

"Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of  
by the house of Israel, to do it for them."

————— EZEKIEL 36:37 —————

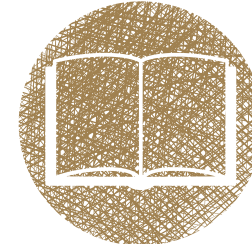
Prayer is the forerunner of mercy. Turn to sacred history, and you will find that scarcely ever did a great mercy come to this world unheralded by supplication. You have found this true in your own personal experience. God has given you many an unsolicited favour, but still great prayer has always been the prelude of great mercy with you. When you first found peace through the blood of the cross, you had been praying much, and earnestly interceding with God that he would remove your doubts, and deliver you from your distresses. Your assurance was the result of prayer. When at any time you have had high and rapturous joys, you have been obliged to look upon them as answers to your prayers. When you have had great deliverances out of sore troubles, and mighty helps in great dangers, you have been able to say, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Prayer is always the preface to blessing. It goes before the blessing as the blessing's shadow. When the sunlight of God's mercies rises upon our necessities, it casts the shadow of prayer far down upon the plain. Or, to use another illustration, when God piles up a hill of mercies, he himself shines behind them, and he casts on our spirits the shadow of prayer, so that we may rest certain, if we are much in prayer, our pleadings are the shadows of mercy. Prayer is thus connected with the blessing to show us the value of it. If we had the blessings without asking for them, we should think them common things; but prayer makes our mercies more precious than diamonds. The things we ask for are precious, but we do not realize their preciousness until we have sought for them earnestly.

"Prayer makes the darken'd cloud withdraw;  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;  
Gives exercise to faith and love;  
Brings every blessing from above."

From *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers*

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## BAPTIST CHURCH



### BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING

"Even them will I bring to my holy  
mountain, and make them joyful in my  
house of prayer: their burnt offerings and  
their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine  
altar; for mine house shall be called an  
house of prayer for all people."

ISAIAH 56:7

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PRAYER



Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

Psalm 143:1

### CHURCH MINISTRIES

Missionaries Worldwide	Music Ministry
Glen Iris Baptist School	Bus Ministry
WGIB Radio (91.9 FM)	Youth Ministry
WQEM Radio (101.5 FM)	Special Needs Ministry
WAY Television (Channel 16)	Benevolence Ministry
Website (www.gleniris.net)	AWANA Youth Program
Gospel Outreach and Visitation	Young Adults Ministry

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Leah Dickey and Kathi Lamb	Nursery
Josh and Ashley Wilson	Preschool
Laine Ferrill	First-Fifth Grades
Anthony and Anna Johnson	Sixth-Twelfth Grades
Jay and Carlie Babin	College and Career
Brian and Robin Babin	Couples' Class
Rob Ferrill	Men's Class
Brad McKinney	Sunday School of the Air
Paul and Donna Hancock	Primary Church
Bart and Brooke Booth	Children's Church
Josh Wilson	Sunday School Superintendent

### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**Alan and Donna Brooks**

*Papua New Guinea Bible Coordinator*

- Please pray our travel to New Guinea will be allowed.
- Pray for the spread of God's Word to reap a mighty harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

#### Health Needs

Janet Brock	David Foltz	Gail Waits
Robert Crocker	Gloria Randolph	Buddy York

#### Home/Nursing Home-Bound

Sonia Boyer	Eldon Joslin	Pearl Marcus
Jackie Gulledge	Bill Leon	Geraldine Sizemore
	Jackie Lightfoot	

#### Special Requests

Jim and Gayle Ferrill - Rob Ferrill's parents  
Carolyn Gonzales (friend of Patti Reymond) - paresis  
Patsy Root - Lakeshore Rehab

### DEACONS

Johnny Brock	Anthony Johnson	Jerry Mays
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### PRAYER MEETING TIMES

Wednesday	7:00 P.M. - Auditorium
Sunday	9:30 A.M. - School Library
	5:00 P.M. - Classroom at bottom of stairs

### COLLEGE AND CAREER

Jeremiah Babin	Hyun Lee	Savannah Saruse
Candie Ferrill	Shayna Lightfoot	Anna Young
Geon Lee	Win Otamias	Sara Young
	Caralise Roach	