

Church of Christ

Florence



November 13, 2016

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Class	7:00 pm

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FROM THE ELDERS

Due to safety concerns
The church doors will be locked
10 minutes after the beginning of service.

Someone will be stationed in the foyer
to allow admittance to latecomers.

The Holy Spirit's Intercessory Prayer

by Tanner Campbell

In this article we will put Romans 8:26 under a full investigation. The text explains that "the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." This difficult scripture contains an important piece of information about the Holy Spirit, which, if understood properly, provides Christians with encouragement and confidence that all their needs are most certainly heard by the Father. However, if this scripture is not understood within the context of the rest of the bible, then new doctrines contrary to the Law of Christ will be born, so let's be very cautious when examining deep texts like this. So let's break this scripture down into bite size chunks that will be easier for our minds to digest and gain a better understanding of these wonderful words of God.

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses": The word "helps" in the original Greek means to "lend a hand together with." The same word is used in Luke 10:40: "But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." Applying the word "help" to the Spirit teaches us that He lends us a hand in our weaknesses. The specific weakness that Paul uses as an example is prayer. Two questions come to my mind: how does He help with prayer? And in what way is a Christian weak in prayer? The rest of verse 26 will answer both questions for us. "For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought": The word "know," according to the Greek language, is not talking about knowledge that is gained through personal experiences, but rather the type of knowledge that is natural to us (i.e. knowledge that we are born with). God, by His nature, knows exactly what we need; we do not. We don't know what will happen tomorrow or what we need to prepare for tomorrow's events; it is not our nature to be omniscient. It is God's nature to always know

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The Church you read about in the Bible

exactly what we need.

The next statement: "as we ought" is interesting. The word "ought," in Greek, literally means must or necessity. So Paul is specifically talking about things that we must be praying for by necessity. Now, altogether the first part of the verse states that the Holy Spirit lends a hand to us in our weaknesses, such as our prayers, because it is not our nature to know specifically what we need right now and what we will need later, but the Spirit knows, and as we will see in the rest of this verse, it is He who will make requests for us to the Father in regard to all things that we need but don't know about. The text actually says that "the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us." Intercession is an interesting word; it refers to one who happens to come upon someone who is in trouble and pleads on their behalf. Let's pay close attention to the word "Himself." It is not through our prayers that He makes intercession, it is separate and apart from our prayers, the Spirit himself pleads to the Father.

Therefore the way the Spirit "helps in our weaknesses" is not by guiding us in thought while we pray, but rather he pleads to the Father on our behalf. His work is completely separate from our prayers. Isn't it a wonderful thought to know that the Holy Spirit continually pleads to the Father on behalf of the saints? What unconquerable love the Spirit has for us! Oh, and I don't want to forget to mention that His pleas of requests on our behalf are done "with groanings which cannot be uttered." That is to say that He pleads to the Father for us in ways, words, and an intensity that is impossible for us to comprehend.

The main thing to recognize here is that the Spirit does not alter, nor modify our own prayers in any way. They are offered to the Father exactly as we said them. However, alongside of our prayers, He makes His own fervent requests for all things we need specifically that we do not even know we need.

As much of an encouraging text this is, it does not vanquish our need to pray without ceasing. The text said that the Spirit helps in our weaknesses, such as not knowing about certain things to pray for, but there are so many other things that we know to pray for or about, and these things we have the responsibility to pray for. Let us always remember that God did not advise us to pray without ceasing, he commanded it. If making prayer requests to God is ineffective, then why would the Spirit constantly do it with groaning unutterable to man?



Collecting For Those In Need

The Emergency Shelter of NKY items needed:

(Men's Shelter)

- **SOCKS**
- Men's Jeans
- Men's Sweatshirts
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants
- Underwear (New)

There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping at the shelter.

Benevolence Pantry items needed:

- Canned Goods
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Milk
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Juice Packs
- Baby Formula & Food



BENEVOLENCE

We are helping 16 families with meals for Thanksgiving this year!

There is a sign up sheet on the Benevolence board for needed items. As always if you wish to donate towards the purchase of them that would be great too.

Thank you for your generosity.

MEETING

Elders, Deacons, Coordinators, and Preacher

November 13th meeting has been cancelled.

It has been rescheduled for December 4th.

Centurions of Scripture

We would like to challenge the entire congregation to memorize 100 scriptures. Our youth do this as a part of the Lads to Leaders program. We ask that you do this with your family. We will be putting two scriptures in the bulletin each week.

This week's scriptures to memorize are:

Psalms 119: 63-642

63. I am a companion of all who fear You,

And of those who keep Your precepts.

64. The earth, O Lord is full of Your mercy;

Teach me Your statutes.

To ensure accuracy of announcements and prayer requests please fill out a gold or blue form and turn in to the office by Wednesday.

Prayer List

George Lang, Karen Brown's Uncle, in hospice

Eunice Chumbly

Jim Gilpan, friend of Clint Green, heart attack

June Pugh

Oswaldo Bonaga, friend of Vicky Robinson, cancer and heart problems

Alexis Aiken, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

Nancy Noojin, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues

Bowen Becker, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems

Stacie Grindstaff

Peggy Harber, Bob Warmack's cousin, on life support

Cindy Walker health issues

Our Elders

Our Nation's Leaders

Our Military Personnel

Our Police, Emergency and Healthcare Personnel

The Churches of Christ around the world

All those traveling

The Emergency Shelter

The Creation Museum and Ark Experience

Those who have lost loved ones

Clarence Major family

Berkshire Family

Those with cancer and their families

Oswaldo Bonaga	Dennis Blundell	Margie Koons
Randy Williams	Desirae Wilson	Janice Gallagher
Gary Burke	Dwight Lowerg	Kay Shinck
Jim Kennedy	Layla Adkins	Jim McCarthy
Kristen Shaw	Ayden Egan	Donnice Palmer
Shari Caton	Peggy Davis	Mike Lohman
Lorraine Starr	Gwen Miller	Lindy Blankenbuehler
Tammy Palmer	Chad Fischer	Buddy Webb
Ashley Pike	Debbie Hellman	Lois Stroub
Theresa Falukner	Nancy Lambert	Ruth Phelps
Mike Lowe	Steve Dobson	Serena
Cale Thomas	Donna Farrar	

Our shut-ins and those caring for them

Joyce Tingle	Chuck Gambil
Eveline Lanham	Dessie Hacker

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer" 1 Peter 3:12

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.

Thank you.-Nita

Serving in AM Worship

	November 13	November 20
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Robert Budy	Tom Grindstaff
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Dale Franklin
Communion	Art Green	Clint Green
Serve	Kyle Strasser	Kyle Strasser
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Steve Thomas	Steve Thomas
Serve	Matthew Hallmark	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Scripture Reading <i>Romans 8: 26-27</i>	Bobby Lemay	Clint Green
Sermon <i>Things On Which To Pray</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Matthew Hallmark	Dave Moster

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Opening Prayer	TBA	Mark Walker
Song Leader	Randy Johnson	Dale Franklin
Communion	TBA	Art Green
Sermon	Bruce House	Robert Budy
Closing Prayer	Jesse Black	Bob Warmack

Wednesday

	November 16	November 23
Song Leader	Jesse Black	Robert Budy
Invitation	Bob Warmack	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Matthew Hallmark	Dan Brown
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

Communion Prep

November	Jesse & Michele Black
December	Dan Brown

Greeters

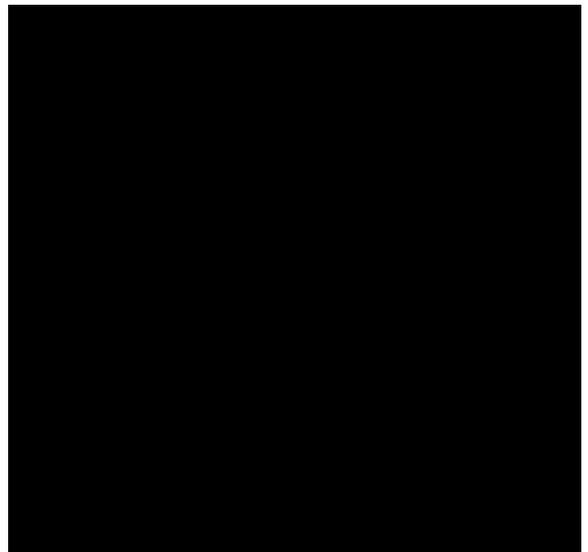
November	Ruth Schindler
December	Greeters Needed

*Serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not men.
Ephesians 6:7*



Mark Your Calendar

Nov	19	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Nov	20	Lads to Leaders Team A
Nov	27	Potluck <i>Theme Soup</i>
Nov	27	Lads to Leaders Team B
Dec	3	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Dec	4	Elders, Deacons, Coordinators & Preacher Meeting
Dec	4	Men's Prayer Session
Dec	9	Adult Holiday Event
Dec	10	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Dec	11	Lads to Leaders Team A
Dec	16	Bible Bowl Meeting



Deacons

Jesse Black	<i>Children's Education/ Fellowships</i>
Matthew Hallmark	<i>Building Maintenance</i>
Wyatt Robbins	<i>Youth and as needed</i>

Coordinators

Jerry Gorman	<i>Prime Timers</i>
Dave Moster	<i>Worship Service/ Duty Roster</i>

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