

### PRAYING ABOUT A PROBLEM THAT WON'T GO AWAY

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“A man after God’s own heart”—God’s own description of David (1 Sam. 13:14, Acts 13:22). God’s confidence in David was that he “will do all my will” (Acts 13:22). In fact, David didn’t die until “he had served the purpose of God in his own generation” (Acts 13:36).

It wasn’t easy to do all God’s will. Sometimes David sinned egregiously. And for more than a decade a man with a sinister will sought to keep David from serving God’s purpose. Saul meant to make life short and miserable for David. You can watch that drama play out from the 13th to 31st chapters of 1 Samuel in your Bible.

You can also listen to many of David’s prayers during that time. The headings above them connect eight Psalms (7,34,52,54,56,57,59,142) directly to this long saga. Saul was David’s enemy continually (1 Sam. 18:28-29).

How do you pray about a problem that won’t go away? Psalm 56 is an example...

<sup>1</sup>Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;  
all day long an attacker oppresses me;

<sup>2</sup>my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many attack me proudly.

<sup>3</sup>When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.

<sup>4</sup>In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can flesh do to me?

<sup>5</sup>All day long they injure my cause;

all their thoughts are against me  
for evil.

<sup>6</sup>They stir up strife, they lurk;  
they watch my steps,  
as they have waited for my life.

<sup>7</sup>For their crime will they escape?  
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

<sup>8</sup>You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your book?

<sup>9</sup>Then my enemies will turn back  
in the day when I call.  
This I know, that God is for me.

<sup>10</sup>In God, whose word I praise,  
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

<sup>11</sup>in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

<sup>12</sup>I must perform my vows to you, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to you.

<sup>13</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

Identify some words in this Psalm that you want to use to connect your heart to God’s. Browse the other seven suggested Psalms, too.

God doesn’t promise a panacea. God does offer his presence. Keep praying. Keep walking before him in the light of life.

*Danny Boggs*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Rachel Potter, John Privett, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Natalie McInturff is recovering from knee surgery.



**Every "One" Counts:** Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. Last week we helped a local family with a new baby who had a large hospital bill. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends. 

The **third Wednesday night family dinner** is tomorrow night. Join us as we enjoy a lasagna meal prepared by the hostess groups of Molly Cobb/Brenda Kimbrough and Andrea Wald/Ginger Murray.

**BBQ Men's BBQ Night:** Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 this Thursday for a trip to Woody's Smokehouse.

Thursday morning **ladies' Bible class** will not meet this week.

If you are interested in the **Titus 2** program, a growth ministry for women, sign up on the bulletin board by tomorrow night.

Ed and Vera Cornell are in need of a **caregiver** on a daily basis. If you can help or know someone who can, please give them a call.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: Spencer Furby

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**Gospel Meeting:** Spencer Furby will be here Sunday with lessons on "Building Biblical Character." Make plans to be here Sunday morning, Sunday night at 6:00, and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00. As we know from the last time he was here, Spencer is great at connecting with young and old alike. The lessons will be Biblical, practical and uplifting. Don't miss this opportunity to make your life more Christlike. Invite your friends and family, too!

This Sunday we will have a **potluck** fellowship lunch after morning services with Spencer Furby. Bring a dish and share in the fellowship.

At the lunch, we will also honor Zane Berner and Bethany Bast with a **wedding shower**. They are registered at Amazon or you may add some money to a money tree.

September 27-29 is the **RUSH** youth rally at Freed Hardeman University for grades 7-12. If you wish to attend, sign up on Caleb's door by September 22.

**Neosho Christian School** is supplying their remodeled kitchen. If you would like to help, you can buy an item from the cards on the window in the foyer or you may give a donation to Amanda Flint.

NCS will have their **Run With the Knights** on October 26 at 5:00 at Morse Park. It is a 5k and 1 mile fun run. Information and registration forms are on the welcome desk.

**Ladies**, you have been invited to participate in a ladies retreat with 26 and Connecticut. Information is on the bulletin board.

**Ladies**, there are several opportunities for attending a ladies day program in the area. See the bulletin board if you are interested.

*Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement for Glen's service and the lunch you provided for our family. We couldn't have had a nicer or more bountiful meal. But most of all, I want to thank you for all the kindnesses shown to Dad while he was a part of your congregation. He couldn't have had a more loving church family. We are forever grateful.*

*Glen Crumbliss' family*

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### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, September 22

- AM Opening: Glen Honeycutt
- AM Closing: Wayne Douthitt
- PM Opening: John Deffenbaugh
- PM Closing: Bill Reiboldt

#### Wednesday, September 25

- Opening: Rick Hyder
- Closing: Caleb Boggs

RECORDS	09-15-19	09-16-18
Bible Study	155	140
AM Worship	204	204
PM Worship	129	129
Wednesday	153	130
Contribution	\$7,738.17	\$8,154.00
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58