

WHEN GOD WON'T HEAR

God is a God whose ears are in every place, who can hear every prayer of every person at all times. "Am I a God at near at hand . . . and not a God afar off?" (Jeremiah 23:23). Yet there are times when God will not hear.

God will not hear us when we will not hear Him. "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination" (Proverbs 28:9). Having revealed His word, God expects us to read it and harken to it. It is not uncommon for people to refuse to study the Bible but then call upon Him when tough times come. Perhaps some of those tough times would not have come if they had taken time to learn the truths of the Bible. It is folly to refuse to bend to God's will and then expect Him to bend to ours. If one turns away his ear from hearing God, why is he so presumptuous to think that God must lend an ear to him?

God will not hear us when we live in willful, presumptuous sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear" (Psalm 66:18). Presumptuous sin refers to reckless abandon to a life of sin. It is arrogant rebellion against God. Sin is what turned God's ears away from the nation of Judah (Isaiah 59:1-2). The case of Cornelius is sometimes cited in a discussion of this topic. He was not a Christian, but he was a praying man. The angel of God told him that his prayers had come up for a memorial before God (Acts 10:1-6). Many assume that God heard and saved this sinner because of his prayers. However, one must remember that although Cornelius was a devout and good man (Acts 10:2), Peter told Cornelius the Lord's word (Acts 10:6; 11:12-14; 15:7-11; cf. Mark 16:16).

God will not hear us when we ask selfishly. "You ask, and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:3). The Bible does not teach the prosperity gospel of those who contend that if you want money, just ask God for it. These see prayer as a cure-all for all their physical and financial ills and misuse Jesus' words: "Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" (Matthew 21:22). In the context, Jesus is speaking of the miraculous faith and power that would accompany the apostles. James 4:3 warns against asking "amiss." One must carefully weigh any Bible statement in light of all other Bible statements before reaching conclusions. Prayer is simply not designed as a hotline for emergency purposes. —Jerri Manasco

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| M O B T R O W N H I E S S E V E | APOSTLE | PEACE |
| B O R O I T E I T R E R R I C K | BARREN | PLACE |
| X I V V U K I L U J A R V A D E | BESIDE | POWER |
| V I A E A N O L R I A L L A N E | BLIND | PURGED |
| U S E M D O D A T B I P E D N Y | CALLING | PUTTING |
| B I W O R L D C E S A E C E D T | CHRIST | SAVIOUR |
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😊 Special Days 😊

Happy Birthday, March!

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| Kinzie Neal | 7 | Avery Neal | 7 |
| Troy Crayton | 7 | Becky Klein | 10 |
| Alwilda Merritt | 12 | Sonny Wirt | 12 |
| Jessica Endy | 23 | Robert Spiess | 26 |
| Ernie Maiwald | 29 | | |

PRAYER
Is the Most
Important
Conversation
of your day.
Take it to God
Before you take it
to anybody else!!!

WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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March 11, 2018

Services

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| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. |

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal Lee Porter
Tim Wertz

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following
Bible translations for our public worship and study:
New King James Version, King James Version and
American Standard Version, 1901*

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

| | | Morning | Evening |
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| Epistles | March 11 | II Peter | II Peter |
| The Law | March 12 | Deut. 16 - 19 | Deut. 16 - 19 |
| History | March 13 | Ezra 6 - 10 | Ezra 6 - 10 |
| Psalms | March 14 | Psalms 134 - 136 | Psalms 134 - 136 |
| Poetry | March 15 | Ecc 9 - 10 | Ecc 9 - 10 |
| Prophecy | March 16 | Zechariah 8 - 14 | Zechariah 8 - 14 |
| Gospels | March 17 | Acts 17 - 18 | Acts 17 - 18 |

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

| Week of March 11 | | | |
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| Sunday | Lesson 121 | Genesis 10 and 11 | |
| Wednesday | Lesson 122 | Genesis 12 | |
| Week of March 18 | | | |
| Sunday | Lesson 123 | Genesis 13 | |
| Wednesday | Lesson 124 | Genesis 14 | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary Work Update:

The Kammanee family, Sam, Michele, Gaby and Annie, will be here on March 25th. Sam will be giving us an update on the mission work that we support in Thailand. He will have a powerpoint presentation during Bible class and preach during the AM service. Pray for their safe travels.

Assignments

| | 11 March | 18 March |
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| Announcements | George | Maiwald |
| Song | Pender | Spieß |
| Prayer | Kent | Lake |
| Preside @ Table | Foxworth | M. Frazier |
| Assisting | Wedge | Beauvais |
| Assisting | Z. Frazier | Caples |
| Assisting | Mike Ambrose | Comeaux |
| Prayer | Chris Dollard | Foxworth |
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| Evening Worship* | 11 March | 18 March |
| Announcements | George | Maiwald |
| Song Leader | Pender | Spieß |
| Prayer | Comeaux | Dukes |
| Communion/Prayer | Foxworth | M. Frazier |
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| Wed. Evening Worship | 14 March | 21 March |
| Announcements | George | Maiwald |
| Song Leader | Pender | Spieß |
| Invitation | Wedge | Beauvais |
| Prayer | Porter | Spieß |

Notes:

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. **Transportation.** *If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

| | March | April | May |
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| Prepare Communion | Cottoner | TBD | TBD |
| Building Lockup | Wertz | TBD | TBD |

REMINDERS

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| Qtrly Potluck (Zone 5 hosting) | 4/8/18 | 12:00pm | Building |
| Mens Breakfast | 4/14/18 | 8:00am | OC Buffet |
| EDP Meeting | 4/14/18 | 9:30am | Building |

Helpful Contact Addresses:

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For our Prayers

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Whispering Pines - Luray)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:**
- **Omer Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's brother) Cancer
- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lucille Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's sister-in-law) Cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Vicky Smith** (Kennetha Marbury's cousin) kidney
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Angelica Garcia** (friend of Linda Skutnik) acute leukemia
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer

Continued prayers for our members

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| Bobbie Girard | Alwilda Merritt | Colleen Wertz |
| Deb Neal | James Roberson | |

