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#### **Sunday Schedule:**

Choir Practice: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:55 am
Sunday Evening Worship Service:
On 1st Sunday after the mtgs
1st Sunday: WMU: 1:30 pm
1st Sunday: Brotherhood: 1:30 pm
2nd Sunday: Deacon 12:15 pm
3rd Sunday of Jan, April, July & October
Council: 1:30 pm
4th Sunday: Business Mtg.: 12:15 pm

#### Wednesday Schedule:

Offices Opens: 10:00 am Bible Study: 4:00 pm Supper: 5:00 pm

The mission of "CF Joyous News" is to connect people to Jesus and to enlighten with information so that Christians can fulfill the mission of the Church, which is to love God and to love people.

Editor: Cheryl Shaver Email:cfjoyous@yahoo.com Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus

In the Bible, one of my favorite books is Psalms.

In this book, God is talking to His people as a great Counselor. God tells us to sing great praises when we are up on a mountain or even when we are down in a valley.



Great is our Lord and of great power, His understanding is infinite. Infinite means having no limit or bound, endless. That is what want from my God, endless love, endless support, and endless understanding.

The Lord will lift Christians up and knock the sinners down. This is where we sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving, sign praises with ASL unto our God.

The Lord is happy in us that fear Him and those of us who that hope in His mercy.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sign praises unto His name, for it is pleasant.

For the Lord has chosen Crusselle Freeman Church of the Deaf unto Himself and you for His treasure.

All of the deaf people of the Earth shall praise thee, O Lord when they will understand the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sign in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Search us, O Lord, and know our hearts: try us, and know our thoughts, help us to sign in praise.

We should cry unto the Lord with our hands in ASL when we give thanks.

Bring our souls out of prison, that we may praise the name; His righteous will protect us all -- around for that shalt give us more desire to glorify for you, O Lord.

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Teach us to do thy will; for thou art our God; thy spirit is good. Lead us into the public with uprightness.

Help us to sign a new song unto thee everyday, O God -- upon our hands and a heart will we sign new praises unto thee.

Happy is the members at Crusselle Freeman Church of the Deaf, yea, happy is the people, whose God is the Lord.

Teach us how to bless thou name everyday and every thought,

We shall sign of the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power.

Help us O Lord to be better servants in this time and age.

Help us not to fall for others' thoughts and misreading thy Holy book, the BIBLE.

Help us to put our trust in the words of the Bible and not to change it to meet our pleasures and desires.

Help us to follow thy commandments and statues.

Send the Holy Spirit to help us have great desire to study the truth and obey it.

Praise the Lord, Sign unto the Lord a new song of praise right here at Crusselle Freeman Church of the Deaf.

Help us to be wise and our knowledge will increase our learning and follow the wise counsels of your book, the BIBLE.

The Bible is the Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth.

Help us to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for that day when Jesus steps out on a cloud.

Help us to be sure our names are in the Book of Life.

Help us to make sure we are on the right direction, help us not to be tempted on the way.

Help us to not walk with the unsaved and their wickness.

Help us to understand that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise your wisdom and instruction.

They hate knowledge and not chose the fear of the Lord—is their decisions. They walk in the way of lustful hearts.

But first of all, help us to accept your son, Jesus as our personal Savior to be able to understand your knowledge through the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, come into our hearts and set us on the right road toward heaven. Forgive us of our sins, teach us to walk in the way of righteousness.

Amen

Pastor Frank Osborne



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## 10 Simple Prayers You Can Do Anytime, Anywhere

When you can't stop in a church or kneel, these short, easy prayers can be spoken in a single breath. "Breath prayers" can make a huge difference in your life as they help you to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Repeat numerous times throughout the day so they're rooted deep in your heart.

## 1. "Lord, have mercy."

Many know this prayer as the "Kyrie Eleison" (Greek for "Lord, have mercy"). Also called the "Jesus Prayer" when pronounced as "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner," it is rooted in Psalm 123:3, Luke 18:13, and Luke 18:38.

## 2. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Based on the words of the boy Samuel (1 Samuel 3:9 NIV), these words will quiet your soul and express your desire to hear from God.

### 3. "Here I am."

This is a prayer of presence, and availability, based on the cry of the prophet in Isaiah 6:8.

## **4.** "Show your power."

Pray this short prayer (based on Psalm 68:28, among others) to intercede for others, particularly when the need is great and the situation dire.

## 5. "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

This prayer of affirmation and dependence from Psalm 121:2, will remind you that help does not come from your own strength or the support of others, but from God.

## **6.** "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you?"

This verse (Psalm 56:3 NIV) will help you remain calm and trustful when tempted by worry and fear.

## 7. "Not my will, but yours?"

This prayer, of course, echoes Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42 NIV). It helps to pray this "breath prayer" when you're anxious or impatient. It places the praying heart in a position of surrender,

where great answers are likely to come.

## 8. "Bring your kingdom?"

Breathe this prayer when you're overwhelmed by the sadness and horrors of the latest news or a devastating diagnosis. In just a few words, it expresses a heartfelt desire for the day when the "salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God" (Revelation 12:10 NKJV) will be fully realized and the Evil One will be defeated.

## 9. "Say the word?"

Pray for someone's healing-from sickness, addiction, emotional pain, depression, etc.—with this breath prayer.

## 10. "Come, Lord Jesus."

Breathe this prayer—the last prayer recorded in the Bible (Revelation 22:20)—not only as a prayer for Christ's return but also as a prayer for Him to come repeatedly, constantly, into your situation and struggles.

<sup>~~</sup>From the Guideposts ~ Submitted by Du Dukes

## JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018 SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Sat

Sun Sat Sun Sat	7/01 7/07 7/08	JULY Homecoming Prayer Breakfast Lord's Supper Brotherhood/WMU Deacon Meeting Movie Day
	7/15	Council Meeting
Sun	7/22	Business Meeting
Sun Sun Sat Tue Sun Wed	8/26	AUGUST Brotherhood/WMU Deacon Meeting Movie/Ice Cream Social Tuesday Luncheon Business Meeting Closed for the Day

#### **SEPTEMBER** Sun 9/02 Brotherhood/WMU Prayer Breakfast 9/08 **Deacon Meeting** Sun 9/09 Church Wide Meeting Sun 9/23



Every Wednesday Bible Study at 4:00 pm Supper at 5:00 pm



Mother of the Year - 2018 **Doris Lanier** 



John Ethridge Pictured with his wife, Edna





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Our Revival By Du Dukes

If you missed the Crusselle-Freeman Church 's revival June 29-July 1, you missed a real blessing, and great meals.

Friday evening about 18 of us attended the dinner at Ruby Tuesday on Virginia Avenue. Every year it seems we go there. What restaurant serves the best spare ribs? Du Dukes picked up Frank Levine and brought him to the dinner. He was a special guest, and had fun chatting with us.



Then we came to the CF and to our surprise there were at least 20-25 people from the Rome Church of God already waiting for our guest preacher, Bro. Rick Jacobs for the evening services. At least 54 people attended the services. Bro Jacobs delivered a fiery sermon. It was believed that the church became hot due to his preaching all over the sanctuary! He sweated buckets, and so did his interpreter, Gary Crook, who interpreted for us throughout the revival.

Saturday at 3 pm, we gathered in the Leathers Fellowship Hall for a Question and Answer session with Bro. Jacobs. We were inspired by a lot of interesting facts from Bro. Jacobs. A volley of pizzas was brought in, donated by the CF Brotherhood.

At 7 pm the revival started again with Bro. Jacobs. The church was a little cooler by then, so it was more comfortable. Fifty-seven attended this service. Bro. Jacobs brought us another inspired message.

Sunday morning things were back to normal. CF started with the usual Sunday School, and then the morning services, in which 86 attended, started again with Bro. Jacobs giving another great message.

After the services a luncheon was served in the Fellowship Hall. Delicious home cooked vegetables and fried chicken, ordered from the Popeye Restaurant, were the menu of the day.

If you attended the revival, we are glad you did. If not, that is alright. We invite you to come and worship with us every Wednesday and Sunday. You are always welcome! Thanks, and God bless.

## Member Musings...





"I heard a quote from the Joyce Meyer Ministries that I live by and has changed my life: 'You never have enough information to judge anybody.' How many times have we assumed something about someone and didn't know all the facts?"

—Lori Sampson, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. Submitted by Rosalyn Petersdorf



## CONGRATULATIONS Wedding Anniversaries

Gene/Doris Lanier

Thomas/Faye Byrd

July 2

July 12

July 17	Bobby/Jackie Jones
August 5 August 10 August 21 August 22	Bobby/Rhetta Osborne Jerry/Frances Sanders Vas/Jurate Beredimas Juan/Wendell Rodriquez
Sept 8	John/Edna Ethridge

If we missed your anniversary, it is only because we didn't know.

Please let us know for next time.

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Prayer can be a lonely business.

Sure, we may pray with others in church or around the dinner table. We may ask friends to pray for us. But much of the time, we pray alone, right? Especially our most desperate prayers, those we might not share with others. But did you know that you never pray alone? The Bible says that even when you don't know what to pray, the Holy Spirit of God prays with you (Romans 8:26).

But did you know that angels also play a role in your prayers?

The eighth chapter of the last book of the Bible begins by describing a lengthy silence in heaven. John, the apostle who wrote the account, doesn't explain the silence, but I believe it was a silence of anticipation. A silence of expectancy. A silence of eagerness.

Because virtually the next thing John describes in Revelation 8 concerns the prayers of the saints:

[An] angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand (Revelation 8:3-4, NIV).

I think that was why heaven fell silent. That is how heaven views prayer, how heaven receives prayer.

Notice that the angel had a golden censer. There was nothing more valuable to the first-century mind than gold, and there is nothing more valuable in the economy of God's Kingdom than prayer.

Notice also that the angel was given "much incense" to offer along with the prayers, purifying them and ensuring their acceptability before the throne of God. The incense that was used in the tabernacle and Temple throughout Israel's history was expensive stuff. It was compounded from a detailed commandment issued by God himself (Exodus 30:34). Some of the ingredients had to be imported, from Arabia, for example. So the picture of "much" heavenly incense—as opposed to the earthly kind—indicates an impressive investment.

There could be another reason the angel was given "much incense" to offer. The incense was intended to mingle with "the prayers of all the saints"—eloquent and upright prayers, as well as imperfect prayers, prayers offered in weakness, and prayers that are incomplete or misguided. My prayers (which must require mounds of incense). And yours.

<u>Your prayers</u>—the good, the bad, and the ugly—are hand-delivered by an angel, offered along with the prayers of preachers and priests, monks and missionaries, children and dying saints, and all of it purified with "much" heavenly incense.

Note, finally, that the comingled incense and prayers "went up before God from the angel's hand." We routinely think in terms of God hearing our prayers (and perhaps often imagine that He hasn't heard). But the picture of Revelation 8:4 involves more than hearing. The smoke and smell of incense mingled with the prayers, so that God received them, saw them, smelled them, heard them, inhaled them.

So, any time you pray, try to remember that you never do so alone—and that your prayers are hand-delivered by an angel, purified with "much incense," to the golden altar before the throne of God. All of them. Perhaps in a more comprehensive way than we have ever been bold enough to imagine.

Adapted in part <u>How to Survive the End of the World</u> by Bob Hostetler (Leafwood Publishers, 2012). Published on Guideposts

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Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the families of:

### APRIL:

Joy Gibson Marilyn Wright

#### MAY:

Kristen Stayton Harry Owens

## JUNE:

Bernice Moye
Sister of Donald Johnson
Kathy Yark
Rena Reeves
Vickie Dukes
John Jordan
Sheryl Sherriff



## **OUR KNOWN SICK**

Our Known Sick List changes over time so continue your prayers for them every day.

## THESE NEEDING CONTINUOUS AND UNENDING PRAYER

Jimmie Page, Pastor Frank, Louise Osborne, Jerry & Frances Sanders, Ida Owens, David Owens, Mike Self, Charlie Mae Printup, Pat Blankenship, Edna Ethridge, Paul & Kathy Maddox

## IN ASSIST LIVING/NURSING HOMES

Martha Jane Fraser (Lafayette Healthcare), June Baker, Charles Watson (Nursing Home @ Douglasville), Dorothy Watson (Douglasville), Martha Garmon (Park Place Nursing Home, Monroe, GA), Mary Belle Peterson (Swainsboro Nursing Home), Janie Baker, Frank & Ellen Leathers, Wilda Owens



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Appreciate your help! Thank you!

# CF NEWSFLASH (Google Group)

Cf Newsflash (Yahoo) had been having problems so CF decided to transfer to the Google Group.

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