

Shore Lines

January 2024



"Praying the Good Life of Psalm 1" By Pastor Dane

Psalm 1

**1:1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of
the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

**² but his delight is in the law of
the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day
and night.**

**³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.**

**⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Psalm 1 describes one who is blessed. By doing so, we are given a vision of the Good Life according to Psalm 1. Practically, the blessed one delights in God's ways and forsakes wickedness. Metaphorically, the blessed one is like a healthy tree. The wicked ones are like useless chaff. For the wicked ones, the judgment of the Lord looms.

The Psalms are often called the "Prayerbook of the Church." How does Psalm 1 help us to pray? In the case of Psalm 1, it functions like a prologue. It sets the agenda for much of what is to come in the Psalms, and it directs our hearts to the desirable end. It gives us a vision for the Good Life. Our prayers, our lives of devotion, need to carry us away from evil and towards delight in God's law.

When you hear "Law" you may think of a specific passage of Scripture like the 10 Commandments, and you are not wrong. The 10 Commandments are considered the heart of the law in the Old Testament, but they are not intended to be divorced from their context. Delighting in the law means to delight in the 10 Commandments and the circumstances in which they were given.

The 10 Commandments happened after God saved his people from slavery and after he declared them collectively a royal priesthood to all the nations (Exodus 19:5-6). Before the commands were given, God declared their identity in him. After the 10 Commandments were given, they were immediately broken (Exodus 32), yet God mercifully renewed his covenant with them after their disobedience (Exodus 34). The New Covenant as revealed in Jesus Christ magnifies God's graciousness, yet God's grace was never absent from God's people in the Old Testament. God's grace was always necessary because of humanity's sinfulness.

God's people can delight in the law for its instruction and can delight in the law because of the grace of it too. The Psalms lead us gently, renewing our vision for the Good Life. The Good Life in the Psalms, the blessed life, is one of delight in God: what he has revealed, what he has done, what he has taught, and who he is.

Psalm 1's Good Life shapes our prayers in every way. It shapes how we praise God and give him thanks. It shapes our supplications and intercession. It shapes our requests to God. It even shapes our prayers of confessions because we can repent when we do not delight in God, or when we have undermined his commands. Allow Psalm 1 to influence your vision of the Good Life, and may God lead your prayers by his word.

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

There will be no breakfast gatherings or Bible study on Tuesday, January 2.

We will resume the Men's Breakfast Fellowship on Tuesday, January 9. Followed by the Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am in the large classroom at the church. We meet for breakfast at 7:30 AM at the Sunny Side Up restaurant in Calabash. We enjoy breakfast and lots of good Christian fellowship each week. We talk about anything on our minds. Nothing is off limits. We begin with discussing prayer concerns followed by an opening prayer.

We just completed a study of the book of Proverbs. **We will begin a study on the Minor Prophets on Tuesday, January 9.** This study will include some Bible history, a review of the covenants God made with his chosen people, the messages the prophets delivered to the people of Israel and Judah, how God dealt with his people at that time and the message of hope the prophets had for people of all times, even Christians today.

Our study is open to all men of the church and community. There is no requirement or expectation of any level of Bible knowledge to attend. We encourage all to participate in discussions about how each Bible lesson applies to us in our daily lives.

We hope you will join us for breakfast and/or Bible study.

Tom Pressel

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INVITATION TO PRAYER

Matthew 6: 33 “But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”

James 4:2c “You do not have because you do not ask.”

How do you begin your prayers? Is it, Dear God, help; Dear God, heal; Dear God, provide??? God wants us to ask for what we need, but Jesus reminds us there is a right way to pray. In the Lord’s prayer He teaches us to begin by keeping God’s name holy, by asking His kingdom to come, by asking His will be done. Praise, faith, and acceptance come before asking. Jesus reminds us to honor God first, put His will second, prayer for our own needs third. Jesus begins and ends His prayer with God: “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the Glory, forever. Amen”

Bring your requests to God, He wants you to! But remember Jesus’ model—put God first in your prayers. *

“I pray because I can do nothing on my own.” Paul Miller (A Praying Church)

Please join us for monthly group prayer times:

- **Saturday Jan. 6 at 10AM (New Year Resolutions) and Feb. 3 at 10 AM (Loving like Jesus)**
- **Thursday Jan 18th and Feb. 15 at 10:30** (we pray earnestly through the CCPC prayer list on behalf of our church family, our church programs, and our community).
- **Friday Jan 26th and Feb.23 at 9 AM** (We pray boldly and fervently to fight for the souls of our loved ones and friends).
- **Drive Thru Prayer dates are Friday Jan.19 and Feb.16, 10:30-Noon;** please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to stop by and allow us to pray with and for them. This ministry for our community is growing and many people thank us for offering it.

If you’d like to experience this ministry as a volunteer, please contact Gloria Wimmer, we usually need an extra person or two. Be assured, you will be blessed.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email prayer@calabash.church.

Grace and peace,
Prayer Ministry Team

*Adapted from devotional by unknown author

Please see the CCPC website for more detailed information about the Prayer Ministry.

A message from your friendly Church Safety Committee.

On a daily basis, during the week, it is the expectation that the host of any meetings will take Safety precautions while on the church property. This includes individuals who are in the church alone carrying on church business. A Safety Team member will not be provided for these meetings. Oftentimes, there will be coverage if a Safety Team member is in attendance. Safety Team Members are always "on duty" when on church property.

The safety precautions include and should be reviewed at the start of the meeting by the lead:

- Unlocking and locking the doors at start and end of any events. (ensure no one else is in the church)
- Disarming the alarm upon entry and resetting the alarm upon exiting the church.
- Keeping the church locked after the last member of the event has arrived.
- Understand where the various safety materials are located. Safety manual, First Aid Kit, AED device.
- Know to call 911 for any incident that requires additional help.
- For events held after dark, ensure to exit in groups of at least two. Never leave a person alone if it can be avoided.
- Use the peep hole in the front door to ensure the way is clear.



PRAYER...HOW CAN IT EFFECT OUR LIVES?

Prayer is very mysterious to me. I don't think I pray well. I feel like I am just talking with God and not really praying. I guess there are many ways to pray and connect with Him. Not all my prayers have been answered. I prayed and begged God not to take Mark from us. That prayer was never answered, I will never understand until I am able to see God face to face. At that point, it won't matter...I will be with Mark.

I can joyfully say that many prayers have been answered for me. I have not noticed or acknowledged them until I finally gave my life over to God. Now, I recognize prayers every day. I have prayed for help with work, financial assistance, and not reacting to others that hurt me. I have prayed for friends to come to God, which has been successful. My life has been massively affected by other's prayers for me. Every one of you, my church family, have been there for me during grief and hardship, but most of all to save my life. As I was in ICU this year, I was not aware during many of those weeks. Sometimes I could hear you all there and praying for me, other times I could not. I was unaware of how critically ill I was and found out later that I almost did not survive a couple of times. I was unable to pray for myself...your prayers helped save my life. I have tried to thank everyone but am sure I missed some. Thank you all for the love you have for me and Jesus when praying for me.

I believe God answers prayers we are not even aware of that we need. I have received work promotions, achievement recognition, and angels in the form of friends. Mary and Jerry are two of those angels that have allowed me to still see my dog Belle, since I am unable to care for her.

I guess the bottom line is...prayer effects everyone in different ways, however the common thread between us all is...*Prayer strengthens our relationship with God and brings us closer to Him.*

In Christ's Love,
Karyn Foley

LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

BEACH BIBLE MINISTRY

We have been giving out adult and children's Bibles at the beach worship services for decades. These Bibles are given free of charge at every beach worship service. Thousands of adults have received either a paperback Bible or a New Testament. Thousands of children have received either a comic book or a child's story Bible.

In most cases we will never know what effect these Bibles will have on the recipients, but we are certain that God is calling us to spread His Word, including this Bible ministry. This important ministry is made possible by your generous gifts to the church. Continue to pray that Bibles will be placed in the hands of someone whose life will be changed in its reading.

GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

RACHEL GECKLE

CCPC is blessed to partner with Rachel Geckle as one of our Cru missionaries. According to Rachel, who serves with digital communications in Cru, our partnership is directly touching lives in more than 23 countries, with another 24 in the works. She has just returned from Portugal where she met with and trained 40 digital strategists from Cru and partner ministries from 12 countries in Europe. The digital strategists who attended are reaching their countries with the gospel through the internet. Our partnership with Rachel and Cru allows the good news and love of Jesus to be spread globally to a hurting world. Please pray for Rachel, the Cru organization, and all those touched through their ministry.

Submitted by Sue Brandon

Long Term Prayer Requests

Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Bill Bradham, Sandy Brinegar, Karyn Foley, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, Diane Hahn, John Haskins, Al Hertzog, Inge Hickson, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Alberta Morley, Richard Rhyne, Betty Schillinger, Gary Sessi, Dan Stinnett, Ruby Trouw, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber



Birthdays

January

Dori Roberts	3
Anne Spooner	5
Betty Bond	5
Dennis Pilney	5
Jim Jones	7
Jean Bowling	8
Karen Scheboth	12
Peggy Little	14
Juddie Finison	14
Gladys Lampe	15
Betty Ankers	16
Mary Ann Krieger	16
Bill Hummer	16
Betty Hall- Robinson	16
Peter Diefendorf	20
Dick Brown	21
Jim Crews	21
Paul Kelley	24



Anniversaries

January

Wayne & Mary Ann Krieger	23
Mike & Renee December	27
Charlie & Karen Toutant	30



*New Seasons,
New Year*

“JANUARY”

31 DAY SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

As you look up this month’s scripture selections, practice reading inquisitively. Ask the who, what, where, when questions. Then watch for the Holy Spirit to deepen your insights.

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| Day 1: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 | Day 17: Ezekiel 36:27-29 |
| Day 2: Matthew 5:14-16 | Day 18: Philippians 3:13-14 |
| Day 3: Isaiah 43:18-19 | Day 19: Hebrews 12:10-11 |
| Day 4: Romans 13:11-14 | Day 20: Ecclesiastes 3:11-13 |
| Day 5: Hebrews 10:22-23 | Day 21: Isaiah 60:19-20 |
| Day 6: Hebrews 10:24-25 | Day 22: Revelation 21:4-5 |
| Day 7: 2 Peter 1:3-4 | Day 23: Hebrews 4:14-16 |
| Day 8: Romans 12:1-2 | Day 24: Psalms 51:10-12 |
| Day 9: Psalm 34:7-9 | Day 25: Psalms 118:22-24 |
| Day 10: 1 Chronicles 4:10 | Day 26: Proverbs 19:21 & 16:3 |
| Day 11: Joshua 1:5-7 | Day 27: Psalms 20:1-2 |
| Day 12: Joshua 1:8-9 | Day 28: Psalms 20:3-4 |
| Day 13: Psalms 119:14-16 | Day 29: 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 |
| Day 14: Hebrews 12:1-2 | Day 30: Romans 8:27-28 |
| Day 15: Jeremiah 29:11-13 | Day 31: 1 Chronicles 16:10-13 |
| Day 16: Ezekiel 36:24-26 | |

January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Communion 9:30 am – Worship	1 Office closed	2 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	3 6:00 pm – Bell Choir practice	4 7:00 pm – Choir practice	5	6 10:00 am Prayer
7 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 6:00 pm – The Chosen	8 9:30 am – Fellowship 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle	9 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 10:00 am – Worship 1:00 pm – Discipleship 4:00 pm – Finance 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	10 1:00 pm - Deacon 2:00 pm - Tech 4:00 pm – Mission 6:00 pm – Bell Choir	11 9:30 am – Dorcas Circle 7:00 pm – Choir practice	12 10:30 am Prayer Ministry	13
14 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 6:00 pm – The Chosen	15 12 pm – Chatters	16 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	17 6:00 pm – Bell Choir practice	18 10:30 am – prayer 7:00 pm – Choir practice	19 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	20
21 Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 6:00 pm – The Chosen	22	23 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 3:00 pm – Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	24 6:00 pm – Bell Choir practice	25 7:00 pm – Choir practice	26 9:00 am – Prayer 10:00 am – random readers	27
28 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Sunday School 6:00 pm – The Chosen	29	30 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9am – Men’s Bible Study 9am – Crafts 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	31 6:00 pm – Bell Choir practice	Feb 1 7:00 pm – Choir practice	2	3 10:00 am - Prayer

Session

Beth Decima, Don Mozingo, Pat Robison, Karen Toutant
Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson
George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett

The Diaconate

Ray Beadnell, Judy Buschmeier, Jerry Coffey
Don Decima, Bonnie Lee, Donna Lee,
Barbara Poe, Mark Ryan

CLP-1s

Karen Scheboth
Peg Stinnett
Gloria Wimmer

CLP-2

Annelle Waldron (Leader, Whiteville Community)

Group Leaders Presbyterian Women – Debbie Ryan
Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

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