

VAIN REPETITIONS

Guy N. Woods (Deceased)

Prayers pleasing to God need not be lengthy and must not be filled with "vain repetitions." The Lord taught His disciples to avoid this common error of the Pharisees who, He said, use "vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matt. 6:7). The efficacy in prayer is not dependent on the number of words used, or the eloquence of the speaker who chooses them.

One of the most poignant and impressive prayers in the Bible has in it only two words! David, facing formidable enemies, deeply troubled, uncertain what course would be best for him to follow and fully aware of his own inability to resolve his problems, cried out, "Help, Lord" (Psalm 12:1). This was no time for speech-making to God!

All who face trials in life — and eventually all do — can fully empathize with the embattled Psalmist, and recall those painful occasions when in turning to the Lord, there was the sobering realization that there was no one else to whom to turn. The Bible abounds with these wonderful and precious assurances to the faithful. "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33:25). "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12:9).

When sin-stricken, burdened, and weary,
From bondage I longed to be free,
There came to my heart the sweet message:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Though tempted and sadly discouraged,
My soul to this refuge will flee,
And rest in the blessed assurance:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

The Joyful Things

At times I'm so discouraged with problems of the day.
I fail to see the joyful things that are along the way.

When troubles overwhelm me, it's then my nerves may fray.
That's when I need to take the time to simply sit and pray.

Reflecting on God's many gifts does make me so aware
Of all the joy in little things around me everywhere!

I must try to remember though problems come my way,
Not to miss the joyful things and the beauty of the day.

- Author Unknown (Bulletin Digest)

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.

News & Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Charles Pugh.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406. This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

SYMPATHY: To Latisha Brown & family at the sudden passing of her nephew, Desmond Anderson, in Florida. May God comfort the family at this time of sorrow.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies, come and help in this good work. Ability to sew not necessary.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Canceled the next two Thursdays, August 2nd & 9th at the Brown's residence. Resumes Thursday, August 16th at 11:00 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, August 4th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's in Chester, unless otherwise announced. All the men are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, August 4th, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

COVERED DISH DINNER & EARLY SERVICE: Next Sunday, August 5th about noon at the Fellowship Building. This will be followed by our early afternoon worship service at the church building at 2:00 p.m. Come and join us as we enjoy a meal together, and then assemble to worship God.

BABY SHOWER: For Casandra Miskimen on Saturday, August 11th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Multipurpose Building. She is registered at Walmart and Amazon.

MEMBER VISITS: So Our Elders and Minister can get better acquainted with the members, a visit can be scheduled to meet here at the building or in your home by signing the sheet on the desk, or arrange an appointment by talking to Rico. Otherwise, an impromptu visit may be made.

PANTRY: Canned fruit.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Brenda Akers, Charlie Delong, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **AUBURN NURSING HOME, SALEM, OH:** Jim Mick. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl. **IN CALIFORNIA:** Cindy Moore (Pat Allison's cousin).

You Are The Church

The bricks and mortar, the pews and all that goes to make the building ARE NOT the church. The church is YOU!

Its strength and its weaknesses are revealed in you. What you are, the church is also.



The power of its devotion to God, truth and humanity is the measure of your devotion.

The inspiration of its services is the test of your heart. Its stated hours of worship are your obligation. If you fail here, to that extent your failure is expressed in the church.

Yours is its faith. Its worship is expressed through you. No one can take your place.

- Author Unknown -

The Encourager,
Southside Church of Christ, Killeen, TX

Church Songs for Driving Speeds

35 mph

"Drifting Along"

45 mph

"God Will Take Care of You"

55 mph

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

65 mph

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

75 mph

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

85 mph

"This World Is Not My Home"

95 mph

"Lord, I'm Coming Home"

100 mph

"Precious Memories"

