# "THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD; I WILL YET FOR This be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them."

F7FKIFL 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 favor, 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.

Taken from C. H. Spurgeon's Morning and Evening

# GLEN IRIS 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

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Colossians 4:12

### CHURCH MINISTRIES

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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH **TEACHERS AND WORKERS**

Leah Dickey and Kathi Lamb Nursery Class (0-3 years old) Josh and Ashley Wilson Preschool Class (4-5 years old) Laine Ferrill First-Fifth Grade Class Anthony and Anna Johnson Sixth-Twelfth Grade Class Jay and Carlie Babin College and Career Class Brian and Robin Babin Couples' Class

Rob Ferrill Men's Class

Paul and Donna Hancock

Bart and Brooke Booth

Auditorium Class (Sunday Brad McKinney

> School of the Air) Primary Church Children's Church

Josh Wilson Sunday School Superintendent

### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

### Matt and Becky Hancock

Missionaries to Cambodia

- Please pray for Becky's health.
- Please pray that those we've ministered to will receive the Word and believe.

### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

### **Health Needs**

Janet Brock Robert Crocker

David Foltz Gloria Randolph Patsy Root

Gayle Waits Buddy York

### Home/Nursing Home-Bound

John Chafin Jackie Gulledge Eldon Joslin

Bill Leon Pearl Marcus

# DEACONS

Johnny Brock

Anthony Johnson

Jerry Mays

# PRAYER MEETING TIMES

Wednesday Sunday

7:00 P.M. - Auditorium 9:30 A.M. - School Library 5:00 P.M. - Church Office

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER**

Jeremiah Babin Candie Ferrill Clay Ferrill

Audrey Knowlton Shayna Lightfoot Win Otamias

Savannah Saruse Anna Young Sara Young