

The Carpenter's Christian Church

Sunday November 19, 2023

Scriptures and Questions for Reflection:

Scripture: Luke 17: 11 – 13

- Discuss the ways the life of a person in Jesus' day would be affected physically and emotionally once they were diagnosed as a leper.
- Are there people today who have received a similar life-altering experience?

Scripture: Luke 17: 14

- Why do you think Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priest before He healed them?
- Why do you think God sometimes delays the answer to our prayers today?

Scripture: Mark 11: 24; 1 John 5: 14 – 15

- Discuss the principle conveyed in the two verses above. How is this different from the "name-it-and-claim it" prosperity gospel?

Scripture: James 2 : 14 – 26

- Discuss the relationship between faith and works. What would you say to the person who says, since we are saved by grace, works don't matter?

Scripture: Luke 17 : 15 – 18 ; Hebrews 12: 28

- Why do you think the other 9 lepers may not have returned to express their gratitude? Why do we sometimes fail to do so today?
- How did the one grateful leper express his gratitude? What can we learn from his example?

Scripture: Luke 17: 19

- Do you think this grateful leper received something additional that the other lepers did not? If so, why? What do you think it was?
- What blessings can be receive today by being grateful?

"The Grateful Leper"

- I. 10 lepers make their request...
 - a. The _____ condition of the lepers was dire.
 - b. There was a _____ with leprosy.

- II. The process of healing...
 - a. Instead of healing them immediately, Jesus gave them _____.
 - b. We need to move in _____ even before we see God at _____.
 - c. Faith comes from our confidence that what we're asking for is God's _____ as it is clearly revealed in His _____.

- III. Put your faith into action.
 - a. Sometimes, before God provides His answer, He has an _____ He wants us to take.
 - b. There seems to be a correlation between _____ and _____.

- IV. Return to say thanks.
 - a. There is a difference between merely _____ gratitude and actually _____ thanks.
 - b. Genuine gratitude can be expressed through sincere _____.

- V. The blessing of gratitude...
 - a. There is no earthly blessing that compares with _____.

Notes:

Announcements:

Sunday, Nov. 19 -- Today, we will begin collecting our annual Thanksgiving offering. This is a special offering above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings. The money from this year's offering will go toward funding the first year of our new Celebrate Recovery ministry. Additional funds (above what is needed for CR) will go toward helping hurting people.

- If giving by check, please write on the memo line either "regular offering" or "Thanksgiving offering."
- If giving online, there is a drop down menu that allows you to select, "General fund" or "Thanksgiving offering."

Sunday, Nov. 19 – We will hold our annual congregational meeting after each morning worship service today. We will be seeking approval of elder and deacon candidates, trustees, and the 2024 budget. All members 18 years of age and older are invited to vote.

Sunday, Nov. 19 - Last call for shoeboxes 2023! We will load up boxes for transport after 2nd service. Thanks so much for sharing the Good News!

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – There will be no Team Kid this Wednesday night due to Thanksgiving. The student ministry will meet at 6:30 PM to pack Thanksgiving boxes. Check with your adult LIFE group leader to see if your group is meeting this week.

Sunday, Nov. 29 – We will have our quarterly community unity service next Sunday evening at 6 PM at Pioneer Baptist Church. Brother Phil Yates from Little Zion Baptist Church will be bringing the message.

Saturday, Dec. 9 - Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon will be Dec. 9th from 11-1. Please bring a canned food item for the Christian Life Center. We are suggesting a \$10 donation that will be collected at the luncheon. We also collect items in gift bags for door prizes. For more information and for signups, we will be in the lobby before and after the 1st and 2nd services. Table decorators are needed!

Facts & Figures from last week:

Sunday AM worship

1st service attendance – 284

2nd service attendance – 524

Total in-person -- 808

Online --91

Total attendance - 899

Baptism – 1

New Members - 2

Offering

Weekly budget need - \$21,285

Offering -- \$24,279.50

Discipleship

Sunday school - 185

Adult LIFE groups - 132

Team Kid / students -- 316

Men of Courage --18

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Pray for our Nation and for our Troops.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in suffering, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12*

Alex Williamson Air Force Guam
Andrew Goodlett Army
Andrew Minton Navy Reserve
Austin Logdon Nat'l. Guard
Austin Taylor Air Force
Avery Allison Army
Carter Briscoe Army
Chase Edwards Nat'l. Guard
Chayse Abrams Air Force
Chris Booth Air Force
Clay Morris Air Force
Cody Williams Nat'l Guard
Dakota Stevens Nat'l. Guard
Dominic Raimondi Marines
Dylan Powell Army
Eddie Donahue Nat'l. Guard
Emily Martin Air Force
Gage Mooneyham Air Force
Garrett Gillespie Marines
Isaac Rogers Air force

Jackson Johnson Marines
Jason Carey Marines
Jerry Sexton Kuwait
John Holiday Army
John Whited Air Force
Jorgan Perez Nat'l Guard
Kerry Anne Fernandez Air Force
Logan Bustle Nat'l. Guard
Lyndsay Franklin
Matthew Bensinger Navy
Maxton Hensley Army
Michael Sheperon Nat'l. Guard
Sam Hassall Marines
Tanner Goodlett
Taylor Young Nat'l. Guard
Trent Harmon Marines
Ty Abrams Navy
Ty Gillison Marines
Will Matherly Army - Iraq
Zac Curtsinger Air Force

To add prayer request, write your request on a connection card located on the back of each seat and place it in the offering box.

You can also email your request to:

debbie@carpenterschristian.church

Names will be removed at the end of each month, unless otherwise specified. For immediate requests email the church at:

carpenterschristian.church/prayer

November Prayer Request

Allen O'Neil Healing
Allyn Easter Walker Trai*
Alma Bragg Morning Pointe*Health
B.C. Allen Nursing Home*Heart surgery
Beth Hazelwood Breast cancer
Betty Robertson Willows*
Betty Ryan Willows
Bill Ewing Recovery/Knee Surgery
Billy Dunaway Health concerns/Test
Blake Hill Surgery recovery
Bob & Brenda Brown Health
Bobby Carrier JR MS*
Christina Corbitt*
Clay Halsey Family
Connie Gifford Family
Dalton & Barbara Hendren Health concerns
Dalton Jones Family
Danny Joe Straszheim
Debbie Waggener Family
Dee Click Health concerns
Dick Bauer Knee replacement surgery
Dora Sue Hart Harrodsburg HHC*
Earl Pinkston Heart attack
Eva Logue Cracked vertebrae
George Cunningham Health concerns
Glory Ann Mattingly Tatum Family
Haven Care Center*
James Paul Murray Chemo
Janet Young Breast cancer/surgery
Jean Cummins CHF Nursing Facility*
Joe Barrett
John Robertson Surgical procedure
Juanita Ball Family
Junie Craig Recovery
Karen Bradley Health concerns
Kelbie Head Health complications

Lacy Nichols
Larry Sanders Pulmonary fibrosis/Health
Law Enforcement & Families*
Lee Readnower MS*
Lola Proctor Dialysis
Mary Owens Family
Michael Straszheim Stage 4 Cancer
Mildred Belcher Health*
Missy Razor Cancer*
New Converts
Nick Barrett*
Norris Hardison Thomson-Hood VC
Olivia Barrett*
Pam Ellis Surgery/Recovery
Pascal Benson Health complications
Pat Ball Health concerns
Pat Hildebrandt Health concerns
Patrick McMullin Sinus surgery recovery
Paul Cornish Fall Broken Fibula
Pat Goodlett Eyesight*
Patsy Harshbarger Renal Cell Carcinoma
Richard & Charlene Wilder Health
Ronnie Compton Cancer/surgery
Roscoe Cunningham Health concerns
Russell Gibson Health concerns
Sandra Masters Health issues*
Scott Kanatzer Health concerns
Sheri Warner Health complications
Those trapped in addiction*
Tiffany Boston Preeclampsia
Tim Darland Recovery
Tony Bast Surgery/recovery
Unspoken Request*
USA*
Veterans*
Vickey Gau Family