Notes:

GATHERING TIMES Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY GREENBANK FOOD PANTRY

Thursday Evenings—Doors are open 6:00-7:00 PM Volunteer Schedule:

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
Thursdays 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Fridays 9:00 AM
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God Cares About Our Requests

Every Christian asks themselves at one time or another, "How do I pray?" In Philippians 4:6 the Bible tells us to, "present your requests to God." But we're often at a loss as to the "how." The Bible doesn't just tell us what we should do, it also gives us many examples of how to pray. From Jesus' direction, to the prayers of men and women throughout the Bible, we learn how to present our desires to God.

The story of Hannah is a reminder that God cares about our requests, and He is faithful to respond. We often approach God with a laundry list of wants and desires, but Hannah had a single request: "Give your servant a son."

Hannah's greatest desire could only be met by an intervention from God Himself. Through tears and pain, Hannah made her case before the Lord. She made a solemn vow that if God would answer her prayer, she would dedicate the child back to Him.

We learn four things from Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 1:9-11:

- 1. She acknowledged God for who He is: the "Lord of Heaven's Armies."
- 2. She was specific in her request: "Give your servant a son."
- 3. She was submissive to God's plan by calling herself "your servant."
- 4. She was hopeful. "I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life."

Sometimes our prayers are specific like Hannah's request. God may answer our prayers quickly by saying "yes," or it may be years before He answers. God may even tell us "no," but all His answers are designed to teach us to depend only on Him.

Hannah's desperate prayer in chapter 1 turned to triumphant praise in chapter 2 as she rejoiced in God's sovereignty and power. This is a pinnacle moment of Hannah's dedication of Samuel, a declaration of fulfilling her vow, and acknowledging God's provision. Hannah praised God for:

- **His holiness**: God is set apart; He stands over and separate from His creation. And only God can do the things He does. (1 Samuel 2:2)
- **His infinite knowledge**: Hannah declared God's omniscience, His ability to have unlimited knowledge about everything. (1 Samuel 2:3)

Mary prayed a similar prayer in Luke 1:46-55. As a devout Jew, Mary had surely learned the prayer of Hannah and would use it in her own circumstance. Mary had not prayed for a child, yet she recognized, as Hannah did, that God was at work doing something great.

Many times we've seen God answer a prayer exactly the way we prayed, but many of us have waited a long time—or are still waiting—for God to answer a deep need. It may seem that an answer is far away. Don't give up. Continue to pray in faith, trust Him for the outcome, and be persistent in your petition. Jesus invites us to be persistent! (see Luke 18:1-8) And when He answers, be equally persistent in your praise and worship.

- K. D. King (edited)

Order of Worship

I Love My Savior, Too—TPH
Welcome

Just Over in the Gloryland—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Are You Washed in the Blood—R330
Anywhere is Home—TPH

Communion & Offering

Victory in Jesus—R517

"How to Know When You Grow"

Who at the Door is Standing—R341
Closing Remarks & Prayer

thank you

To my church family,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all your love, support, and prayers during this time of sorrow. I could not have made it without you.

Love you all, Fern

GREENBANK NEWS

*FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING—TODAY

This group will have a short meeting after services today to discuss upcoming events and plan a path forward. All committee members are asked to attend.

*SIGHT AND SOUND—THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

This fellowship event is planned for **Friday, November 15th**. We need to know, in the next two weeks, who will be attending so we can purchase tickets before they sell out. If we get at least 15 people, ticket prices will be \$65 for adults and \$31 for children ages 3-12. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please write your name and how many tickets you need for your family. See Jamie Cox if you have questions.

*WORK DAY—SATURDAY, JULY 27 We will be painting the fellowship room. If we have several helpers it won't take us long to complete the work. Please let George Kirkland know if you are able to help.

*FOOD PANTRY—JULY 2 Last week's switch to Tuesday evening (because of the July 4th holiday) went smoothly. We, again, are so thankful for those who answer the call to lend a hand in doing this work. With your help, we provided 2,484 meals to 276 individuals in 108 families; 9 families were new.

July is a re-registration month. We would love to continue to see the large number of volunteers we have been having the last few weeks. The more people who are working, the more quickly things move. If you speak Spanish, that will be especially helpful.



Help keep our prayer list current by providing regular updates on family and friends.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ed Maynard: recovering from stroke; John Gaynor: regaining strength; Joann Garvin: my cousin's grandson; Penny Price: pray for my family's salvation; Moe & Lorraine Martin: pray for family members to resolve their differences; Paul & Sharon King: pray for the health of our daughter, spiritual renewal for our son, and for our grandson who is struggling emotionally; John & Joyce Gossman: strength during difficult time; Nancy Essex: several health concerns

MOURNING RECENT LOSS: Gladys Gerhart family; Fern Davis & family; Jim & Yvette Curcio family; Steve & Ashley Manzo; Bob & Betty Palardy; Lillie West

SHUT-INS: Connie Dowds; Agnes Ignudo; Joan Gaynor

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Miriam Castro; Marie Difilippo, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylors, Peggy Wetzel, Nadine Henderson, John Arnold; Dave Malone; Marion Ward, Bud Polk, Evelyn Kline; Emma Green

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson, Kyle Cox, Heather Abosch, Brent Tucker, Tatiana Vargas, Justin Walls, Kristal Moreta, Mackenzie Naseery, Ethan Reed, Prisilla Sanichar, Antonio Sanichar

MISSIONS: Ghana Bible College, Samuel Agbeta (Nkwanta, Ghana), Delaware Christian Campus Ministry Foundation; Camp Manatawny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique)

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

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<u>Last Week</u>		
Sunday AM: 167		
Contribution: \$6,594 Year to Date: \$5,162 Budget: \$4500/week		
Wednesday PM: 12 2019 Baptisms: 5		
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07/07/19	In His Service	07/14/19
S. Willis	Worship Leader	R. Mickowski
E. Martin	Scripture & Prayer	M. Ray
B. Pennington	Usher	M. Welsh
E. Greenwood	Communion	R. Irwin
J. Clark	Offering	C. Mason
R. Lewis	Pass	D. Cox
C. Blue	u	D. Regester
R. Cox	u	K. Abosch
A. Gallegos	u	M. Galeano
Friederichsen	Greeters	Greenwood
D/J Cox	u	W/S Johnson
J. Friederichsen	Shepherd's Prayer	P. King