

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

September 3, 2017

A Child's Prayer?

By C.M.Callan

Most are familiar with the simple prayer that so many children learned at an early age.

“Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.

If I should die before I awake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.”

It seems to me that this prayer has a lot to say even in its simplicity.

Without hesitation or modification the words speak to trust in God for His ability to comfort and protect. It also speaks to God’s power and majesty as it asks God for protection by saying He not only can but, will “keep my soul” while I rest. It is an admittance of our dependency and faith.

The prayer also speaks to the fragility of life and the ever-present reality of death, but not in a fearful way but as something that is inevitable. It is not fearful because God is waiting for us on the other side. The one praying also can see that God has prepared a place for those who are faithful, a place where we should want to be.

One who prays this prayer from the heart is demonstrating a definite mind-set. It depicts a person that has a fixed goal in life, a goal of being in heaven with our Lord when this life is over. The desire to go to heaven has to be the driving force we all need. When we set this as our goal and become determined to stay with it, then our actions on a daily basis will reflect our goal and show our trust in and love for God.

Could it be that part of our problem today is the fact that we have not taught our children this prayer, or any prayer? Would we “adults” do well to incorporate this prayer in our prayer life and mean it?

Chester M. Callan serves as an elder of the church of Christ in Rotan Texas.

Order of Worship

Come Thou Almighty King.....**Tyler Goad, Song Leader**

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Clint Thrasher

I Am a Sheep

Covenant of Love

I Need Thee Every Hour

When We Meet in Sweet Communion

Lord's Supper and Offering.....As per schedule below

Hand in Hand with Jesus

Children's Offering for West Kentucky Youth Camp cabins

SermonClint Thrasher

He Is Able to Deliver Thee

Announcements..... Song Leader

Children of the Heavenly Father

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Lead/ Bread	Jerry Henshaw	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher	John Atkison
Fruit of Vine	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison	Tyler Goad	Alan Wilson
Offering	John Atkison	Jerry Henshaw	Allen Smith	Francis Jenkins
Closing Pray	Jobee Thrasher	Francis Jenkins	Alan Wilson	Jobee Thrasher
Door	Greg/ Brenda	Cathy Miller	Allen Smith	Jobee/ Cathy
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Francis Jenkins September 1st
John Mussarra September 1st
Mary Beth Collins September 6th



Upcoming Speakers:

Sept 10th John Atkison
Sept 17th Greg Atkison
Sept 24th Jerry Henshaw
Oct 1st Bill Goad

Prayer concerns

--- Shut-Ins ---

June Thrasher at Redbanks
Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)
Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103
Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

--- Our Sick ---

Etta Jenkins
Lyndall Blue
Leslie Goad, Bill's dad
Delorma Atkison, Greg's mom
Pat Peyton, Allison Wilson's mom
Jim Robards, Lyndall's son-in-law
Geraldine Addison, Tammy's mom

--- Others ---

Flood victims



The food item to bring next Sunday for the schools backpack program is:

"Soup - (canned or cup-o-soup)"

Please support and encourage all the men who have willingly stepped forward to preach in the interim as we search for a fulltime minister.

A Parking Lot with No Lines

We've all probably experienced one at some point in our lives, whether in this country or in another—a parking lot with no lines, bumpers or marks of any kind to designate the individual parking spaces. What usually results is each driver parking wherever he wants and however he wants, which often leads to a disorderly mess. How can simple lines make that much of a difference? The lines provide a simple boundary and standard, easily discernible and equally applicable to everyone.

Using them properly leads to order, efficiency and calm. Take that analogy and apply it to two distinct cultures or families or even individuals—one that follows the Bible and one that doesn't. You see, the Bible is like those lines on the parking lot—it provides a simple boundary and standard for living, which is easily discernible and equally applicable to everyone. When it is followed, there is order, efficiency and calm in life. When it is rejected, everyone lives (parks) wherever and however they want. Total chaos!

Look around your life, your family, your environment. Are there lines in your parking lot?

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday:

6:30 PM Bible Study

Our statistics:

Sunday Worship	22
Sunday Night	10
Contribution	\$855.00
Wednesday Bible Study	7

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*The men's chairman for the next quarter (Aug-Sept) is G. Atkison. The secretary is J. Atkison. The next mtg. is **Sept 10 at 5:00 pm.***

Wednesday Night Class

9/06 – What does the bible teach about the roles of men and women in the church?

9/13 – What does the bible teach about men & women's roles?

9/20 – Political correctness, new tolerance, and Christianity?

9/27 – Always Be Ready.....

Tonight – no Sunday service tonight

God wants what is best for you!

It can be easy to look at the Bible as only "a bunch of do's and don'ts," with God shaking His finger and telling us what to do and what we can't do. However, is that the right approach? In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses was reestablishing God's covenant with second-generation Israelites. Chapter 6 is a microcosm of the rest of the book: "This the commandment...You shall...You shall...You shall...You shall...You shall...You shall not...You shall not...You shall... And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you." And then he concludes the chapter with this summary: "The Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day" (6:24 NKJV). Did you notice why God gives all these commands (all the "shall" and "shall not" commands)? **FOR OUR GOOD ALWAYS!** Read it again in 10:12-13. As a Loving Father, God wants what is best for us...**ALWAYS!** Do you trust Him?