

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Collinsville Church of Christ **Pray for Us**

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Py the time this article is published, Jason, Jeff, and I will already be boarded a plane headed for Cameroon, Africa. (Due to weather conditions, the first leg of our trip was canceled, so we are still here.) When Paul traveled it was customary for him to ask the brethren to pray for him and his travel companions. What did Paul ask them to pray for?

- 1. He requested they pray for the doctrine's propagation. Finally brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified even as it is with you (2 Thess 3:1). We ask that you pray that God's word will have free course in the areas where we will be preaching and teaching. Pray that God's word can be glorified with them as it is with you.
- 2. He requested they pray for the deliverer's protection. And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith (2 Thess. 3:2). Paul and his company could potentially contact those who could have done harm to them because they were preaching. He understood the dangers of preaching the truth and requested the brethren pray for deliverance. We ask that you all pray for us that we will be delivered from wicked, unreasonable, and unfaithful men and that God's word will have free course.
- 3. He requested they pray his service would be accepted. ...and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints (Rom. 16:31). Paul wanted the brethren to pray that the funds collected would be accepted by the saints in Jerusalem. Those funds had been collected by Gentile congregations and it was his prayer that the Jewish saints would accept the gift. We ask that you

all pray for us that our service of teaching and preaching will be accepted by those saints and non-saints who will hear the message and accept it.

4. He requested they pray for him that he would be able to come to them with joy and that he may be refreshed with and by them. That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed (Rom. 15:32). Pray that we will go to our African brethren with joy and that we can refresh them as well as they refresh us. –K.A. Pugh

Mapquest, maps.google.com, and other websites are very handy when it comes to directions. There are, however, infrequent errors. I am glad my God has given me infallible directions on how to live in order to receive the inheritance of heaven.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17 ESV

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 2 Peter 1:3 ESV

Thank God today for His word, the Bible, which instructs us without error on the best way to live and on the only way to heaven. Try to live by it today and every day.

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