

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:**

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Dale Aden	Dale Aden
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Monte Morris	Mark Wright
Closing Prayer	Joshua Brasher	Steve Foster

**NEXT WEEK:**

Opening Prayer	David Bryant	Mark Wright
Song Leading	Keith Peevyhouse	Dale Ballentine
Scripture Reading	Steve Foster	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Mark Wright	Nick Bryant

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>    | Bible Class 9:00 AM<br>Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM<br>(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday) |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> | Bible Study 6:30 PM                                                                    |

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# The Follower

April 10, 2022

## How Long Has It Been?

Prayer is the Christian's means of communicating with God. Our Father has not left us on our own to figure out how to pray, but has given us instructions and examples in His Word. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that praying in public to be seen of men was hypocritical and that we should be praying in secret instead, and that vain repetitions (meaningless phrases) were not what God wants to hear. He then gave us an example prayer demonstrating the way we should approach the Father (**Matt. 6**). Paul taught that we should go to God in prayer for everything (**Phil. 4:6**) and that we should pray without ceasing (**1 Thes. 5:17**).

So now the question: How long has it been? In the hymn, this question is posed several times. How long has it been since you talked with the Lord? How long since you stayed on your knees? How long since you knelt by your bed and prayed to God in heaven? Public prayer is an integral part of our worship assemblies, but is that all the praying we need? Hopefully we pray at home before meals, giving thanks to God for our food and other blessings, but does that constitute the bulk of our prayer lives? Perhaps we think about prayer only when we are in a situation from which we cannot see the way out. (Cont'd next page)

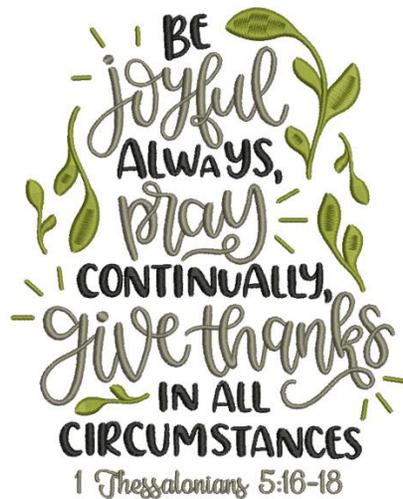
How long has it been since we humbled ourselves before God and opened our hearts to Him? That is what He desires.

I want to challenge each of us today to strive for a better prayer life, and to offer some suggestions as to how we might accomplish this:

- Set aside time each day to pray and let God know what is troubling us.
- Confess our sins and ask forgiveness for them.
- Seek strength to get through the temptations of life.
- Pray for others as they struggle with their burdens in life, and for ourselves that we would recognize and take advantage of opportunities to help when we can.
- Pray for the lost that they would come to God, and for the courage to teach them by example and through study.
- Thank God for His love, grace, and mercy which He demonstrated to us through the giving of His Son to be the sacrifice for our sin.

How long has it been for you?

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer . . .

- **Rita** has an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon about her knee tomorrow.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Celisa; Hannah LeBeau (Ponna's niece); Ginger Avery (Mahans' friend who has aggressive breast cancer); Orvaline; Lois and DeVon Arrington (Jean's mother and brother); Craig Ballentine...

## News and Notes . . .

- **Welcome to our assembly.** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo: Freeman**
- **Meet-Eat-Meet** today! Please stay and participate – it has been much too long!

### MEMORY VERSE - 1 Timothy 2:3-4

*<sup>3</sup>For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; <sup>4</sup>Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*