

**PRAYERS ARE THE STAIRS TO GOD**

Prayers are the stairs  
We must climb each day,  
If we would reach God  
There is no other way,  
For we learn to know God  
When we meet Him in prayer  
and ask Him to lighten  
Our burden of care -  
So start in the morning  
And, though the way's steep  
Climb ever upward  
'Til your eyes close in sleep -  
For prayers are the stairs  
That lead to the Lord,  
and to meet Him in prayer  
Is the climber's reward.



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Welcome to University Drive Church of Christ, we are so glad you are here and welcome you back the next chance you get. If you are visiting for the first time please stay after services a brief moment so we can get the chance of meeting you!

If you missed last Sunday evening you missed our watermelon social with the special treat of "orange meated" melons. It was a treat during the hot weather and I would like to thank David and Cindy Byrd for hosting this event. Look for more "socials" in the future!

As I write this our parking lot at the church is filled with cars from college students using it for parking during classes. We are so glad school has started again! Last year we had over 15 college aged in attendance for class on Wednesday nights and we would like to invite them back and as many who would like to come. We plan to grow this group with everyone's help. So encourage them when you see them to be a part of our worship and class Wednesday nights. Tell others you may know about this group because we would all like to see their number grow. It starts by getting the word out so starting Wednesday September 5th we will feature a class for the college aged group entitled "College Ready". A six week course helping them with their life in college starting with vision for college, empowering friendships to dating right and growing spiritually! Great things are happening at University spread the word!

**Worship And Study Opportunities**

**Sunday:**

Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
Worship.....10:30 A.M  
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**.....Brad McKinzie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Bryan Cain

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....56  
Morning Worship: .....88  
Evening Worship: .....54  
Mid-Week: .....58  
Ladies Class: .....  
Contribution: .....\$3,106.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,772.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Eric Sharum  
Closing Prayer: .....Shane McLaury

Scripture: .....Klaus Mueller

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Weldon Flanagan  
Closing Prayer: .....Joshua Sharum

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Jerry Golson  
Closing Prayer: .....J.L. Bolton

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university\\_church\\_of\\_christ\\_sermons](http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university_church_of_christ_sermons)

**VIDEO PAGE:** [www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011](http://www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011)

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for the following, Corine Marcum who has been having eye problems for several months. She is going to the eye doctor in Okla. City for treatments for her eyes. Ed Valdez's brother, Ron, is still in a coma in a hospital in Houston. Joe Kelsey, David's, brother who has some health problems.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Many, many thanks to you for your donation to the Lawton Food Bank. We are very appreciative of your efforts to help those in need in our area. The Lawton Food Bank Staff

**THE OPERATION ECUADOR NEWSLETTER** is in the foyer on the shelf. Please pick one up Sunday.

**MILLER FAMILY NEWSLETTER** is posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

**SIGN UP SHEET** is posted on the back bulletin board for men who will do the devotion for MNFTM. We have several weeks open.

**TEACHER SIGN UP SHEETS** for Sunday morning and Wednesday night for the fall quarter are posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Karen Bender
- 3 - Kyle Brennan
- 3 - Dwaine Zacharias
- 4 - Bill Harrington
- 12 - Flo Fitzsimmons
- 15 - Bobbie Mullins
- 27 - Sarah McKinzie

**THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** grocery truck will be back in December.

**Shopping List**

- Ravioli
- Capri Sun
- Beef Jerky
- Fruit Snacks
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Candy Bars/Gum
- Tub/Stick Margarine
- Apple/Cherry Pie Filling
- Tomato/Vegetable Beef Soup
- Creamy/Crunchy Peanut Butter
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers

**Non-Food**

- Spray & Wash
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Carpet Fresh/Air Fresheners
- Comet/Toilet Bowl/Bathroom Cleaners

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Peggy Leverett, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Juanita Turner, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Brett Ross.

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**Time with God**

is

**Time well spent**

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Centering our Life on Him!

Matthew 5:45 That you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

The Lord quotes this scripture in Matthew. It contains an important principle which believers sometimes tend to overlook. Many believe and even teach that if you're blessed, your life will be filled with material prosperity, and that if you are undergoing extreme trial, it must be because you have sinned or that you lack faith. The Lord says that the sun rises and the rain falls on both the righteous and the unrighteous alike.

A life of good circumstances does not mean that God is with us. And likewise, a life of trial and suffering does not mean that God is not with us! If we base our lives on our circumstances, we are no different than people without God. What makes us different is that we have something far greater than our circumstances! We have a relationship with the Living God! There's nothing wrong with rejoicing in the good times but we need to rejoice in the bad as well! We have a greater treasure and a more amazing victory when our lives are centered upon Him.