



### Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

### Join us Online

**Church Website:**

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

**YouTube Channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

### Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

### Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

## God Hearing Prayer

**Proverbs 15:29** - *“The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous”*

This is the second proverb in a row where Solomon speaks about the righteous and the wicked. Last week we focused on the importance of pondering before you speak instead of “pouring out evil things.” Thinking before you speak is a description of a righteous person. This week’s proverb stresses the importance of being righteous - so God will hear your prayers.

The idea of God hearing the prayer of the righteous is synonymous with responding to the prayer of the righteous. God hears everything. God sees everything (just ask Jonah). God knows everything. The fact that God is far from the wicked is another way of saying God is not going to respond to the prayer of the wicked. Do you want God to respond to your prayers? If the answer is yes then we need to be righteous.

The fact that God does not respond to the prayer of the wicked but He does respond to the prayer of the righteous is a fact we should be very aware of. The apostle Peter pointed to this fact when he wrote this command to all husband; “You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an

## Week of February 4

### Attendance

- ♦ **AM Service** - 53
- ♦ **PM Service** -
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 41

### Contribution

- ♦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ♦ Contribution - \$2,127

### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ♦ Michele Burgess (2/12)
- ♦ Glendy Carswell (2/17)

### Calendar Items

**Song Learning Class** on Feb. 18 at the building at 4pm

**Women's Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 11am at the building

**Teen's Bible Study** at the Cawthons on Friday Feb. 23 from 7-9:30

**Men's Meeting** on Feb. 25 at the building at 4pm

understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, *so that your prayers will not be hindered.*" (1Pe 3:7)

The fact that God hears the prayers of the righteous was a piece of evidence used to prove that Jesus was the Son of God. In John 9 we read of a story about a blind man proving to the Pharisees Jesus was who he said He was.

Jesus cured a man of blindness who had been blind from birth. Jesus made some clay, put it in his eyes, and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. He promptly obeyed Jesus and came back seeing for the first time in his life. The Pharisees were angry because this was done on the Sabbath Day, a day you were not supposed to work.

The Pharisees kept questioning him and his belief in Jesus. He responded to their accusation that Jesus was sinner with this logic, "Well here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." (Joh 9:30-33)

The fact that God hears the prayers of the righteous but is far away from the wicked proved that Jesus was God's Son. The miracles He performed were signs showing everyone He came from God.

It's important we be righteous so God will hear and respond to our prayers. As James said, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (Jam 5:16)

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