

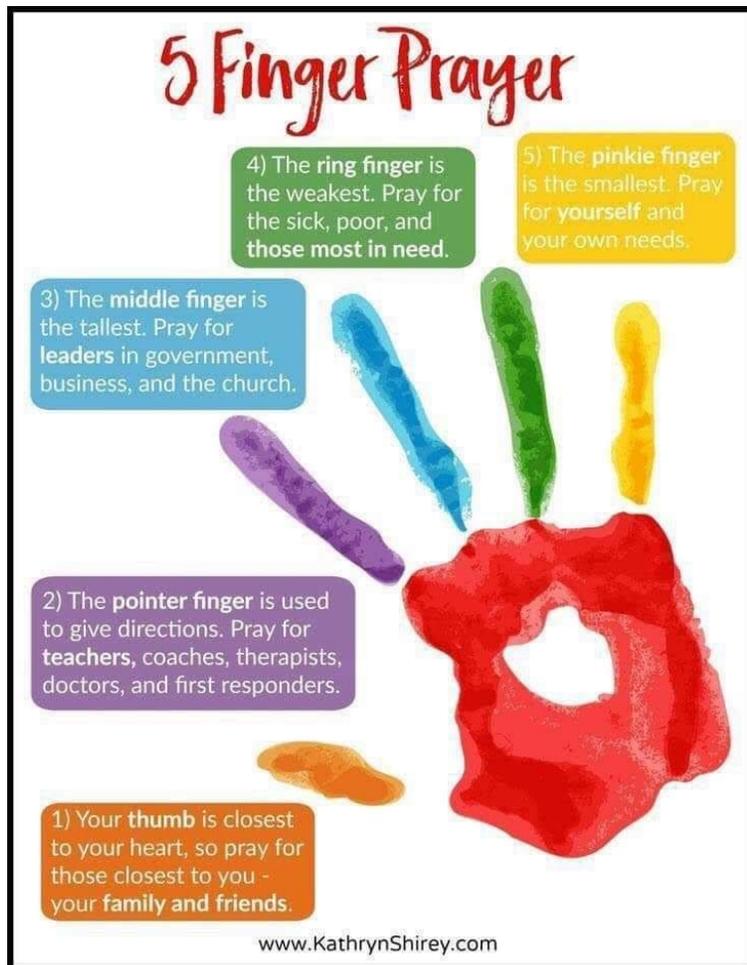
## WHY ARE PRAYERS UNANSWERED?

George MacDonald was born in 1824, in the Scottish Highlands. He was a teacher, minister, father, lecturer, and writer. MacDonald's writing was so powerful that a better-known C. S. Lewis said. "I have never concealed the fact that [MacDonald] was my master."

MacDonald loved prayer. He once said. "Never wait for fitter time or place to talk to Him. To wait till you go to church or to your room is to make Him wait. He will listen as you walk."

Often when prayer is unanswered, it's due to infrequency and lack of intensity. The employee who asks for a raise often receives based on his intensity. The child is granted requests because of his tireless pestering.

Jesus, in a discourse on prayer to His disciples said they "always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Are you making God wait to answer your request because of your lack of enthusiasm? Don't let this happen to you. Remember: God is a "Gift Giver."



# Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ R. J.'s cousin Johnny Cozort had a stroke and needs prayers.
- ◆ Rachel, the niece of Marty Jones, had biopsies on four nodes found in her neck. She is only 32.
- ◆ The family of Paul Stevens' neighbor after a suicide.
- ◆ Ruby Winslow of the Dawt congregation had bypass surgery Monday.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—D. E. Pleasant, Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Vernon James, Mary Morrison, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Lisa Langston, Kay Schneider, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Jim Kirkland, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Jenny James, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.

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## A Prayer For Rain

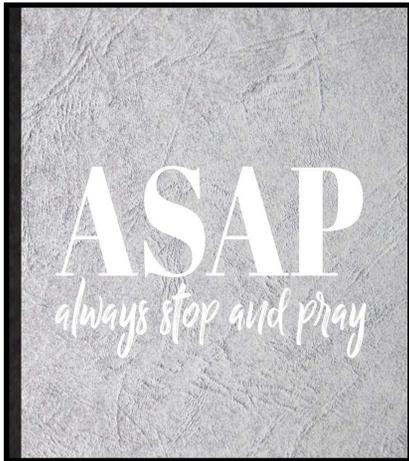
*This prayer was written in the 1950s during an awful drought in Texas. The prayer was written by Father W. Schneider of St. Mary's in Fredericksburg who also ministered at St. Francis Church in Stonewall. It has gone all over the world.*

**Almighty God, we are in need of rain.** We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be glad. Amen.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
9-10	Leon Beard	9-2	Halbert and Vicki Smith
9-22	Rebecca Gosdin	9-24	Tristan and Megan Goodman
9-18	Steve Siebels	9-26	Vernon and Barbara James
9-26	Tiffany Pleasant		

Barbara Stevens is serving something good for our Wednesday night fellowship meal at 6 p.m.

Date	Event	Details
Sat. Oct. 18	Halloween Party	Pumpkin carving and party



Never forget that nothing is more powerful than prayer, nothing is more powerful than faith, and nothing is greater than God. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen!

### September Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

9-21 John Abraham  
9-28 Mark Lane

Paul Wade  
John Abraham

**Song Leader: Titus Smith**  
**Greeters: John and Melinda Abraham**

## The Family News

September 21, 2025

### Gainesville Church of Christ

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### A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: **Relationship through Prayer**

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up front

#731, *Take Time to Be Holy*

#848, *Did You Think to Pray?* #694, *Servant Song*

#344, *Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow*; Communion Service

#959, *Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

Sermon and Invitation

#943; *Do You Know My Jesus*

#986, *Kum Ba Yah*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

*We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.*

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