

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

MATTHEW CHAPTER SIXTEEN

E R E U S S O H H T R A E D Y E	BEWARE	LIVING
T R N V R U E W E K U B E R D L	BLOOD	LOAVES
H T A E E Y F A I T H S T O N T	BOUND	LOOSED
E E H W W N G F T N I T O E E T	BREAD	OTHERS
S T A E E T I R E R U L A M O I	CHRIST	PETER
O H F V T B V N E R B S P K A L	CHURCH	REBUKE
E N A N E O E D G D N T A N E L	DESIRED	SAYING
A E S L U N N O H T E O O I O N	EARTH	SEVEN
W V T I T N N I M D H M O A L P	ELIAS	SHALT
D E O N E S G R T N I C V A E E	EVENING	SIGNS
G S Y V E B N S E S R E R T A D	FAITH	SIMON
U N A M R N I A S H S B E U E J	FLESH	SUFFER
F E I E O R Y Y N A T R O S H D	GIVEN	TAKEN
L T A V H H A T G E I A O U T C	HEAVEN	TEMPTED
N D E C I W S T I E H O E T N S	LEAVEN	TIMES
N E V A E L I H S E L F H W T D	LITTLE	WEATHER

😊 Special Days 😊

Happy Birthday, June!

Bobbie Girard	2	David Earwood	5
Melissa Maiwald	13	Pam Ambrose	19

Happy Anniversary, June!

Jesse and Beatrice Okiyi	7
Lee and Denise Porter	9
Jason and Catina Cottoner	17
Jason and Megan Earwood	28
Mark and Barbara Frazier	29



WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Services

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
Epistles	June 3	Romans 9 - 10	Romans 9 - 10
The Law	June 4	Genesis 16 - 19	Genesis 16 - 19
History	June 5	Joshua 21 - 24	Joshua 21 - 24
Psalms	June 6	Psalms 12 - 14	Psalms 12 - 14
Poetry	June 7	Job 9 - 10	Job 9 - 10
Prophecy	June 8	Isaiah 22 - 28	Isaiah 22 - 28
Gospels	June 9	Matthew 11 - 13	Matthew 11 - 13

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of June 3			
Sunday	Lesson 143	2 Samuel 2	
Wednesday	Lesson 144	2 Samuel 3-4	
Week of June 10			
Sunday	Lesson 145	2 Samuel 5	
Wednesday	Lesson 146	2 Samuel 6	

How can I say "I can't"
 When the Bible says
 "I can do all things through
 Christ which strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Assignments

	3 June	10 June
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song	Comeaux	Spiess
Prayer	David Caples	Comeaux
Preside @ Table	Anthony	Beauvais
Assisting	George	Lake
Assisting	Johnson	Marbury
Assisting	Kent	Medina
Prayer	Porter	Wedge
	3 June	10 June
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song Leader	Comeaux	Spiess
Prayer	Wertz	Wedge
Communion/Prayer	Anthony	Beauvais
	6 June	13 June
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song Leader	Comeaux	Spiess
Invitation	Neal	Wedge
Prayer	Ambrose Jr.	Pender

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.*

	May	June	July
Prepare Communion	Earwood	Frazier	TBD
Building Lockup	Maiwald	Neal	TBD

Mens Breakfast	6/9/18	8:00am	OC Buffet
EDP Meeting	6/9/18	9:30am	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

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For our Prayers

New

- **Cliff Tucker Family** (friend of Cynthia Arrington). Cliff was killed in a car accident last week. His wife and young daughter were critically injured.
- **Gayle Swabb** was released from the hospital last week after having a seizure. The MRI showed that she has a small malignant brain tumor. She has an appointment with the neurosurgeon on June 11. She is now at Betty's Place with her husband, Charles.

Update

- **Sue Bilbrey** will be having surgery to repair a torn tendon in her hip.

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lucille Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's sister-in-law) cancer; hospice care
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **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
- **Johnny McLeod** (friend of Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Gerald Morningstar**-(Sherry Wright's dad)

Continued prayers for our members

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Tom White

