



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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PUTTING YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH

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"When God Does Not Answer Prayer the Way You Expected"

Christians believe in the power of prayer and can tell story after story of the ways God has done amazing things in response to our requests. But sometimes God does not answer the way we want. As Christians, we have loved ones die, we get sick, we lose jobs, and disaster strikes us. Those are the times non-Christians may question our faith. Does God exist? Does he love us? Does he hear our prayer? Is he really all powerful?

If Christians are going to speak about our faith when God says "yes" to our prayers, it is appropriate that we speak about our faith when He does not say "yes." So what are some things Christians believe when things do not go as we prayed they would.

1. God is still God. God acts for His glory and to advance His kingdom. He does not have to explain Himself to us, and even if He did, we might not understand.
2. We still have faith. Even in pain, even when we do not understand, and even when our hearts are breaking...we cling to faith in our God.
3. We believe this life is not the final answer. We believe we will live with God forever after this world is no more. That is our reality.
4. God will make all things right. Death does not win. God will dry our tears. Satan is defeated.

Remember Job? Surely if anyone ever had the right to ask, "Why," it was Job. He suffered one awful loss after another, but God's reply to Job is a reminder of how little we know or understand. After God reminded him of who created the universe and everything in it, Job said: *(Job 42:2) I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. (3) Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.* The New International Version reads: *"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know."*

That's true of every human being who has ever said, "If *one more thing* happens, I can't stand it" or who cried out to the heavens, "*Why*, God? It just isn't fair!" When we do that, we are talking about things we don't understand and things way above our comprehension level.

So to our non-believing friends, we want you to know that God answers prayers. But please do not think our faith is dependent on God doing what we ask. We would never ask you to share a faith that believes we control God. We ask you to share a faith that believes God is in control no matter what. That is why we believe.

Demonstration of Love

It's been said that as the Berlin wall was being built, a group of East Berliner's drove a truck along the top of that wall one day and dumped a truck load of garbage into West Berlin. The next day a group of West Berliner's drove a truck over to East Berlin and dumped a truck load of groceries; milk, canned items, etc. On top of that pile of groceries was a sign that said, "Each Gives What He Has." You know that's true in life isn't it? And as Christians, our hearts ought to be filled with love.

Humor with Your Hymns

Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Will Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	The Church is One Foundation
Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill far Away
Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
Electrician's Hymn	Send the Light
Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
Massage Therapist's Hymn	He Touched Me

For those who speed on the highway

55 mph	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	Precious Memories

Family News

- **Jimmy Jones** remains in the TMF Hospital, Tyler and is scheduled for surgery tomorrow morning to remove an infection from his clavicle.
- **Darlene Caldwell** continues to have trouble with her sodium level.
- **Dwayne Porter** is having problems with dizziness.
- **Patti Lopez** is having health problems.
- **Mike Fields'** sister, Emily Sabo, started cancer treatments last week.
- **Wanda Williams'** brother, Terry, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Gary Fallis** is scheduled to be here this Wednesday and **David Ballard** on Wednesday, September 27 to give us mission reports.
- HRR pantry item for September is canned ravioli.

**I'm old enough to make my own decisions,
but I'm not young enough to remember what I decided.**

Thoroughbred or Nag?

Many marriage partners become frustrated with the way their spouse has turned out. One husband approached Dr. Howard Hendricks with a list of gripes about his wife. Hendricks "consoled" the guy with his Columbo-type tactics. He told the man he was surprised that a man of his intelligence would marry a woman with so many blatant faults. The man quickly defended his prenuptial decision by declaring, "She wasn't that way when I married her!" Hendricks retorted, "Then I guess it means you made her that way." The fault we often pin on our spouse can frequently be—at least partially—ours. As one old cowboy put it, "A man who treats his wife like a thoroughbred will never end up with an old nag." —Panorama of Parenting

"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" —

Colossians 3:19