

MY PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH



I pray that God will grant three things for our church. These are gifts that the children of Israel did not have, even though they had seen Him guide them out of Egypt with mighty miracles, through the wilderness fed on manna, and to the edge of the land of Canaan. In Deuteronomy 29:4, Moses testified against them when he said, “Yet to this day the Lord has not given you **a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.**”

I am asking God to give us a heart to know. We all need a heart that, first of all, knows God. We live in a world that is brimming with knowledge. Technological knowledge is exploding. Great advances are being made in micro-biology. The oceans and space are handing over their secrets. But few people really know God. Most people don't know that they don't know or they don't care that they don't know. We all need to know God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - more intimately as time goes on.

We all need a heart that cherishes God's Word so we can live by its truths. There are gems and pearls that are just waiting to be mined. God has spoken and what He says is important and it should be important to us. In order to know God's word, we need to invest time in the Scriptures. If that is the price we need to pay to know God's Word, let's be willing to pay it!

We need a heart that loves and ministers to people. This world bangs and bruises, steals and stalks, defeats and destroys people. We Christians can be rude and rough, arrogant and angry, petty and proud so that we wound others. I pray that God will give us humble hearts that He can use to build and bless, heal and help, strengthen and sustain. God, give us hearts to know.

I am asking God to give us eyes to see. I am convinced that God has a vision for us as individuals as well as for our church. He has plans to use us in ways we cannot now imagine. We sometimes get caught up in the minute and the meaningless and miss the better and the best. Israel didn't have eyes to see that God had great plans for them to conquer Canaan when they gathered at Kadesh-Barnea. As a result, an entire generation just marked time in the wilderness. May we not merely mark time when there is work to do and God is directing us to greater things. God, give us eyes to see Your vision.

I am asking God to give us ears to hear. When Elijah was in a cave on Mt. Horeb (Mt. Sinai), he needed to hear instructions from God (1 Kings 19:11). God told him to go forth and stand on the mountain before the Lord because the Lord was passing by. A great wind came that knocked rocks off the mountain. But God was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake that shook the mountain to its core. But God was not in the earthquake. Then came a fire. But God was not in the fire. Lastly came a sound of a gentle blowing, a still, small voice. God was in the still small voice and Elijah heard it and God spoke to Him.

This world is impressed with the glitz and the glamour, the big and the best, the loud and the lofty. But God is not in them. He still speaks in the still small voice. God, give us ears to hear when You speak.

May God give to me, to you, and to our church a heart to know, eyes to see, and ears to hear.

Henry Hazard

Newsletter, November 2017

Great Commission Women's Retreat

Speaker: Hannah Hwang, Taiwan
 November 3-5, 2017
 Place: Springville Camp and Conference Center,
 Odenville AL
 Theme: 'More'



Hannah, husband Soo and their children

Cost: Single room is \$118.00; 2-4 (or more) in a room is \$105.00 adults; \$80.00 teens The prices include all meals.

A donation this year will include the opportunity for giving to furnish new mattresses for the dorm in Dakar.

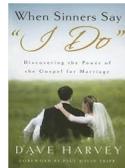
See Cynthia or Jennifer if you have any questions.



Bring your competitive side to game night at the Rice's on Friday, November 10th at 6pm. Bring your favorite game and a side or snack to share. Hotdogs will be provided.

- ♥ Young @ Heart will meet Friday
- ♥ November 10th at 11:30 at Heritage.
- ♥ Come here Pastor talk about their visit to Israel.

Marriage Study – When Sinners Say “I Do”



Marriage is the union of two people who arrive at the altar toting some surprisingly large luggage. Often it gets opened right there on the honeymoon, sometimes it waits for the week after. The Bible calls it sin and understanding its influence can make all the difference for a man and a woman who are building a life together. In this series, we will open the delightful truth of God's word and see more clearly the glorious picture of what God does when sinners say "I



Is Fast Approaching!! Bring your wrapped or unwrapped shoe-boxes, filled or empty, to the church. Donated wrapping paper will also be welcomed. All wrapped, filled shoe-boxes are due at the church no later than Wednesday, **November 15th**. Please enclose \$9 per box: checks to be made out to "Samaritan's Purse" with memo - "Operation Christmas Child." Everyone is invited to help deliver the shoe boxes to our drop-off center (Lynn Haven Baptist Church) after our morning service on Sunday, **November 19th**. No candy or toothpaste allowed. Questions? see Julie Marsh.



Will meet on Sundays, November 12th & 26th



Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be Wednesday November 15th at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Wednesday night Service on November 22nd. Meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. Sign up sheet on foyer table.



Lessons in Carols presentation Sunday evening by BCCYC December 3rd @ 5 p.m.



Nominating committee will meet Tuesday December 5th @ 7:00 p.m.



Adult Christmas Fellowship, Friday, December 8th at Rodeos from 6-8 p.m. Sign up sheet on foyer table.

Facts & Figures

Finances for October

For Oct 1 to Oct 31

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget: \$ 18,655.00
 GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (5 Sundays): \$ 23,153.76
 General Operating Fund Weekly Budget: \$ 4,305.00
 GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (5 Sundays): \$ 4,630.75

For Year to Date 2017, (based on 10 months and 44 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 186,550.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 189,420.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings Received:	\$ 207,451.87
GOF Year to Date Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements (\$5,955 for new Printer/copier and Transfer to Other Funds)	\$(192,085.17)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ 15,366.70
GOF Balance as of Oct 31 (247% of monthly budget):	\$ 46,104.78
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (44 Sundays):	\$ 4,714.82
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ 4,365.57
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$8,466) & 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$49,788.45):	\$ 58,254.45
Missions YTD Disbursements:	\$ (49,307.08)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 12,675.03
Building Fund YTD Receipts including \$2,950 In Memory of Gifts:	\$ 3,531.33
Building Fund Disbursements: New Telephone Switch System:	\$ (2,243.60)
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 5,173.25
Associate Pastor Fund YTD Receipts:	\$ 10,979.00
Associate Pastor Fund YTD Disbursements: Compensation out of Assoc Past Fund:	\$ (30,000.00)
Associate Pastor Fund Balance:	\$ 6,746.51