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Welcome! We're glad you are here!
Sunday - March 24, 2024

The Wonderful Book of Psalms

Psalms is the most popular Bible book. It seems that almost everyone loves the Book of Psalms! For many, it is the best-known and favorite part of the Bible. Various surveys, questionnaires, and lists all have Psalms ranked as the top, most-read book of Scripture, with Matthew often listed as second. Why is it so popular? It is because no matter one's ethnicity, age, or background, the Psalms seem to touch every emotion of the heart. People can easily identify with the psalmists in times of joy or sadness, triumph or tragedy, peace or anger, and even when invigorated or weary. This wonderful book provides a psalm for every time and season of life.

Psalms is a timeless book. To open the Book of Psalms is to open a window into history. For many centuries, long before the time of Jesus, the Hebrews sang various psalms during times of worship and special feasts, or while ascending to Jerusalem during their pilgrimages for their annual festivals. In the first century, Christians also sang "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" in worship or times of praise, according to Ephesians 5:19 and Acts 16:25. To this day, we still sing many of the psalms in our worship services and devotional times. Indeed, the Book of Psalms transcends history!

Psalms is a divine book, but not a theological book. One commentator said, "The Psalms are songs that come from the soul of worshipers, they are not the work of school men or theologians." That is an important truth! The Book of Psalms is not a theological treatise. While it is a divine, inspired book, God never intended for man to base doctrine on the teachings of the Psalms. Even to the Jews, they were classified differently than the writings of the Torah (Books of Law, first five books). Certainly, principles exist, such as, "*The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments is everlasting*" (Psalm 119:160), and prophecies like, "*They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots*" (22:18), but they are meant as guides and spiritual application, not law.

Psalms is a God-centered book. Although the Book of Psalms is not a theological book, *theos* (Greek for "God") is still found all throughout the book. Psalms highlights, glorifies, and explains many aspects of God's nature, such as:

- God is holy. He is addressed as the "*Holy One of Israel*" in Psalms 71:22, 78:41 and 89:19. This signifies that God is not one of us, but apart from and above human life. There is no trace of evil in His character, unlike man.
- God is sovereign. "*Who is like the Lord our God enthroned on high?*" (113:5- 6). "*There is no God like you among all the gods, O Lord, nor any deeds like yours*" (86:8). He is greater than all other gods and has supreme authority.
- God is omnitemporal. "*Before the mountains were created, you had formed the earth and its surface, from eternity to eternity you are God*" (90:2). God is eternal. He exists before time, is not bound to time, and will always exist.
- God is a rock, a fortress, our strength, and our savior according to Psalm 18. He takes care of His own.
- God is a redeemer. Psalm 31 says, "*Incline your ear to me and rescue me quickly.*" God is in the soul redemption business, "*God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me*" (49:15).
- God is compassionate and merciful. "*His mercy endures forever*" is added after each verse in Psalm 136.
- God is just. "*... all his works show his faithfulness, he loves righteousness and justice*" (33:4-5). He is righteousness.

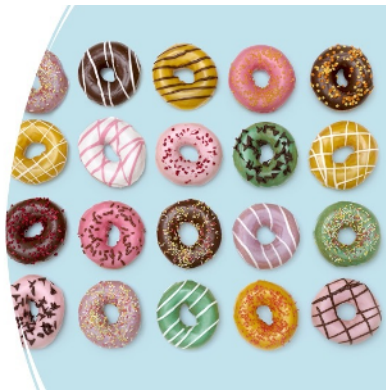
Psalms is a poetry book. This may seem like an obvious point, but there is something unique. While the Psalms are, indeed, a collection of poems, songs, and maxims, they are not like our Western-style poetry that usually consists of rhyming and meter. Hebrew poetry is written in free verse, with pairs of lines making contrasts, parallels, or some provoking thought. It is often written in a "chiastic" format, which is quite different from English poetry. Another limitation comes from the Psalms having been translated from Hebrew into English. This presents challenges to understanding the original symmetry, wordplay, and structure. Yet, the psalms still provide much comfort and joy!



MSYG EVENTS & INFO

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. March 27th
4:30 pm in the FH



GULF COAST
AREAWIDE 2023-2024
SCHEDULE

AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC
SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC
OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC
NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT
JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC
FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC
MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC
APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC



Gulf Coast Bible Camp
120 Bible Camp Road
Lucedale, MS 39452

Camp Sessions & Dates:

Baldwin County Week:
May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)

Gulf Coast Week:
June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)

Middle & High School Week:
June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)

Junior Week:
June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)

Hattiesburg Week:
July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at gulfcoastbiblecamp.com



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

*Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against thee.
Psalm 119:11*



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computer or personal device.

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Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Joe Bartell* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanan* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Sherry Davis* - prayers for peaceful final days
- David West family - passing of mother, Ann
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray*)
- Gloria Martin* - humerus broken, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - serious health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Sharee Patrick - tests, prayers (Jeanna's sister)
- Edwina Sumrall-broken tailbone, prayers
- Edith Sullins - heart damage, rehab (Hatcher*)
- Ted Russell* - stent replaced, recovery
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation(Pace)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Gary Good* - loss of sister
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family* - loss of Terry
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier*)
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rose Health Care
- Larry McDaniel*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby - heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton-severe health issue(McGriff*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W. *)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Greg Lewis* - lung cancer
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - lymphedema, bone
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Eli Whitney* - pancreatic
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Students in College

- Savannah Smith
- Haley Bartell
- LizAnn Webb
- Seth Crider
- Nick Webb
- Stephen English
- Lily Weathersbee
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Reed Wilson
- Jackson Lash
- Lexi Wildes
- Caleb Owens

Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin* - Identified 2/4/24

Welcome
to Margaret Street



Joe and Gloria Martin

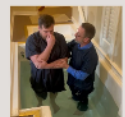
Welcome
to God's family



Debbie Gill



Makenley Hitchcock



Brad Turner



Logan Ray



Savannah Smith



Amy Turner

SERVING WITH HONOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24

MORNING

Opening Prayer Josh Jennings
Song Director Troy Spradlin
Sermon Casey Bearden
..... "Christ, Our God?"
Scripture Reading Justin Davis
..... Acts 2:22-36
Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Owens Nick Bartell
Jake Newcomb Parker Godwin
..... Paul Lipford (Balcony)
Comments Paul Lipford

EVENING

Opening Prayer L2L Boys
Singing L2L Boys
Scripture L2L Boys
.....
Comments L2L Boys

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Jan Holmes
PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
Greeters Jan Holmes
Secure Building Rick Bird

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Elliot Wilson
Opening Prayer Luke M / Brody C

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 181
AM Worship 263
PM Worship 154
Wed. Night Bible Class 138
Contribution \$7,823

Weekly Budget: \$11,558

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

**Please take a moment to fill out a
visitors card, or sign our guest book
so that we might have a record of
your attendance. Thank you!**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.

FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 4/9/24@ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 4/9/24 @ 5:30 PM
 - 4/10/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 4/11/24 @ 2:30 PM

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!

OWLS BIBLE STUDY

ANGELS AND DEMONS

Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM

Starting February 1st

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