



2021

The month of September is always a special one and one of my favorites. We begin to contemplate cooler weather as fall begins to show its signs. There is usually some excitement in the air as college football has begun and Major League Baseball playoffs are just around the corner. There will be tailgating, grilling, cheering, and jeering. In all this activity, there is one event I do not want you to miss. That is See You at The Pole.

See You at The Pole is a youth event in which students gather around the flagpole at their schools and pray for the United States of America. This year the theme is JUST PRAY and comes from James 4:10. [“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”](#)

If you are like me, you may be wondering, how to pray for our nation. I mean, it seems like our nation and its leaders do not want prayer. While many of us still consider this nation to be a Christian nation, the fact is, that sentiment is slipping away at a rapid pace. Moreover, those of us who have been praying for the U.S.A. feel as if our prayers are not being answered in a positive manner. The decline in morality, social turmoil, and political unrest just seems to be too much. It causes us to question what the future of this great nation holds. So, recently, I began to search the scripture for an example of how to pray. How should the righteous children of God ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)) pray for an unrighteous nation? We have a wonderful example in God’s servant, Daniel.

STOP! Open your Bible and read Daniel 9 before you go any further. Let us examine Daniel’s prayer for Judah. Daniel 9:3 says, [“Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” \(v.3\)](#) In Daniel’s day, sackcloth and ashes was a sign of mourning. He was deeply concerned for his people. Daniel focused on God and sought Him in prayer. Before he sought answers, he sought the face of the One who COULD answer. Daniel goes on, [“I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession...” \(v.4\)](#) At this point, Daniel still has not made his request. He went straight from seeking God to confession. Prayer is worthless in the life of a believer who has unconfessed sin in their life. When we turn toward God and seek His face, the first thing He deals with is OUR sin ([2 Chronicles 7:14](#)). We can not ask God to heal a nation with unconfessed, unrepentant sin in our own lives. Daniel was a righteous man standing in the gap ([Ezekiel 22:30](#)). We may be set apart (by the Holy Spirit) from the iniquity of our nation. However, we must stand in the gap and pray! What does Daniel do next? Exultation. Look at verse 4 again. [““O Lord, the great and awesome God...”](#) He recognized and proclaimed the greatness and awesomeness of God. Recognize who you are praying to! Daniel spends the next few verses ([v.5-10](#)) confessing specific sins of his people and admitting what they deserve. After seeking God, confessing sin, and exalting God Daniel finally makes his request known, [“Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. \(Daniel 9:17-19\)](#) Wow! What a great prayer for a nation in rebellion. I suggest we use it as a model and pray like this for the United States of America! Lastly, I want you to see that Daniel recognized WHY God may answer his prayer. Do not miss these words, [“Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”](#) Daniel uses the words [“for your own sake”](#) twice in this chapter. Listen, If God is going to answer our prayers, He will do so *for His own sake* - that is to say, for His own glory! If we expect God to do anything in bringing our nation back to Him, we must be prepared to seek His face, confess our sins and the sins of THIS nation, worship Him at every turn of events, and be sure...BE VERY SURE He receives all the glory and honor for the mighty acts He will perform!

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**Margaret Lackey
Offering
for
State Missions
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**Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal
Wednesday,
September 1
7 p.m.**



Men's Breakfast
Sunday, September 5 at 7 a.m.
Sign up sheet
in the Welcome Center




**HAPPY
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**
The Church Office will be closed
Monday, September 6



**Chelsea Tatum Veazey
&
Nathan Curtis Strickland**
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR COMPANY
ON THEIR WEDDING DAY
Saturday, September 11, 2021
AT 2 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH
380 HIGHWAY 50 W COLUMBUS, MS 39705
Reception to follow
STEPHEN D. LEE HOME
316 7TH STREET N. COLUMBUS, MS 39701

**Melody Drew
Women on Mission Meeting
for September has been
cancelled**



Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesday, September 14
11:30 a.m.
Special Guests:
Rudy Johnson, Executive Director of
The Golden Triangle Planning &
Development District
Sharon Duke, Director of the Ship
Program
Discussing various benefits seniors are
eligible for
Sign up in the Welcome Center



**MONTHLY
MEETINGS**

Wednesday, September 15
• Church Council - 5:30 p.m.
• Finance Committee Meeting - 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 19
• Deacons' Meeting - 4 p.m.
• Staff Meeting - 6 p.m.



**JAMES 4:10
JUST
PRAY
SEE YOU AT THE POLE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**



**Praise Team Worship
and
Sanctuary Choir
Fellowship**
Saturday, September 25
Sign up at the
Welcome Center
by Sunday, September 5

Schedule
12-1 p.m. Lunch for praise team
11-5 p.m. Workshop with Jessica Horton
5-6 p.m. Prepare for Choir Fellowship
6-7 p.m. Choir Fellowship meal at the
Youth Building
7-8 p.m. Concert with Jessica Horton



**Senior Adult Trip to Amish Country
Ethridge, TN
Friday, October 1**
Leave the church 6 a.m.
\$5 for Hop On Tour
Money for food and shopping
Sign up at the Welcome Center



**CHONDA PIERCE
LIVE IN CONCERT**
THURSDAY OCTOBER 7
FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
COLUMBUS, MS

Women's Ministry Outing
Thursday, October 7 at 7 p.m.
at Fairview Baptist Church
Van leaves from EEBC at 5:45 p.m.
Sign up at the Welcome Center



**An evening with
STEVEN
CURTIS
CHAPMAN**
SPECIAL GUEST
MAC POWELL

Sunday, November 14
Fairview Baptist Church
Tickets: \$25
Sign up at the Welcome Center
by Sunday, September 5