

## How Jesus Prays

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*~ Mark 1: 35*

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Well, there it is. That's how it's done.

No, I don't think everybody has to have their time with God in the morning. Some folks aren't morning people. There are valid reasons why another time might be better. But let's modify the above verse to make it make sense in a variety of contexts.

- In the morning, or at some other chosen, carved-out, specific time,
- while it is dark, or while we have a moment to ourselves,
- we get up, meaning we have to leave the area where most of our work and living take place, lest we get distracted by undone tasks, plus we have to move so we are fully alert,
- and we go out to a deserted place, where there are no other people and not a lot of movement or energy so we can focus,
- and we pray in whatever way we feel led to do so.

I will add, and we stay until we know we've been there, then we leave and enter fully back into our everyday lives, nurtured by silence and the Spirit.

May we each pursue God in the best way of which we are capable, and may God help us in our seeking.

~ Lindy Thompson

## Pray

God, we thank you for times of prayer and communion with you. Help us to persevere in seeking you every day. Amen.

~ Shared by Leigh McFalls

## NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Prayers

You are invited to join us on this journey of prayer in 2024 as we strengthen our prayer lives together each and every day. We know the power of prayer in our lives and in our world. God continues to heal, perform miracles, and offer grace and mercy in unexpected ways. We give thanks for the ways the Holy Spirit moves among us. We'll have a new list each month with prayer prompts for us each to grow in our intercessory prayers and broaden our circles to those we might not consider in our daily prayers. Use this list, pass it on, and let it guide you closer to others and to God in 2024!

## March Prayers

March 1- Those working in nursing homes

March 2- Pilots & Flight Attendants

March 3- Nutritionists

March 4- Those struggling with health issues

March 5- World Leaders

March 6- Reduction in Arms Proliferation

March 7- Places with Political Unrest

March 8- Women Around the World (International Women's Day)

March 9- Pioneers in the Christian Faith

March 11 - Our Praise Team

March 13- That we live out our baptismal vows of - prayers, presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness

March 14 - Those with vision problems

March 16- Missionaries

March 18- Those on the church bulletin prayer list

March 19- Lay Servants

March 20- Our Duke Intern, Lauren

March 21-- Those who are ordained as Deacon in the UMC

March 22- Our Farmers

March 23- Theologians and Seminary Professors

March 24- All who attend worship on Palm Sunday and the Easter egg hunt

March 25- Mark 11:12-19 - Holy Monday Prayerful Reading

March 26 - Mark 11:20-13:37 - Holy Tuesday Prayerful Reading

March 27- Mark 14:1-11 - Spy Wednesday Prayerful Reading

March 28- Mark: 14: 26-52- Maundy Thursday Prayerful Reading

March 29th -Mark 14:53-15:47 - Good Friday Prayerful Reading

March 30th- Holy Saturday Peace

March 31st-Easter Joy - Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



March 10- Choir

March 12- Finance Committee

March 15- Cashiers in local stores

March 17- Prayer of St. Patrick

## Mary Martha Busy Ladies

Mary Martha Busy Ladies will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 11:30am at Prego Trattoria Italian Restaurant, 422 Huffman Mill Road, Suite 122, Burlington, NC for lunch. Please make your own carpooling arrangements if you'd like to ride with other people.

## OCIM Update

Jimmy and I went to OCIM on Monday, February 19 to carry the 53 pounds of food our church family collected. Kay Stagner gave us a list of items that are needed:

- Peanut butter
- Cereals
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper

Thank you ever so much for your continued support of the OCIM Food Pantry.

~~Brenda Berry

## Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt



Bring your friends and family and join us at 4:30 on March 24th for an Easter celebration and egg hunt! We will play games, hunt eggs and enjoy a movie. We will also have a hot dog supper after the hunt.

We will be collecting stuffed eggs (stuffed with candy, small toys or prizes) in the fellowship hall in marked tubs. There are also unfilled plastic eggs you may take to fill up. Please have them back at church by Sunday morning, March 24.

If you are interested in leading a game, helping serve dinner or in another way, please reach out to Ashley Parker 919.475.5211

## Rise Against Hunger

We need at least 6 people able to lift 50 pound bags to help with set up from 1-2. If you can help with this, you can sign up for that on the link.



***Walnut Grove UMC  
Sunday, April 21st  
2 - 4 PM***

***Scan to  
register  
and  
donate!***



***Help us package  
10,000 meals  
to fight global hunger!***

**or go to:**

[events.riseagainsthunger.org/WalnutGrove24](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/WalnutGrove24)

## Music Ministry Update

### Hallelujah Kids – Sundays during KidsKrew

Calling all young singers from K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We recently started back. We're learning some new songs and having loads of fun. This lively group will be singing on Palm Sunday during the 10:30am worship service. You won't want to miss it!

### Easter Music – Sundays at 4:30pm

Sunday afternoon practices have started at 4:30pm for our Easter cantata, "Is He Worthy". Rehearsals will also be on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Come and join us in celebrating the Risen Lord through worship and song.

## Lake Junaluska

We still have space to attend Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska Assembly near Waynesville, NC. Children (rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders and up), youth and adults are eligible to attend. We will leave on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and return on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317.

## Free Boxes

**LAST CALL!!** We still have plenty boxes available. If you need boxes for any reason, please feel free to stop by the modular and take as many as you want. This picture is one of many stacks of the boxes available.



## Tithes and Offerings

We have four ways to give to our ministries. If you would like your offering to be allocated towards a specific ministry, please indicate it in the memo of your check or you will be prompted on the website.

1. Give during our weekly Worship Services.
2. Mail in a check to 7215 Walnut Grove Church Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541.
3. Use our church [website](#). Click GIVE in the upper right corner.
4. Use our online giving app "Vanco Mobile".

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### Prayer List

- Family of Bob Atz at his passing. Friend of Emma Beckham
- Sandy Combs for upcoming surgery. She is Kim Combs' mother.
- Betty Sue Hyder (surgery on Friday, February 16th), Margaret Williams' sister and Sharyn Gates' aunt
- Wahome Mwangi - serious condition
- Debbie Smith who recently had back surgery. She is Tyler Smith's mom
- Herring Family (Linda and husband Dortch), Dortch has been in Duke Hospital for several weeks with dementia while they try to find him a permanent facility to go to. Dortch is Jane Sparks' brother-in-law.
- Pat Sykes
- Debbie Haywood (cancer treatments), friend of Ann and Bruce Richardson.
- Dana Kimrey. He is the brother of Lorraine Hines.

## **Quilts**

Laura Slater from Clover, SC who has had double by-pass heart surgery. She is the mother of Kim Horton and a former member of Walnut Grove Crafters and Prayers & Squares.

Wanda Guthrie from Efland who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Worth Miller from Hurdle Mills who is recovering from injuries sustained in a very serious fall. He is a friend of Brenda and Jimmy Berry.

(The prayer quilts will be at the front of the sanctuary on Sunday. You're invited to tie a knot and say a prayer over the quilts before and after the service.)

## **Upcoming Birthdays**

Friday 3/1 – Derek Murray

Saturday 3/2 – Judy Butler

Sunday 3/3 – Rodney Cates

Monday 3/4 – Mackenzie Creech, Xan Freeland

Tuesday 3/5 – Candi Roberts, Katie Boling Gilmore, Linda Wilkerson, Michael James

Wednesday 3/6 – Frances Walters

Saturday 3/9 – Mike Berezny, Jason Blalock, Amber Roemmich

If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact Kim at the church office at 919-732-5722 or by email at [office@walnutgroveumc.org](mailto:office@walnutgroveumc.org) so we can update our records.

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

[WG YouTube](#)

[WG Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

[Sign UpHere! For Online Sign-Up](#)

## **Serving in Worship**

### **March 3rd**

Acolytes: Kennedy Dunlap/Magnus Kemnitz

Greeters: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey

Ushers: Lorraine & Phil Hines

Nursery: Pam Kimrey/Mary Emma Roberts

Scripture: Lorraine Parker

Trustee Open/Close: Michael James

Communion Servers: Kara & Mike Roberts

PM Nursery: Leigh McFalls/Ashley Parker

## **March 10th**

Acolytes: Anna Robinson/Corbin Smith  
Greeters: Cheryl L & Barry Parker  
Ushers: Cheryl & Scott Humphrey  
Nursery: Lorraine Hines/Cheryl S. Parker  
Scripture: Brenda Berry  
Trustee Open/Close: Leigh McFalls  
PM Nursery: Leigh McFalls/Cathy Boling

**NOTE:** If you're unable to serve in your role listed above, please find someone to serve in your place and notify the church secretary of the change. This will allow us to have an updated listing to publish each week.

## **Upcoming Happenings**

Sunday, March 3	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:30pm Worship Choir (Easter) 5:30pm Dinner 6:00-7:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery
Wednesday, March 6	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir 7:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)
Sunday, March 10	<b>!! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (SPRING FORWARD)</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 4:30pm Worship Choir (Easter) 5:30pm Dinner 6:00-7:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery
Monday, March 11	7:00pm SPRC Meeting
Wednesday, March 13	11:30am Mary Martha Busy Ladies – Prego's Trattoria in Burlington 7:00pm Worship Choir 7:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)

Sunday, March 17	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:30pm Worship Choir (Easter) 5:30pm Dinner 6:00-7:00pm KidsKrew, Youth, Bible Study, Nursery
Wednesday, March 20	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir 7:30pm Worship Choir (Easter)
Friday-Sat., March 22-23	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, March 24	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 4:00pm Worship Choir (Easter) 4:30pm Easter Egg Hunt w/hot dog supper to follow for everyone
Wednesday, March 27	7:00pm Worship Choir (Easter)
Thursday, March 28	6:30pm Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
Saturday, March 30	9:30am Worship Choir final rehearsal
Sunday, March 31	7:00am Sunrise Service w/breakfast to follow for everyone 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Easter Worship Service The Worship Choir presents the cantata, "Is He Worthy"

See You Sunday!!