

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance:

Contribution:

**Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

“Our deeds determine us, as much  
as we determine our deeds.”

GEORGE ELLIOT

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Mike Weber  
Songs: Tim Simmons  
Sermon: Ted Wheeler  
Closing Prayer: Bill Burnside

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Troy Wheeler  
Songs: Tim Simmons  
Sermon: Ted Wheeler  
Closing Prayer: Kaden Simmons

### COMMUNION

Marty Wingo Dick Navarre  
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## If We Pray The Disciple's Prayer

Open your Bible to the book of Matthew the sixth chapter, and you will find the "model prayer." This is the way Jesus taught His disciples to pray. The pattern for prayer will be found in verses 9-13. Pay close attention to the last phrase in that prayer, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever."

What kind of people would we be if indeed these principles governed our lives? Take a moment to look.

Wouldn't We Be Controlled by the Will of God?

That would surely be the case if we prayed "thine is the kingdom." That would mean his will was in control. Even before these words, one finds the phrase, "thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." One would not pray for his will to be done and at the same time not be controlled by that will. Yes, praying that prayer would bring our wills into conformity to His will.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

### Elders

Delbert Leavens  
Wayne Vowell  
Ted Wheeler

### Minister

Ted Wheeler

### Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am  
Worship-11:00 am  
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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Wouldn't He Have Confidence in the Power of God?

As we say, "thine is the power," we would surely be expressing great confidence in His authority and power. He thus tells one to go into all the world; one could go with great confidence. We would know that he was backed by authority that would supersede any other authority on earth. This would challenge us to meet any foe and be faithful under any circumstances where his marching orders sent us. Wasn't this the kind of thing that caused the apostles to say, "we ought to obey God rather than man?"

Wouldn't We Have Great Concern for the Glory of God?

Isn't it typical of the child to want to see his father honored? Isn't this the reason that many times children will restrain themselves less they bring shame upon their fathers and mothers? This becomes a powerful motive for one to live as he ought. He will want all men everywhere to honor the name of God.

When our Lord was on this earth, he was very concerned about glory being given to His Father. This is obvious from the teaching of this prayer. Later in a prayer He prayed, He is heard saying,

"glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." (John 17: 1)

Yes, Jesus was very concerned for the glory and honor that was and is due God.

The principles incorporated in this prayer would help us to be better and more noble people as we live by the highest motives and challenges faced by man.

Winfred C lark

### TODAY'S SERMONS

Stephen ... *Psalms 51:1-4*  
Not Good Enough ... *Romans 2:1-12*

YOUTH

### Water Issued Out

In Ezekiel 47, God gives Ezekiel an interesting picture of the church and Christ. Ezekiel sees a small trickle of water coming out of from the right side of the wall of the Holy Place. This water is representative of salvation which comes from Jesus and his word. The trickle of water goes underneath the outer wall of the Temple and runs down to the Jordan River.

As the water travels from the Temple it grows from just a trickle to a raging river. Ezekiel says it was only ankle deep, then knee deep, then waist deep, and then so deep and raging that he could not swim across it. This represents the tiny beginning of salvation for the world. At first only a small number of Jews were converted on Pentecost. But as salvation was preached, more Jews were converted. Then salvation was preached to Gentiles and many were converted.

The water which had flowed down through the Jordan River entered the Dead Sea. Nothing can live in the Dead Sea because of the salt content. But the waters of salvation bring life to the Dead Sea. Fishermen

are shown pulling many out of the now living waters. This is a picture of Christians catching men through the teaching of the gospel. The Dead Sea is representative of Gentiles receiving salvation. I am glad that Jesus was willing to die on the cross for our sins. I am glad that he has given us a way to salvation. Read your Bible. Learn what is necessary to obey God and receive salvation. And if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

Mark McWhorter

### Remember in Prayer

- KERRY KEATHLEY
- DELBERT LEAVENS
- JANET WEBER
- CHARLES HESSON
- DORIS WHITE
- PAT BURNSIDE
- CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
- PATRICIA SMITH
- FRANK SMALL
- IVA & LEM TURNER
- PATRICIA FORD
- JEANETTE THOMPSON
- TED WHEELER

### Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Nov. 26: Song Service 6 pm
- ✓ Dec 3: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Dec. 16: Holiday Get-Together @ Wheelers, 5 pm
- ✓ Dec. 31: Song Service @ 6 pm
- ✓ Dec. 31: New Years Party @ building midnight
- ✓ Jan. 15-18, 2007: Florida School of Preaching. *32nd Annual Lectureship: Do You Understand The God Of The Bible?* The 15th is a holiday and hopefully we can get a group to go up on that Mon-