

# Daily View

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13*

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## Brain Freeze

**I**t was cold yesterday morning in the first service and, for a few uncomfortable seconds, I forgot part of the Lord's Prayer (!!!). I got to *“Our Father..”* and then that thing known as “brain freeze” (I prefer that to “senior moment”) struck without warning. Anyway, that's my story and I'm sticking to it. At least, it was too cold for people to fall asleep.

I know, I know it's not really the “Lord's prayer”; it's the “disciple's prayer” or the “model prayer.” Also, while it was cold by California standards, I can't blame the weather. It's just that I stalled out on something so familiar that I took my memory of it for granted, I guess. It wasn't the first time, and won't be the last. I muttered some excuse, made a joke about how the first service was “practice,” fumbled around a little bit, and continued on. No one in the second and third services, nor on livestream, knew anything about it. So, I guess I'm outing myself (*“why is he doing that?”*).

Any preacher will tell you that on Monday our miscues loom larger than they should. We know they are rarely important in the big scheme of things and we know that everyone makes mistakes and that people are gracious when we do.

So what's the problem? *Perfectionism* and the disappointment we feel when we're not perfect. Not that we ever are, but our aim is perfection. I'll have more to say about that in the future because perfectionism, which produces feelings of misery any time you fail, even in small matters, is not a plague exclusive to preachers, by any means.

Meanwhile, while I was writing this, I checked my email only to find an article entitled, *“Does Your Preaching Disappoint You?”* Getting that at that mo-

ment was either coincidental or providential, but reading it helped. It included this quote from Augustine (354-430 AD) that I found interesting and helpful:

“...my own way of expressing myself almost always disappoints me. I am anxious for the best possible, as I feel it in me before I start bringing it into the open in plain words: and when I see that it is less impressive than I had felt it to be, I am saddened that my tongue cannot live up to my heart... I am the servant, the bringer of food, not the master of the house. I lay before you that from which I also draw my life.”

If you suffer from bouts of perfectionism, as most of us do, read these texts: Psalm 103:8-14; Philippians 3:12-14; I John 2:8-2:1. They should provide instant relief.

### News

The **Scotts** will be with us for just one more week before moving across country to Florida. We're going to miss them very much but want to wish them godspeed and pray for a safe trip and for a good outcome to the issues they are dealing with.

**Mike and Sandy Ashton** are dealing with difficult situations, including the death of Mike's brother and a painful fall that Sandy suffered last week. Keep them in your prayers.

**Coco Early's** father passed away – keep her and the family in your prayers.

Several of our members, including **Roberta Canup**, have been dealing with Covid, either due to contracting it or being quarantined because of contact with someone who had it. Roberta seems to be doing well. Pray for her and others affected by it and for the pandemic to come to an end. Also, pray for all of our front-line health workers as they battle this newest surge of infection rates and the stress on hospitals and staff.

Also remember Jodi Perkin's request for prayers for her friend and others listed in Sunday's **View**.

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