

Tue., Oct. 1: Are You Hiding Something?

All things are...open to the eyes of Him. (Heb. 4:13)

Hide and seek can be a fun game. Think of all the children's laughter heard when it is played. However, hide and seek is not something we should play in our spiritual lives. God always sees and we are never hidden, nor should we try to hide anything from Him. It's a foolish game to try to hide something from God, and it never works. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we remember that God sees all we do.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 34; Ps. 83-84

Wed., Oct. 2: Choose Holiness

Be holy in all your conduct. (1 Pet. 1:15)

Every moment we choose to be holy or profane in our conduct. Both choices come at a high price, though only one is pleasing to God. Choosing holiness means we let the Spirit of God inside of us come out in all we think, say, and do. We refuse holiness when we try to quiet the Spirit's voice, when we refuse to listen to Him. Dare we grieve Him? (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we conduct ourselves in holiness always.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 35; Ps. 85

Thu., Oct. 3: Will He Find You Faithful?

It is required in stewards that one be found faithful. (1 Cor. 4:2)

All Christians are stewards of the abilities, resources, and opportunities given by God. No Christians are their own master. Rather than answering to self, Christians answer to God. Rather than self-reliance, Christians are called to total reliance upon God and His resources. That reliance brings great responsibility and great reward. Steward wisely. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we are faithful stewards of all God has given us.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 36; Ps. 86-87

THE FACT IS, WE SOMETIMES READ
SCRIPTURE, THINKING OF WHAT IT OUGHT
TO SAY, RATHER THAN WHAT IT DOES SAY.

Charles Spurgeon

Fri., Oct. 4: Always Ready

Let them do good...ready to give, willing to share. (1 Tim. 6:18)

Have you ever known someone you would describe as "generous to a fault"? They always give what they have, even to their own detriment. We should hope that is how others describe us, as those always ready and willing to give, to share, to sacrifice. If we ever wonder what true goodness looks like, this is it: a readiness to give and share. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we are quick to give and share.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 37; Ps. 88

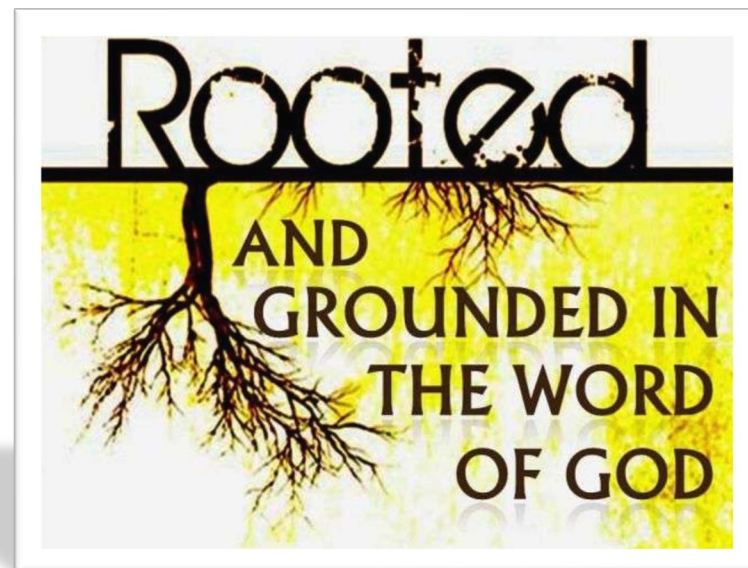
Sat., Oct. 5: Do You See Beyond?

Those who are with us are more than those...with them. (2 Ki. 6:16)

Sometimes, we forget that the enemies we see are far fewer compared to the allies we don't see. Our eyes can fail us, leaving us only seeing the physical and forgetting that God works in the invisible realm to bring about His perfect plans in and through us. Open your spiritual eyes and see that God is for us. The unseen is all that matters. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we are aware of God's presence above all else.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 38; Ps. 89



Prayer List

Health: Tom Burton, Betty Uhls, Judy and Terry Campbell, Sloan Brown, Kristen Eldridge, April Richey, Ashlee Miller and baby, Jack Hogg, Charles and Amber Reed, Shirley Gayer, Ed and Lisa Smothers, Bobby Blondi, Winnie Kinnison, Isaiah Williams, Scott Williams, Dottie and Charlie Bartoni, Kay Levanti, Jodi Jeralds, Jean Smiley, Cindy Carner, Lori Watts, Samantha Tretter, Landon Adkins, Ryan Buckingham, Patricia Uhls, Virgil Zachary, Leah Hughes, Sheldon Smith, Danny Uhls, Jerry Wicker, Laura Siedel, Pam Ford, Tom Smith, Yula Gunn, Jack Woolard, Carolyn Place, Jason Coleman, Lois Golio, Rodney Johnson, Rachel Pollack, Jetta Barton, Tammy Wiggins, Mark Carpenter, Jill Lindhorst, Wayne Webb, Ashton Gentry, Bill Bradley, Dalton Husch, Patty Roland, Ryan Mondino, Kyle Britton, Lisa Uhls Bishop, Sharron West, Drake Short, Shirley Ward, Piper Castellano, Rita Allois, Brenda Flowers, Sandy Ellis, Carolyn Jones, LaDonna Bryce, Misty Painter, Danny Rodgers, Linda Upton, Wanda Finn, Pam Jeralds, Renee Mifflin, Jim Carter, Tim Williams, Jim Parker, Gene Williams, Avery Potter, Terri Stewart, Missy Story, Barbara Wilmore, Denny Bush, Barbara Winnet, Amanda Brewer, Nancy Denton, Wendy Russell

Other: the 2024 elections; peace in Israel and Ukraine; New Covenant Christian School; FCC's evangelistic efforts; prisoners; the hungry; the homeless; those struggling with addiction; the grieving and afflicted; FCC elders, deacons, and staff; FCC widows and widowers; US Armed Forces; Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp; missionaries; President Biden; Governor Pritzker; Mayor Arview; local, state, and federal government representatives



Together We Grow: September 29 to October 5, 2024 *Bible Memory, Devotion Guide, and Prayer List*

Weekly Bible Memory

**I will meditate on Your precepts,
and contemplate Your ways.**

I will delight myself in Your statutes;

I will not forget Your word.

(Ps. 119:15-16 NKJV)

Daily Devotion, Prayer Guide, and Bible Reading

Sun., Sep. 29: What Do You Offer First?

And this they did...first gave their own selves to the Lord. (2 Cor. 8:5)

Giving is an act of worship. Yet, what we give is more than what we place in the offering plate or mission box. The first gift we offer is ourselves, then we give our money, time, and other resources. It's easy to give our material gifts when we first give ourselves to God, but we will struggle to give to God's work if we don't first give ourselves to God. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we give ourselves to God, first.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 32; Ps. 80

Mon., Sep. 30: Be Heard

Let my mouth be filled with Your praise. (Ps. 71:8)

When we fill our mouths with God's praises it's hard to find room for anything else. The reverse is also true: when we fill our mouths with negative words, gossip, and criticism there won't be room for praise. Which would we rather have in our mouths? I think we know that what should fill our mouths and be heard in our lives is His praise. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we fill our mouths with the praises of God.

Bible Reading: Ezek. 33; Ps. 81-82