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SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES AND SEEKING THE LOST

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## LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE JESUS

**John Baker**

Jesus probably spent more time in prayer than anyone who has ever lived. So fervent was His prayer life that the disciples (who already knew a thing or two about prayer) once begged, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Far more insightful and fascinating than the amount of time Jesus spent in prayer is the content of Jesus' prayers and petitions. In an effort to be more like Him, we should ask, "What would Jesus pray for?"

***He would pray about God's will*** — "May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). Jesus subjected His will to the Father's (Jn 17:4), and thus became our perfect example. Our prayer life ought also to focus on God and His will. Prayers are many times concerned too much with our own will and too little with God's. James rebukes this attitude in us: "You ought to say, if the Lord wills we will live and also do this or that" (James 4:15). The Lord wants us to be concerned with His will being accomplished in our hearts, in our lives, and in the lives of others!

***He would pray for His enemies*** — One of the most heartwrenching prayers in the entire Bible was uttered on the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Jesus prayed for those who were guilty of putting Him to death. While God will not forgive an impenitent sinner, Jesus realized how desperately these men needed the salvation He was providing. How much more should Christians be willing to forbear persecutions in bringing others to the Lord? We should bless our enemies by praying on their behalf (Matt 5:44-45).

***He would pray for unity in the church*** — Before His death, Jesus uttered a magnificent prayer on our behalf in John 17: "that they may be one, as You, Father are in Me, and as I am in You, that they may be one in us" (John 17:21). Jesus was not praying for unity at the expense of truth, but make no mistake, He was praying that Christians be united in God's cause.



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# GOSPEL MEETING

APRIL 19 - 22, 2026

**SPEAKER: BJ Clarke**



Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am

“There Really Is A God In Heaven”

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

“The Bible Really Is The Word Of God”

Sunday Afternoon Worship 1:00 pm

“Jesus Really Is The Son Of God”

Monday Evening 7:00 pm

“There Really Is One Church”

Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

“God Really Does Love You”

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

“God Really Will Judge You”

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Around our brotherhood today there are churches that have been splintered and fractured by personality disputes, sin in the church, and the continual turmoil of brethren trying to be, "Greatest in the kingdom." Mark these words: Jesus prayed for the kind of unity that only comes with a firm commitment to the truth and a humble spirit displayed on the part of all. Let's pray for more churches like that.

**He would pray for those who are struggling in faith** — As He prayed on a mountaintop, Jesus witnessed His disciples struggling in the midst of a storm (Mk 6:47-48). Jesus knew this storm was testing their faith in Him, and we should have no doubt that He prayed for them. How often are we concerned for those we see who are struggling? Many of us have daily opportunities to minister to people that need our love and encouragement, but we do well to remember Jesus' example: He prayed for His disciples before He walked out to them on the sea. Let's remember those who are struggling with storms of their own when we pray.

**He would pray with gratitude** — When Jesus rejoiced, it was because He was grateful to God (Luke 10:21-22). The Bible inseparably links the characteristics of real, lasting joy and gratitude toward God (cf. Phil 4:6-7). Our prayers ought to reflect a genuine sense of thankfulness for God's abundant blessings (James 1:17). One of the greatest sins we can commit is to fail to be thankful (cf. Rom. 1:21). Learning to pray like Jesus means that we should spend more time, "counting our many blessings" as we pray. How's your prayer life? Do you pray like Jesus?

### Sunday Sermons

The Bible Really Is The Word Of God (AM)

Jesus Really Is The Son Of God (PM)

### Bible Passages To Consider

"All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)

**IN NEED OF PRAYER**

**Vern Schrimsher** is recovering at home following foot surgery.

**Meredith Peek** was taken to the hospital on Wednesday afternoon. She is having several tests run and fluid drawn off.

**Tommy Shull** is scheduled to have heart valve surgery on April 21.

**Angie Schrimsher** is scheduled to have an outpatient procedure on April 22.

**Rannie Butler** is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

**Joyce Valentine** was scheduled to have a scan on Friday.

**Jean Jones** is taking physical therapy at Desoto Healthcare.

**Mallory Smothers**, granddaughter of Charles & Rebecca Martin, continues to have terrible migraine headaches.

**Jamie**, 18 month old nephew of Rona Johnson's friend, has been released from the hospital. The doctors were concerned about him having damage to his heart but no damage was found.

Please continue to remember the following: **Barbara Day, Brenda Dreher, Danna Smart, Alan & Linda Stone, Debbie Shull, Dorothy Butler, Betty Culbreath, Pat Pierce, Beverly Parnell, Lucy Chamberlain, Don Sykes & Karen Oglesby** in your prayers.

**BATTLING CANCER**

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone; Brenda Dreher; Pam Eaton; Charlene Farris; Justin Camp**, husband of Kim Camp; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson;

**Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

**SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME**

**Lucy Chamberlain; Debbie Shull; Brenda Dreher; Beverly Parnell; Pam Eaton; Tommy Eaton**, State Veterans Home in Oxford, MS; **Phyllis Smith**, The Goldton at Southaven Room #116.

**MEN TO SERVE - April 19, 2026**

**Preside:** Jason Bayless & Wesley Williams

**Serve:** Jerry Mitchell, Clint Hawkins, Hilton Jefferies, Greg Wilson, Mike Jones, Edwin Reyes

**AM Opening Prayer:** Con Lambert

**AM Closing Prayer:** Larry Nagle

**PM Opening Prayer:** Larry Everson

**PM Closing Prayer:** Ron Bobo

**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Andy Young

**Wed. Closing Prayer:** Jason Griffin

**Announcements:** Robert Jefferies

**Song Leader:** Brian Williams

**Scripture Reading:** RJ Jolomi

**Security:** James Stuckey

**REMINDER:**  
If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 19:** Potluck Luncheon

**April 19-23:** Gospel Meeting with BJ Clarke

**April 25:** Ladies Day with Celine Sparks. There are sign up sheets on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**May 16:** Ladies Day at Collierville Church of Christ with Berta Kennedy. See the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

**May 16, 9am-3pm:** Teacher Workshop @ Forest Hill Church of Christ. If you plan to attend please RSVP by May 9th. There is more information on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**June 14-20:** Sardis Lake Christian Camp

**APRIL FOOD TEAM**

**Captain:** Linda Mitchell

Emily McConnell, Felicia Reed, Lacreese Willingham, Becky Harville

**OUR RECORDS**

Bible Study	177
A.M. Worship	275
P.M. Worship	140
P.M. Wed. Worship	184
Contribution	\$



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**Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday P.M. Service.....	7:00 p.m.

**ELDERS**

Gary Barch  
Larry Everson  
David Rister

**DEACONS**

Bruce Dunaway  
Michael Gahagan  
Aaron Gallagher  
TJ Johnson  
John Stubblefield  
Chris Tice  
Andy Young

**MINISTERS**

Robert Jefferies  
Josh Walker