



# The Vision



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**August 15, 2021**

### *Manna for Meditation*

#### **Pray Anywhere, Anytime**

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.*

I Thessalonians 5:16-17

Prayer is an essential part of a healthy Christian life. Just as omitting an essential vitamin from our diet will make us physically weak, so a lack of prayer will make us spiritually anemic.

The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing." It isn't enough to get out of bed in the morning, quickly bow our heads, and repeat a few sentences.

Instead, we need to set aside specific times to be alone with God, speaking to Him in prayer and listening to Him speak through His Word. If you set aside special times for prayer, your unconscious mind will be saturated with prayer all day long.

For the overworked mother or other busy person, this may seem impossible (although even a few minutes alone with God can reap rich rewards). But even when we are busy, we can "pray without ceasing" in our hearts and minds. We can pray anywhere, anytime—and God will hear us. Today Let Prayer saturate your life "without ceasing."

#### HOPE FOR TODAY

Prayer is not an isolated activity; it is ongoing Throughout the day. When we seek to hear from God, we will find that He is always available and Ever eager to speak to His children. We pray With our words and find answers in His Word

*Hope for Each Day*

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***Your fellowship today is important to us.  
Please fill out the attendance pads at the end  
of each pew.***



## Servants

In His Service

**August 22, 2021**

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

NURSERY-

Small Talk-Stephanie Wesseler

Junior Church-

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

SS-51      Worship-61

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

	Worship Service	Sunday School
August 1	\$2,265.58	\$58.00
August 8	\$1,825.00	\$48.69

\$20.00-OGHS, \$2.50-B'day and Anniversary offering,  
\$170.00-Trash Bags

Operating Fund

\$4,197.27

Total Receipts (Aug.)      \$4,991.47

Weekly Need      \$2,700.18

#### **More Like Jesus**

Let us be more like Jesus

In everything we do;

Let's live a life of service,

A life that's fresh and new.

Let's relinquish worldly things,

And not be slaves to fashion;

Let's fill our hearts with love,

Forgiveness and compassion.

Yes, let's be more like Jesus,

Being always in God's will,

For if Jesus' light shines through us,

Our earthly purpose we'll fulfill.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



August 29-----Picnic at Etter's Lake

September 20-----Men's Fellowship Breakfast



There will be a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday November 6th. For booth rental and more information see Judy Thompson.

Acts 20:17-24 Bucket Lists

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** "But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

An elderly friend recited all the exciting things on her bucket list that she had done over the years. The experiences she had accomplished thus far included visiting exotic islands, skydiving, parasailing, bungee jumping, and riding in a hot air balloon.

The next item on her list was to go zip-lining. The thought of flying through the air attached to a cable made me shudder.

After our visit, I thought about what I wanted to accomplish before my life ended.

Achievements of great importance? Experiences for fun and pleasure? I sat down with a pen and paper and wrote "Bucket List" at the top. And then I stared at the paper for a long time. I couldn't think of a single thing that I wanted to accomplish besides becoming a writer, and I had already done that.

But what did *God* want me to accomplish in my lifetime? Was my list to simply be all about me? Scriptures came to mind about how we are to love our neighbors as ourselves and how we are to spread God's Good News. Particularly intense were thoughts about how God allows us to go through troubles so that we can comfort those who go through the same trouble. And finally, the verse about running the race of life entered my thoughts. These were the things I needed to place on my bucket list. What's on yours?

**PRAYER:** God of encouragement, help us to accomplish the things that *you* want us to do.

**Keep our faith strong through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

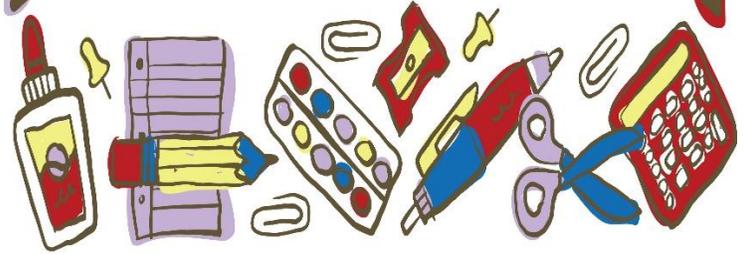
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### School Supply Program

Judy Thompson has arranged for different people to sponsor children with school supplies this year.

Remember, besides helping with supplies, the main purpose of the program is to pray for the young person during the school year and send a card at different times during the year, E.g. birthday, Christmas and special Holidays. to let them know that you are thinking and praying for them.



### **PAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **Church Family:**

Maggie Jordan, Scott Pettit, Kathy Morris, Jim Abshire, Wyatt Rynard, Betty Williamson, Brian Etchison, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Mary Jennison, Dixie Carter, Evelyn Denney, Bob & Catherine Etter, Larry & Peggy Martin and Bob & Dianna Jennings.

#### **Community: Pray for America,**

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

**Military Personnel:** Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

**Country** People Affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy.

**World:** Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

