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Family Group Night A Praying Faith James 5:13-20

### READ IT

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. <sup>17</sup> Eliiah was a human being as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let that person know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. (James 5:13-20)

### **DISCOVER IT**

Everyone at some point in their life needs someone else to pray for them. As part of the body of Christ, we are encouraged to pray for one another throughout the New Testament, however here, James provides three different occasions in which we are to pray: Pray for the Suffering. Pray for the Sick and Pray for the Straying. Because a strong portion of James deals with the theme of suffering, it may surprise you that this is the first occasion where the theme of prayer is mentioned. We all know that prayer is a key part of dealing with our sufferings and sickness. So, let's make an extra effort to pray for one another knowing "that the sincere, heartfelt prayers of a person who is living a life in right standing with God have significant power and can be very effective." James 5:16

- 1 What does pray for suffering in verse 13 mean?
- 2\_ James tells us in verse 15 that a prayer of faith will save the sick person. Does this mean that God answering my prayers is based on my faith (belief) or rather the person and character of
- 3 We can't pray for one another if we don't share our struggles and needs with one another. Why is it so hard for us to share our struggles?

### LIVE IT OUT NOW

- 1 Pray for someone who might be suffering.
- 2 Pray for someone who is sick. Pray they seek and follow the will of God in their sickness.
- 3 Finally, pray for someone who has strayed from Christ. Pray they return to Him.

## **SERMON NOTES**

A Praying Faith. James 5:13-20

	I. Pray for the	James 5:13		
	A Couple of Lessons We Can Learn When Suffering:			
A.	Prayer gives us the	we need to endure.		
В.	Prayer &	_ are important parts of our spiritual lives.		
	II. Pray for the	James 5:14-16		
	When Praying for the Sick I am to Pray			
A.	. Pray in Vs. 15			
What is praying in faith? The answer is found in 1 John 5:14-15. "And this				
is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according				
to	His will, He hears us, whatso	pever we ask"A prayer in faith is seeking		
the	e and	of God.		
В.	Pray with	Vs.15		
What is praying with confession? James is describing a church member				
wh	who is sick and being by God. Example: 1 Cor. 11			
		Vs. 14 & 16		
	III Pray & Go to the	James 5:19-20		
	Who is the straying? Those who possessed a false or dead faith.			
A.				
		from God.		
В.	God uses the	to call them back.		
C.	We are to	and pray for someone who is straying.		

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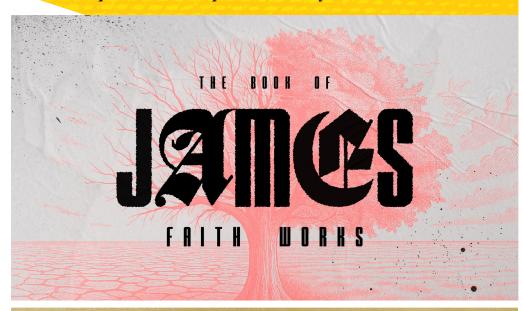
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# THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ







"Hanging of the Greens" is one of the most popular events in Greenwood each Christmas, and it's coming to South Main tonight at 7:00 PM. This year's theme is, "Almost There." It features our South Main chancel choir, orchestra, and numerous others who will use their talents to communicate the Gospel. This magnificent service is always important and signals the beginning of the Holiday Season for many in our community. This event changes lives! So please attend, bring friends and neighbors, and pray for God to be glorified and people to be changed as they come to Him by faith.



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## This Week at South Main

SUNDAY 30 8:30AM- Worship

Preschool Childcare -Children's Church .st/2<sup>nd</sup>Grades

9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups

1:00AM- Worship Preschool Childcare

7:00PM- Hanging of the

## TUESDAY

**6:00PM**- Men's Recovery Meal & Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6:00PM-Preschool: Wee Tracker Elementary: Truth Tracker Students: Midweek

7:30PM- Worship Team

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MONDAY

SATURDAY

Upward Basketball Younger Division GameDay #5

8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1st/2ndGrades

SUNDAY

9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups

11:00AM- Worship

5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal

**Jesse Attaway Reid Bolton** Will Bond **Alan Gasque Hays Hudson** Micah Kastner **Steve Kastner Andrew LeGrand Glenn McLean Todd Strutton Charles Smith Jason Shirley** 

Landon Wolf

**Avery Wood** 

**←** NOMINEES

DEASON ELECTION

**DECEMBER 7** 



## 8:30 Worship

Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome Bradford Russ

Tear Off The Roof Praise Band & Congregation

I Speak Jesus Praise Band & Congregation

A Praying Faith

Andy Roberson

Praise Band & Congregation King of Kings

> Andy Roberson Closing

## 11:00 Worship

Hymns of Grateful Praise

Count Your Blessings #644

Now Thank We All Our God #638

**WOMEN'S** 

**BIBLE STUDY** 

**A VIRTUAL STUDY** 

**CELEBRATING THE** 

**BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR** 

& THE TRUE MEANING

**OF CHRISTMAS** 

Welcome to Worship

Tell the Good News #566

Offertory Prayer

Here I Am, Lord

A Praying Faith

The Family of God

Benediction

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation Bradford Russ

Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation

Ben Hjalmer

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Andy Roberson

Congregation

Andy Roberson

Postlude Keith Polatty **DECEMBER 9** 

10AM - 12PM CONNECTING PLACE

Online giving is available for your convenience. Visit our website at www.southmain.church





Christmas Packets for Prisoners -Thanks!

To all of those who have participated thus far in our November mission theme, we want to say thank you! Today is the last day to promote the packets. Thanks for loving the life of someone whom you have never met nor may ever meet. Our church has generously contributed almost 50 packets during this month. Please know that you gift of compassion will provide hope for a hurting soul. Ultimately, it is our desire that many will receive the true Christmas gift of Jesus Christ. If you have yet to return a completed packet, please drop it off at the mission display today.

Next Sunday, December 7th, we will launch the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering International Missions. For those who may not be aware of our annual offering for international missions, it is the season we promote, educate, give to and pray for our Southern Baptist International Missionaries who are serving across the globe. To involve our church we will be providing a couple of resources to best help you pray. Other information such as how to give a financial gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions will be included in our December 7th edition of the Messenger as well.

Thanks for giving!

**Andy Roberson** 









### **Meet My Friend Moment:**

Look for ways to reach out to hurting people with the love of Jesus and His message of salvation.