



SEPTEMBER 2019

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 21ST

## Prayer Doesn't Work Like a Gumball Machine



*Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam*

Jesus tells the story of a fellow who is walking by a field one day when he spots a priceless treasure in it. Surprised by the discovery and before anyone else sees the same thing that he does, he goes to his bank and withdraws all his funds, finds the property owner, negotiates and buys the field. Through all of this he has taken ownership of the treasure. When Jesus tells this story he comments that it is analogous to God's working in the world. Treasures, amazing gifts, goodness are all around extending to us the invitation to find it, grasp it and gain the immense satisfaction of getting it all. Of course, what Jesus might have added is that God is the greatest treasure of all, worth every ounce of our discovery, response and delight as we find the precious Holy One. And if God is the treasure, prayer is the essence of our response to that discovery.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that prayer is about asking for and getting what you want. When we put a coin into a gumball machine, we look forward to seeing a colorful treasure come out the shoot to make us as happy as a kid, again. Since we often pray for things we want, we think that it works in a similar way. If I have the "right coin" (now a quarter, but pretty soon you'll need your debit card), you put it in and presto change-o out comes the pret-

ty red, chewy, sugary ball! Some of the latest trends in religion have presented the "right coin" of prayer as the sincerity of one's heart, the power of positive thinking, our boldness to ask for what we deserve as much as what we want. But it's when a loved one gets sick, a school shooting, where we befriend someone in desperate need, that we find the inadequacy of narcissistic pursuits. Instead, moments where we find that we've stumbled onto some holy ground, why we feel squeezed by the pressures of dread and fear, who we are as our best selves (as we love God) or what it feels like to be filled with gratitude – these are the where, why, who and what of prayer.

I'm inviting you to explore more deeply what prayer is and how it works in us in September. Starting Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>, I'm going to tell some essential biblical stories about where, why, who and what prayer can be. Moses, Jonah, Jesus and Paul will be our guides. But I also want you to open yourself up to their guidance. An adult Sunday School class will meet at 9 am using a curriculum about "the Lord's Prayer" as a resource for you about how to pray. If someone is willing to host a similar small group, resources can be made available. On Sunday mornings, the scriptures and sermons will hope to open up prayer possibili-



ties for us to pursue during the course of your week. And if you have a friend or neighbor who might like to join with us in this experience of deepening prayer, please invite them to join us.

Perhaps you've heard of people whose faith has a dramatic conversion story at the beginning of it. Encounters with God are about conversion – but not necessarily all at once – like we've swallowed the Holy Spirit feathers and all. The availability of prayer gives us frequent opportuni-

ties for conversion, transformation and growth day-in and day-out. In September, let's see how we might be open to the where, why, who and what of such encounters.

Yours in faithfulness and expectation,

*Pastor Dave*

Pastor David Milam

Church Financials			
	Income	Expense	Difference
July	\$22,413	\$22,076	\$337
YTD	\$156,033	\$177,199	-\$21,166



882-3205 or guten-son50@loudounwireless.com for more information.

**FP4H**

First Place 4 Health, a faith-based weight loss program, meets every Monday evening at 7 pm. Contact Ally Fetch at 336 508-2610 or afetch@gmail.com or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or momscully@earthlink.net.

**Men's Group**

This group meets the first Saturday of the month in the fellowship hall. Coffee starts at 7:30 am and breakfast/fellowship at 8:00 am. The next meeting is September 1st. All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Chris Butkus if you are interested in joining (chrisbutkus@yahoo.com).

**Brunch Bunch**

This group meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church basement. The next meeting is September 9th and will continue to discuss lessons from God's Promise. For more

**Phoebe's Sisters**

If you are interested in joining this women's group, which meets once a month, contact Suzanne Wade at wadesuz@gmail.com.

**The St. Andrew Book Club**

This group meets monthly outside the church. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on September 28th at the home of Debra Gutenson. The book under discussion will be Woman in the White Kimono by Ana Johns. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or zowers@gmail.com to join the discussion.

**Lovettsville Group**

This group meets every other-Sunday evening for Bible study and welcomes others to join in. The meeting place rotates among the members of the group. The September meetings are September 8th and 29th. Contact Debra Gutenson at 540



**Items of the Month Suggestion**

**September ---**

**Canned meats:  
Chicken, Tuna,  
Roast Beef, Spam**



Not sure what to donate? Each month the Mission Committee will have a suggestion. Thank you for your continued support with this important Mission!

The Mission Committee invites you to a family movie night on September 14 at 6:30 pm. We will be showing *Isle of Dogs*. A representative from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will stop by to tell us about the shelter and what we can do to help.



**Experience the Holy Land  
Israel/Palestine  
Summer trip 2020**

Pastor Dave invites you to join him on a trip to Israel/Palestine next summer in June. You will visit holy sites and experience the different realities of Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities in the midst of a conflict zone, and witness firsthand the deep faith and vibrant cultures of the Holy Land. The trip is open to all church members, friends, and family. The cost is between \$3,380 and \$3,840 per person which includes airfare and all expenses.



**TRUSTEE  
WORK  
DAY**

**SEPT. 14  
8:00AM – 12:00PM**



The annual St. Andrew picnic was held on Sunday, August 25th following the church service at the Hillsboro Pavillion at Franklin Park. Everyone, children and adults alike, enjoyed good food, good fellowship, good games, and good weather.



# PRAYER AIN'T NO GUMBALL MACHINE

## The Where, Why, Who and What of Prayer

Come join us **SUNDAYS** at 10:00 am  
**SEPTEMBER 8 · 15 · 22 · 29**

711 W. Main Street Purcellville, VA  
Visit us online [www.standrew-pres.org](http://www.standrew-pres.org)



Please join us for an evening of

## Facing Race SUPPER CLUBS

Enjoy dinner & guided discussion at tables  
as we make new friendships  
and share our experiences relating to race.



Saturday, September 21, 6-8:30 pm

Evergreen Church, 19619 Evergreen Mills Rd., Leesburg

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** due to catering. Please register at

Love Your Neighbor-The Orange Ribbon Campaign Facebook group.

OR email LeAnne at [familymcnamara@aol.com](mailto:familymcnamara@aol.com).

## JAZZ NIGHT

With **SARA JONES**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 @ 4PM

Presented By  
Music With a Cause



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
- 1 Atem and Edith Samson
  - 6 George and Melissa Macdonald
  - 12 Owen and Kecia Brown
  - 16 Scott and Jennifer Hall
  - 18 Bob and Carolyn Bousman  
Stephen and Cindy Fike
  - 19 Scott and Jennifer Carpenter
  - 21 Dave and Mary Parker
  - 26 Kent and Kestina Carneal
- 6 J. R. Goerges
  - 7 Scott Carpenter, Sr.  
Charlotte Miller
  - 8 Miles Sullivan
  - 10 Frank Diehl  
Gwen Miller
  - 11 Maureen Blake
  - 13 Nathan Gillispie  
Hank Ratke
  - 14 Dan Moore
  - 15 Jim Wade
  - 16 Randy Dragon
  - 18 Kitty Przybylowicz
  - 19 Sophie Groo  
Shelby Van Alstyne
  - 21 Nancy Noerpel
  - 25 Tom Hutchison  
Mike Krepich
  - 28 Destiney Yager
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
- 1 Bob Kurtz
  - 3 Kelsey Blake  
Lottie Kohl  
Dave Milam
  - 4 Ally Fetch  
Jennifer Ratke
  - 5 Drew Gutenson

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

**We lift up our concerns**

**Congregation**

Jeff and the Kauffman family on the death of Raye Ann. Bob Bousman. Grey Gondella. Lynn Krepich. Melissa Macdonald. Priscilla O'Donnell. Pamela Schmidt. Betty Willis. June and Tom Hutchison. Tom Bolduc. Betty McNair.

**We continue to pray for**

**Friends and Family**

Marj Diehl for Erlin Paredes, RN volunteering at the border to help with migrants. Zoe Sowers for the family of Linda Brown, former St. Andrew secretary who passed away. Laurie Barbagallo for the family of their neighbor John Harris, who died. Maureen Blake for friends, Connie Lake to heal and Susan Simon who is peacefully entering palliative care. Roger Hessinius mourns his cousin, Miriam, who died of a heart attack. June Hutchison for daughter, Kim Butler's foot surgery. Kathi Hottinger's, father-in-law, Keith Hottinger, who severely pulled his hamstring during an ice hockey game. For Kathi's former co-worker, Casey Carr from Winchester who is going through ovarian cancer, had surgery and chemo to follow. Also, Youth Pastor from her former church, Lauren Noelle is on bed rest for preeclampsia. Deb Hill for friend Debbie Hyatt, diagnosed with breast cancer. Suzanne Wade's brother, Randy Smith diagnosed with colon cancer.



The Diehl's cousin, Pat Oest has breast cancer. Kate Rohrbaugh's dad, Donald Goddard with Parkinson's disease.

**Joy**

Congratulations to Karen Cahoon and Andy Thesing on their wedding.

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is **SEPTEMBER 21st**. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at [sbrenton@rstarmail.com](mailto:sbrenton@rstarmail.com).

**SEPTEMBER MUSIC REHEARSALS**

**Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7 pm**  
Contact Zack Henderson, [zackh900@gmail.com](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)  
**New Song, Sunday mornings before the service**  
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or [lauriewm85@hughes.net](mailto:lauriewm85@hughes.net)  
**St. Andrew Bell Ringers, Thursdays at 7:15 pm**  
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, [zoesowers@gmail.com](mailto:zoesowers@gmail.com)  
**Children's Choir, For Kindergarten through 5th grade.**  
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Music Room.  
Contact Zack Henderson, [zackh900@gmail.com](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)

**Flower Calendar**

If you would like to provide flowers to decorate the sanctuary, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the entryway. Purcellville Florist will deliver the flowers to the church in time for the Sunday service if you order from them. Of course, you are free to bring in your own arrangements or get them elsewhere. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore at 540-338-3154 or [ngilmore5@verizon.net](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net).



**September Flower Calendar**

1st	Open	8th	Miller
15th	Open	22nd	Open
29th	Waller		

**October Flower Calendar**

6th	Wiley	13th	Open
20th	Open	27th	Open



A recent photo of our dear Betty McNair. She would love to hear from her St. Andrew friends. Send cards to: 3900 Windsor Hall Drive, Room 4, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

## SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER

### September 1<sup>st</sup> (The Lord's Supper; Labor Day Weekend)

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

Theme: Love (Not Power)

Sermon: *"Love, Family, Friendship and God"*

Worship Leader: John and Lorna Howard

Featured U2 Song: *Sweetest Thing*

### September Sermon Series: Prayer Ain't No Gumball Machine

### September 8<sup>th</sup> (Rally Day)

Scripture: Exodus 3: 1-12

Theme: *Where* Do We Meet God for Prayer?

Sermon: **"Holy Ground"**

Worship Leader: Marie Cahoon

Music: St. Andrew Choir

### September 15<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: Jonah 2:1-10

Theme: Why Do We Pray from Foxholes?

Sermon: "Praying from the Belly of the Whale"

Worship Leader: Randy Dragon

Music: New Song



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

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### September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Scripture: John 17;1-26

Theme: Who Do We Seek in our Prayers?

Sermon: **"Praying with Jesus"**

Liturgist: Debra Gutenson

Music: St. Andrew Ringers

### September 29<sup>th</sup>

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11, 4:4-9

Theme: What Prayer Can Do in us

Sermon: **"Prayer as a Tuning Fork"**

Worship Leader: Kevin Burel

Music: St. Andrew Choir