

Devotion in Worship

By Kevin Cauley

Prayer

Paul wrote, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). Prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving are all mental efforts that require focus, attention, and devotion. Peace, the peace that Jesus gives, comes from such attention.

The beauty of Jesus is evident in my devotion when I experience His peace in my life. He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The peace of the world is driven by the news of trouble and fear. The world's "peace" is merely the avoidance of trouble or fear. "Give me my safe space!" This limited peace will never do because the focus continues upon trouble and fear!

The Christian's focus and devotion are on Christ. His heart will not be troubled or afraid. Why? Because His attention dwells on Christ and God, who gives peace to His heart through His devotion. Jesus knew this. So, he went up into the mountain alone to pray.

The choices are peace, joy, and love, or anxiety, fear, and hate? We know what the world gives. We know what Christ gives. Where is our focus and our attention? How is your prayer life?

"More holiness give me, More strivings within, More patience in suff'ring, more sorrow for sin, More faith in my Savior, More sense of His care, More Joy in His service, More purpose in prayer."

"And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there" (Matthew 14:23).



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

6/22/25

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell

Communion- John Chisley

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Opening prayer- Rick Cook

Closing Prayer- Wayne Fowler

Next Sunday

Announcements- Don DeLukie

Communion- Wayne Fowler

Sermon- Rui Diogo

Opening prayer- David Reppond

Closing Prayer- Arthur Binford

Announcements

—**Visiting Missionary Speaker:** Rui Diogo, a visiting missionary from Brazil, will speak next Sunday, June 29th, at our AM services.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED,
LEAD ME TO THE ROCK
THAT IS HIGHER THAN I.

Psalms 61:2

Please Pray For:

Peggy Sehon, Buddy & Carlon Hollis, Pam Few, Lynn Urban, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Martha Maxwell, Cheryl Trejo, Linda Herlong, Linda Lester, David Reppond, Billy Branch, Vee Boren, Debbie Lewis, Glenda Wells, Dave Garriss, Larry Randolph.

Bereaved: Family of James Johnson, Barbara Boyer, Kathryn Herbert.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



June Birthdays

10 - Sharon Harris
12 - Rachel Rogers
15 - Jesse Sewell
16 - Victor Binford
16 - Janice Hayes
20 - Debbie Grice
21 - Ashton Richardson
22 - Kara Freeman
22 - Damien Miller
25 - Don Delukie

June Anniversaries

17 - Brandon & Sydney Rogers
28 - Arthur & Cybil Binford

