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Sharing God's Love In Our World

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Pastor's Message

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The Other Lord's Prayer

If you've ever spent even one day in church, then you have heard The Lord's Prayer; you know, the one that begins, *"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name..."* Jesus gave His disciples, indeed all of us, this example of how to pray to the Father, and it is recorded in Matthew 6 for our daily benefit.

But there is another prayer that Jesus prayed, recorded by John in his gospel account, that is so much more than an example of how to pray, but is a prayer spoken out loud so that the disciples could see through a rare and beautiful window into the Divine relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit! And if that weren't amazing enough, in this Lord's Prayer, Jesus, our Lord and Savior, God the Son, prays specifically for YOU. You read that correctly; He prays for you.

Before we look at Jesus' prayer, here are some preliminary observations; the prayer is in three parts. In the first part, Jesus prays to the Father for the Father to glorify Him, so that He can glorify the Father. He acknowledges that the time has come in His earthly ministry for His work to be done and for Him to return to the Father in heaven. And here in this part, He states clearly and emphatically His mission. He says, *"Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life."*

With that statement, we see Christ's mission to glorify the Father and to give eternal life to God's elect, those that believe on Him. Here Jesus even goes as far as giving us the definition of eternal life. He says, *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."* It doesn't get much clearer than that.

In the second part of His prayer, Jesus prays for His disciples; for their preservation and protection as they continue the ministry in the world; for their sanctification, that is, their continued growth into the fullness and maturity in Christ; for their realization of the Joy that is only available through Christ Jesus.

And then, in the third part of His prayer, Jesus prays for all of those who will come to know God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - through the ministry of the disciples, who will share the gospel with the world in the carrying out of The Great Commission; making disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that He commanded. *(Pastor's Message continued on page 2)*

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Jesus prays for the future church and for your justification through grace, and for your sanctification through prayer and the continued study of the Word.

As you now take a few moments to read Jesus' prayer... the other Lord's Prayer... reflect on the dialog Jesus is having with God the Father. In His prayer, His divinity is revealed, His love for His disciples is expressed, and His desire for you and me to be with Him for eternity is clearly spoken. What better blessing, what higher expression of love, what greater evidence of grace and mercy than to have the King of Kings and Lord of Lords lift up your name in prayer to God.

From John 17 (NASB)

The High Priestly Prayer

1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. 9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name,

the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. 12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

The Disciples in the World

13 But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Their Future Glory

22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; 26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Be blessed today friends!

Pastor Steven+



Calendar

- 1st- Holy Communion Sunday 9AM*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 4th- Bible Study 6PM**
- 8th- Worship Service 9AM*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 11th- Bible Study 6 PM**
- 15th- Worship Service 9AM*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 18th- Bible Study 6PM**
- 21st- Food Pantry 9AM
- 22nd- Worship Service 9AM*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM
- 25th- Bible Study 6PM**
- 29th- Laity Lead Sunday 9AM*
- Adult Sunday School 10:15AM

*Online Viewing Available

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**In person in Fellowship Hall & Zoom



The Chosen

Continuing in the month of August will be episodes from Season 1 of the TV Series The Chosen. It is a fictional story of Jesus' Disciples based on The Gospels. If you cannot attend in person, you may take part in it on Zoom. After the viewing, there will be discussion and commentary. If you attend in person, you may bring a snack to share with the group. Hope to see there. In September we will return to our regular Bible Study lead by Pastor Steven.



Our New Website & Logo

Our church has a new website and web address:

www.splendoracountrysidechurch.org

If you use the old address it should direct you to the new website. Our Facebook page is also linked to the new Website. You may watch our Worship Service online at the new website or Facebook. With the enhanced video equipment, we should be able to reach more people. Invite your friends to our new Website. Sheila Keith is adding new items to it regularly.



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 8 Leda Derossett
- 9 Pastor Steven Lightfoot
- 10 Diana LeBlanc
- 14 Leslie Bernard
- ♥ 20 Phillip & Ginie Baird
- 25 Jeremiah Johnson
- 26 Tracy Blake
- ♥ 28 Ellis & Linda Duke
- 28 Patty Lyons
- 29 Frankie Jones
- 30 Sherrie Johnson

Coming Events

Mark your calendars for the following events in the fall:

- Sept. 25- Parking Lot Sale
- October 9- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- October 31- Community Fall Festival
- November 14- Charge Conference at Cleveland First Methodist 2PM



Prayer Requests

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”—Ephesians 6:18

Terry Cherry Family - Death in Family
Sean Keith – Cancer, pet scan upcoming
Terry Moore – Brain Cancer
Caroline Dixon – Stage 4 Cancer
Kathy Frost – Stage 4 Cancer
Gayle Frost – Cancer
Family and Friends Gina Hargreaves Baker
– passed away from cancer
Todd Smith – Cancer
Sancho - Cancer
Glenn Bolton – Stomach Cancer
Cami Burt – Foot Surgery
Mary Frances Royall – Removal of clots in leg
Jeremiah Johnson – Continued Healing
Shirley Madruga – Continued Healing
William Blake – Healing
Emma Smart – Healing
Patti Lyons – Healing – test results
Baby Noah – Continued growth & development – Parents and Medical Team
Isabella Reed
Sibyl Allenson Family
Ellis & Linda Duke and the Masterson Family
Charles & Mawana Jones – Healing
Frankie Jones – Guidance
Brooke & Evan Jones
Debbie Szymanski & Family
Gary @ Turbo Valves
Sue Jolley and girlfriend Sharon
Unspoken
Karl & Sheila Keith
Pastor Steven & Family
Brenda Storey
Chantel Swift
Gayle Ward

Craig & Christie Hantelman
Tom Reed
Matt & Allyson Welch
Cadence Welch-traveling mercies
Christmas Angels Ministry
Fall Festival Ministry
Our Church
Those with COVID
PRAY FOR UNITY IN CHRIST

Archie’s Prayer Request

Jessica Sanders – needs a kidney – Type O
Kadence & Conner – read Blessing over children and family for traveling mercies
Cooper – A blessing read over him
Soila – Artery blockage and seizure activity



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