

*Tidings From
Timothy*

The church of our Lord deserves the very best of our attention and efforts. This is because it was planned and implemented by God with the very best planning of heaven. This morning, we will see just how much has gone into the church and what God expects us to put into it today.

Tonight, we look at some Questions and Answers.

In Need of Prayer: Vivian Gerald has one more MRI to find out the extent of her treatments. Suetta Adams back home and getting stronger all the time. John Biggerstaff is still recovering at home. Nadine Short, a friend of Linda Dicken, broke her leg and is in need of prayers. Get the other names and all the latest on people to pray for at www.mtgileadchurch.net!

State Line Camp: You save \$5 by registering on line, and we are now open for business! Camp is the week of June 18th. Staff applications (no fee for staff) can also be filled out online or can be picked up here at the building out front.

Also, it is now time for a couple more squirt guns. I mean big ones. Also, I need some scholarships to camp.

Meetings: I am in a Meeting with Pippin church of Christ near Cookeville May 7-10 (www.pippincoc.com). Berea is having a Meeting May 21-24 with different speakers. The Monday to Wed. time is 7pm.

Do You Think to Pray? *by Gene Taylor*

The opportunity to pray, to communicate directly with God, is one of the greatest blessings the Christian enjoys. It is evident that Divinity places a great deal of emphasis on prayer and its power. While on the earth, Jesus prayed often both showing and instructing His disciples that they ought to be people who pray ([1 Thessalonians. 5:17](#)).

Prayer is the general term for addressing God. Since it is possible for His children to talk to Him, He asks them to call upon Him often ([Luke 18:1-8](#); [Ephesians 6:17-18](#); [1 Timothy 2:1-3](#)).

Prayer is both the privilege and duty of the righteous ([James 5:16](#)). The model prayer given by Jesus in Matthew 6 shows that prayer was designed for

children of God (v. 9). Only those who are trying to live righteously have their prayers heard and approved ([1 Peter 3:10-12](#)).

Prayer is asking, seeking, and knocking with the assurance that the Father is ready, willing, and able to respond ([Matt. 7:7-11](#)).

Prayer is an act of faith ([Luke 18:1-8](#); [Jas. 1:5-7](#)). By praying to God, one shows he believes that He is real, that He loves His children, and that He hears and answers their prayers ([John 9:31](#); [1 John 5:13-15](#)).

Prayer is an expression of worship because praise, an integral part of worship, is a major component of prayer ([Matt. 6:9](#)). The very fact His children seek Him in it and pray that His will be done demonstrates their respect and love for God thus worshipping Him in prayer.

As stated above, prayer involves adoration and praise. It eulogizes God ([Acts 2:47](#); [Matt. 6:9](#)).

Prayer includes petitions, pleas for one's needs ([1 John 5:15](#)). These can be such things as supplications ([Eph. 6:18](#); [Phil. 4:6](#)), confession of sins, and pleas for forgiveness ([1 John 1:9-2:2](#)). Another essential of prayer is thanksgiving for blessings received from God ([Phil. 4:6](#)). Intercessions, pleas for others, are also an element of prayer ([1 Tim. 2:1](#)).

Since prayers can be hindered by many things, Christians must constantly be on guard against those things which would hinder their prayers. Such things as lack of faith ([Jas. 1:5-7](#)), wickedness ([Psalm 66:18](#)), selfishness ([Jas. 4:3](#); [Luke 18:9-14](#)), improper attitudes toward others ([Matt. 6:14-15](#); [5:23-24](#); [1 Pet. 3:7](#)), and the substitution of prayer for obedience can all hinder the prayers of the church and its members.

Holy living is a must for God to hear your prayers.

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| Announcements: | Gene Goode | |
| Opening Prayer: | Tony High | |
| Closing Prayer: | Dwayne Murray | |
| Scripture Reading: | Jimmie Proffitt | |
| Song Leader: | Kaleb Sweezy | |
| Head Table: | Bobby Harlan | |
| Wait on Table: | Casey Walden | Chris Harlan |
| | Darrell Emberton | Leroy Gerald |
| Ushers: | Jim Stoops | Ray Cecil Lyon |
| Main Door Greeter: | Veachel Harlan | |
| Side Door Greeter: | Roger Deckard | |
| Kitchen Dr Greeter: | Steve Carter | |

What Must I do?

-) Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
-) Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
-) Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
-) Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
-) Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

-) **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays

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| Lincoln | Arnett | 04/30 |
| Mack | Clements | 04/30 |
| Chad | McPherson | 05/03 |
| Garrett | Lyon | 05/04 |
| Mary | Monday | 05/06 |
| Shelby | Sparks | 05/06 |

Youth Rally: The Monroe Youth Devo. will be here at Mt. Gilead on May 7th with Tony High Speaking at 5pm. See our advert in this week's paper and make plans for as many young people as you can to come out and be with us. There is a fellowship after services.

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John 18:10-11 ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday: Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship...10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm
Wednesday: Bible Study... 6pm

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