



Johnna Beth Sims

Birthday 07/25/2020

John Cunningham

Birthday 07/26/2020

John & Gracelyn Cunningham

Anniversary 07/26/2020

Olivia Kent

Birthday 07/26/2020

Ron Kochik

Birthday 07/29/2020

**Song Practice on Zoom Tues-
day evening at 7**



Contributions

Week 07/11/2020

\$ 6.706

We are working on a way to do that online (who would have ever thought), but in the mean- time, those who give by check could simply mail it to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

In the beginning, this emergency looked short term and we just thought that any and all could give it all after the emergency. Now that it looks much longer, it becomes important that we each continue to contribute weekly or monthly as we have, if we are able, because bills still have to be paid and evangelists need to continue to be supported. We will let you know when we have any better solution to the problem.



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Can We Do No More ?



In 1870 a church official made this statement: "The millennium is at hand. Man has invented everything that can be invented. He has done all he can do." That man was Milton Wright, the father of

Wilber and Orville, inventors of the airplane.

How shortsighted we can become! We look at what we are doing as individual Christians and as a church and might think that nothing more can be done. Can we limit the work of Almighty God with our lack of imagination and industry? Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." (John 9:4)

Look at what is being done by the church worldwide and locally. Consider it well! Then try to find better ways of teaching, converting, serving the community, and performing other phases of the work, and see if you can't come up with even more ideas of serving. *John Wright*



Meeting News from the Elders

A few words to explain what is happening as we move toward a return of services in the building.

We have had successful LiveStream services at the building since June 28. Since new virus infections are still rising at an alarming rate, we started with just worship leaders and their families. For those in the auditorium, it worked well and everyone stayed safe. For those at home and on ZOOM WITH Live Stream it was the best of both worlds, because at home we had the feel of "being there" with Bill at the pulpit and the "be with everyone" feel we get with ZOOM. On ZOOM, all members can talk and visit with each other after service. Those attending at the building cannot linger afterwards.

We are still in a very dangerous time. The rate of infections is still increasing. In no way do we want you to feel compelled to physically attend simply because limited services are reopening at the building.

We are strongly recommending that the over 65 age group that is most vulnerable should wait at least a month before considering attendance in the building. Others with physical conditions that increase their vulnerability should also delay in-building attendance.

If you choose to attend the service in the auditorium, it will be with strict use of masks and social distancing. Children will not be allowed to play and run as before and must be with parents at all times. All should plan for bathroom use at home because use may be limited in the building. Zoom services will continue in parallel to Live Streaming from the building for the foreseeable future and you will still be able to view the entire service and participate from home..

The key decision point for most of us will be the status of the pandemic. We just had the first of our number affected adversely by the virus when a member's daughter, Lauren, was tested positive for COVID-19. Lauren is recovering and thankfully her family tested negative. The rate of increase in Alabama for new infections is still five times what it was when we began total lock down. (Over 15,000 new cases in Alabama in last 14 days and over 1,700 in one day last week.)

REMEMBER THESE IN PRAYER

Rebecca Teague sister Shirley Broken leg

Janis Hart's sister cleared and back at work

Johnnie Mae White Anemia

Patricia Lang recovering well

June Brokson Pat Hart's sister..severe infection

Cooper Terry grandson of Brenda Domingus /sister Linda cancer

Mike Hunt ... Into a new routine

Helen Stewart Not much progress

Powerful Prayer



“Then [Jesus] turned to the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil’” (Luke 7:44-46).

IF OUR LOVE FOR GOD WERE TO BE JUDGED BY THE INTENSITY AND THE PERSISTENCE OF OUR PRAYING, HOW APPARENT WOULD IT BE THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM? The woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head had an obvious love for Him. As she literally clung to the Lord, her actions showed that she appreciated what forgiveness meant. On the other hand, Simon, the Lord's host on that occasion, paid far less personal attention to Jesus. He failed to see the depth of his need for what Jesus had to offer.

We are taught not only to pray, but to pray with persistence, fervently expressing our desires. In teaching His disciples about prayer, Jesus “spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Persistence in prayer is not for God's benefit but for ours. We need, as someone has said, to “batter the very gates of heaven with storms of prayer.” It must be with conviction of heart that we approach our King: “Alone to God with faith draw near, approach His courts, besiege His throne with all the power of prayer” (Charles Wesley).

No doubt one of the main reasons we get so little out of prayer is that we put so little into it. The anonymous author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* long ago advised: “Attempt to penetrate the darkness above you. Toss sharp darts of desiring love at that thick cloud of unknowing.” The God whom we worship will not be manipulated by the prayers of those who are merely curious. He is a rewarder of those who seek Him diligently (Hebrews 11:6), not of those who seek Him casually or conveniently.

Out of all the things we do, praying is surely one of the most significant. In prayer we are actually speaking to our Creator. And the manner in which we pray, perhaps more than anything else, indicates how diligent we are in our love for God.

“It is only when the whole heart is gripped with the passion of prayer that the life-giving fire descends, for none but the earnest man gets access to the ear of God” (Edward McKendree Bounds).

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