

The Tanner St Church of Christ meets each Lord's Day beginning with Bible classes at **9:30 AM**. We continue with our worship at **10:20 AM** and again at **5:00 PM**. We also meet each Wednesday evening at **7:00 PM** for Bible study and worship. Our meeting place is located about ¾ of a mile from I30 at 1512 Tanner St in Malvern, AR.

If you have questions about what we believe and teach, please visit our website, **TannerSt.com** to listen to sermons or read past articles from our bulletin. Or you can contact us and we will be glad to find a convenient time to study with you.

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Consider: Colossians 2:13-14

Needed News

Dolline Fain is not doing well at this time. She has not been eating hardly at all and spends most of her time sleeping. Sometimes she does not recognize family members.

Ricky Ragsdale is improving very slowly. He is taking baby steps to turn around now. He is also still using a wheelchair.

Jimmy & Annette Gray will be in Branson next weekend.

Adene Gray will be visiting with her daughter, Carolyn next weekend. **Dan & JoBeth Henderson** will be in Mississippi next weekend. Dan will be doing a wedding ceremony.

Joyce Venable's sister, **Daisy Nelson's**, health continues to go down.

Conrad Harris, Joyce Venable, Thelma Echols, as well as family members of many who attend with us, also have ongoing health issues. We need to remember all of these in prayer and keep in touch with them as we find opportunity.

Would you be interested in a Bible study? Do you have questions about practices or teachings that you would like to discuss? Do you have a topic suggestion for future sermons or Bible class? Pass the word to Dan Henderson. He would like to help you in any way he can with Bible knowledge.

Seeking His Righteousness

"...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.." Matthew 6:33

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Your Prayers Are Needed

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Public prayers are an important part of public worship. Our minds are led, by the various ones who lead the prayers, to consider certain things for which we should be thankful to God and certain things in which we are in need of God's help that, often times, we previously have failed to think about.

It is God's will that we talk to Him by prayer. It does not appear to me that God is in need of hearing us talk to Him, but rather that He wants us to talk to Him by prayer to fulfill a need on our own part. The willingness of God to listen to us, His children, should cause us to greatly appreciate His concern for our welfare.

Private prayers have as important a part in private worship as public prayers have in the public worship. The idea that we can worship only in a public assembly is completely erroneous. Jesus exposed the error of that idea when He told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, *"The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth"* (**John 4:23**). The place in which we are to worship is *"the spirit of man which is in him"* (**1Corinthians 2:11**). Because true worship comes from within the worshipper the child of God can worship God at any time. Indeed, Paul wrote the Thessalonians, *"Pray without ceasing"* (**1Thessalonians 5:17**).

You need to pray

Your prayers are needed by you. They are needed by you in order that you may be able to grow spiritually. I cannot imagine a child who does not have a need to talk to his parents. It is just as difficult to imagine that a child of God does not need to talk to his spiritual Father. Certainly, we all need to tell our heavenly Father, time and again, that we are thankful for the many blessings He continually showers upon us.

Your prayers are needed by your fellow Christians. This need is very beautifully expressed in the words of a song that is not too well known, "I Need The Prayers." More than sixty years ago James D. Vaughn wrote in the first verse of that song,

"I need the pray'rs of those I love, While trav'ling o're
life's rugged way, That I may true and faithful be, And
live for Jesus every day."

As a preacher, I appreciate the many prayers that are offered in my behalf, but am mindful that every child of God also needs your prayers; as much as those of us who preach the gospel.

Your prayers are needed by the local church. In the public prayers we often are led to express our concern for the growth and welfare of the church. This is as it should be. However, we also need to remember the church in our private prayers. We are informed, "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (**James 5:16**). Our concern for the growth and welfare of the local church should be expressed in our private prayers, as well as the public prayers.

You need to pray for the cause of Christ to grow everywhere the seed of the kingdom -- the word of God -- is being planted. Local churches everywhere need the blessings of God, as they faithfully endeavor to do the work He has given them to do. However, as I previously suggested, you need your prayers for the Lord's cause everywhere. Possibly this need on your part could be greater than the need of all the local churches for your prayers. Many times we seem to become so concerned with the local work that we lose sight of the universal need for the gospel. Praying for the Lord's cause everywhere can help us to fulfill our need to become more concerned with the efforts of God's children in other places.

Your prayers are needed by all men (1Timothy 2:1-3). All men everywhere have been commanded by God to repent (**Acts 17:30**). However, no one needs your prayers for "all men" more than you need them yourself. If you want to grow spiritually pray for others as you pray for yourself.

Lord, Keep Me

Lord, make me loyal
Every day;
Keep me ever
In thy way.

Let my life
Of service be;
Keep me humble
Close to Thee.

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