mitchell – upcoming procedure
- Lela Moseley – health problems
- Shirley Tomlin – health problems
- Lyndsay Turner – much improved; continues recovery
- Bradley Mason Williams – new-born with a serious heart condition

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount
Edwina Rolling

- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.

Jim Johnson – loss of a cousin
Braxton Laird – loss of a brother-in-law

-Pray for soldiers overseas.

Jason Cartwright – Afghanastan
Keva Potts - Afghanastan
Chance Styron – Parris Island

- Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

Brother John O'Neal - currently in India.

Ladies Caring and Sharing Group continues to meets every Tuesday morning at the building at 10:00 a.m.

A ladies Bible class will begin on February 6 and will meet at the building every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Youth Event

"GOD'S STADIUM, GYMNASIUM, AND BATTLEFIELD"

Speaker: Caleb Cochran

Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

@ Grady church of Christ building

LADIES DAY EVENTS

North Lowndes church of Christ
"Be Still and Wait Upon the Lord" - Guest Speaker: **Glady Deese.** **February 5, 2011**

9:30 a.m. – Registration & Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. until Noon – Program

Noon – Lunch

Hamilton Crossroads church of Christ

"Who Can Find A Virtuous Woman? For Her Price Is Far Above Rubies." **Pro. 31:10.** **Guest Speaker: Mrs. Teddy Copeland.** **Saturday, February 26, 2011.**

Registration 9:30 a.m. Two Sessions: 10 & 11 a.m.

Lunch: 12 Noon

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Plan of Prayer. With all of this power available to us, how often do you pray to God? Since Christ is our example (1 Peter 2:21) He will show us when we ought to pray. He prayed early in the morning. He prayed in the evening. He prayed before He made a big decision. Yes, even before He chose the twelve apostles He prayed. He prayed before His trials. He prayed while on the cross. He prayed for those who were killing Him. He prayed for the food that He was giving out. He prayed before He instituted the Lord's Supper. He even taught His disciples to pray. How often do you use this powerful privilege?

Love Keith