**8/24/25 What Causes You to Pray for Others? Colossians 1:9-15**

* Scriptures throughout the Bible command us, because of our love, to lift up others in prayer. Even those who mistreat us.
* Jesus prayed for His disciples and those who believe in Him.
* We should pray at all times and on every occasion.
* We pray a lot of temporary-fix prayers because we are out of fellowship with God.

**Matthew 5:43-44, 22:37-39; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18; Ephesians 6:18; John 17:9,20,21**

**1. We have so many godly examples to follow!**

* We need to cry out to God and totally depend on Him like the Apostle Paul.
* Our prayers should be to encourage, provide spiritual strength, a deep understanding of God’s will and wisdom.
* Epaphroditus brought back to Paul the good news of the Colossian’s love in the Spirit for Christ.

**Ephesians 1:16,19; 3:16-17**

**2. The devil gets busy when good thing are going on.**

* Jesus reminds us of the devil’s primary tactics against His followers.
* False teachers were spreading the ideology of Gnosticism throughout the church.
* Paul teaches that whatever state or condition we are in, we should be content.
* We are to anticipate and do what God wishes in every aspect of life.

**John 10:10, Colossians 1:10,18, 2:9; Philippians 4:11; James 1:5; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Ephesians 5:10**

**3. Have a God-pleasing life.**

* We are to bear fruit, grow in knowledge, strengthen our relationship and give thanks to God.
* As Paul writes from prison, we find that his prayers are Christ-centered not self-centered.
* Following God’s Will and pleasing Him is key in the spiritual life.
* Don’t worry about anything, but pray about everything and thank God for what He has done.

**Matthew 7:16; Colossians 1:11-15; James 1:17; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 2:9**

**Upcoming Events**

Food Pantry opens Thursday, August 28, from 3-5 PM.

Union Meeting, Friday, August 29th-Sunday, August 31, New Hopewell Baptist Church, 458 Johnson Rd, Naylor, GA.  Friday night singing 7 PM.  Bible Institute Saturday 10 AM; Sunday School 9:45; Morning Worship 11 AM.

New Member Orientation – Sunday, August 31(the 5th Sunday) at 10:00 a.m. Please see Sister Demps to confirm your attendance.

Grandparents’ Day, September 14th, Guest speaker Pastor David Hamm of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Cuthbert, GA.  Theme: Strong Faith Passed Down; Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:5-9.

Family & Friends Day, Sept. 27th, Guest speaker, Pastor Kelvin D. Williams of Eternally Yours Ministries, Atlanta. Theme: Your Invitation Has Been Sent.  Scripture: Luke 14:15-24.

Congress of Christian Education classes begin Thursday, September 4th. Bible Study is canceled for the month of September.

Bro. Gregory Anderson, (son of Dea. Greg and Sis. Juanita Anderson) Initial Sermon, ElBethel Baptist Church, Saturday, September 13, 12 PM. Dr. Julius Trawick, pastor/teacher. 244 North Irving St. Milledgeville, Georgia.

**Thought for the Week**:   Because HE is Alright, it’s going to be alright!