

The Five Finger Prayer

The five finger prayer is a great way to teach someone to pray, or a good model for anyone to use to pray. Remember, **James 5:13-16** teaches us to pray for one another.

First, your thumb is nearest you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.

Second, the next finger, is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and offer comfort. This can include teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.

Third comes the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide the public in many different ways. They need God's guidance.

Fourth comes our ring finger. We could pray for marriages and families. We could also pray for those who are weak, because our ring finger is the weakest of the five. You cannot pray too much for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.

Fifth comes our little finger. It is the smallest of the five. It should remind us of our place in relation to God and others. God's Word teaches us that, "*the least shall be the greatest among you*" (**Matthew 23:11**). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Are you praying?

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Hooker, OK

MINISTERS

Thank you for
your prayers!

Campus Minister
Brad Tolbert

Secretary
Joshua Pettigrew

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Mike Beard
Larry Fisackerly
Joe Moore

Deacons

Marty Baker
Chris Bryant
Ray Linder
Jason Meier
Jeff Newton
Joshua Pettigrew
Kerry Rice
Jeremy Wilson

Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

May 1, 2022

Please Wait!

All of us have had times when we had to wait? I remember when I worked on a farm. I had to be at work before sunrise and spent the mornings walking rice fields and the evenings driving a small bob truck to haul grain to the silo. It was hot sitting in the truck waiting on the combine to dump. I would sit with the windows down until the last minute then roll them up while the combine dumped so all the dust and chaff didn't blow into the cab. It was difficult to stay awake and even harder to stay focused since I didn't get home until 9:30 pm and had to leave again by 4:30 am. There are many tasks in our lives that require us to wait, stay focused, and ready.

The New Testament teaches us that as Christians we are a people that are waiting. While we wait we also have a responsibility to be prepared and to stay focused. Jesus illustrated this point more than once during his ministry. We find one of these instances in **Luke 12:35-36** "*Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.*" Isn't that a good description of us as Christians? Christians are servants waiting for their Lord, Jesus, to return.

James in his letter encouraged early Christians scattered among the nations. "*Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*" (**James 5:7-8**) Like the farmer God is waiting for those who will repent and turn to Him. It is sometimes easy to get caught up in the activities of this life and forget that one day Jesus will return. Our job is to be ready and remain firm in our faith until he returns. Will Jesus find prepared, obedient servants when he returns? Jesus gave His disciples a warning in **Luke 12:40** "*You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*" The only way we will be ready is to remain steadfast, faithful and obedient each day. "*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.*" (**Psalms 130:5**) ~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth."

- **Job 19:25 (NIV)**

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HEART-TO-HEART

Joe Moore had a fall this week. Apart from a sore nose, he is doing well.

Winnie Roberts fell and broke her hip. She had hip surgery this week.

Joan Head of Dermott has been placed in hospice care.

Jay Light (Janet Staudinger's nephew) is undergoing chemo treatments.

This years collection drive for the Children's Home in Paragould raised \$2,601.53!

If you need to reserve the Fellowship Hall, please notify Joshua Pettigrew.

The Fellowship Hall will be used as a polling place for the upcoming election on May 24th. For this use, the Fellowship Hall is reserved May 23rd-25th.

Ladies, we are needing volunteers to be in charge of food in the months of June and July. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. There will be a Love Ministry meeting in July for all ladies to attend.

On Sunday, May 15th, we will celebrate our 2021 graduates. For more details, please see Chris or Leah Bryant.

We have started to pass communion plates again. For those still wishing to use

TODAY'S EVENTS

-Worship livestreamed at 10:30

-Small Study Groups at 5:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger & Margaret Harris... Jennifer Knight... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Jerry Smith... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis... Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Chris Beard... Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper...Ricky Epps... Tommy Haynes... Joan Head... the family of Retta Higgins... Kenny Hudgens... Deane Johnson... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... family of Debbie Rogers... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Robert and Sue Thomas...Sissy Tucker...family of Clint Waldrup... James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of William Woods... Sue Woodard...

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Today!
- 1 Ray Leonard
 - 3 Jason Meier
 - 5 Josephine Kathryn Rabb
 - 7 Jimmy Higgins
 - 9 Brian & Mindy Erwin
 - 16 Emma Miller
 - 17 Brad & Mandy Tolbert
 - 18 Suzette Russell
 - 19 Chris & Leah Bryant
 - 21 Braydn Curtis
 - 22 Walter Stiles
 - 24 Andrew Miller

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 1 2 Chron. 4-6
- 2 2 Chron. 7-9
- 3 2 Chron. 10-12
- 4 2 Chron. 13-15
- 5 2 Chron. 16-18
- 6 2 Chron. 19-21
- 7 2 Chron. 22-24



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

the individual sets, they are still available.

All Ladies are invited to the Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Best Choice labels are still being collected. Place the UPC labels in the box in room 134. The proceeds go to the Paragould Children's Home.

Psalms 8:1-9

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

Attendance

Bible Class 64
 Sunday AM Worship..... 86
 Sunday PM Worship 59
 Wed. Evening 66
 Contribution \$2,936.51

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MISSIONS

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NURSERY

Communion Preparation

May 1 Leah Bryant
 May 8 Fran Calvert
 May 15 Fran Calvert
 May 22 Jacque Davidson

Ladies May Duties

Cards: Barbara Dyson
 Food: Sandra Baker
 Margaret Harris