Lord, teach us to pray. (Luke 11:1.) Read Philippains 4:4-8.

Just as oxygen is necessary to keep us alive physically, so is prayer necessary to keep us alive spiritually. It is the channel through which we commune with God, and through which His power flows into our lives.

After the early Christians had prayed in the upper room for several days, they were empowered with courage to go out and witness for Christ in a pagan world. They became fruit-bearing Christians.

Without prayer, we are powerless in the realm of Christian service, but through prayer God makes available to us the very resources of heaven.

Jesus, the Son of God, prayed often and always in the face of life's crises. He prayed all night before He chose the twelve disciples.

If He needed to pray, how much more we need to exercise this privilege to seek God's power through prayer! As the poet says: "Prayer is the Christian's vital breath."

PRAYER

Our Father, help us to realize our need of Thee as we face the responsibilities of life. Teach us to pray. Be with us all along the way. Use us in Thy service. In the name of Him who taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven . . . Amen."

Thought For The Day

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GARDEN TIME

Growing shrubs and trees by planting seeds is not always the quickest way to do it but sometimes it is the easiest way to get results. There is usually a great deal of interest, at this time of the year, in propagating berried shrubs or trees—such as hollies, nandina, and dogwood—by seeds.

Since some of these plants do not come true to variety from seeds there is usually some variation from the original plant. For instance, if you wanted to propagate pink dogwood, you should do it by grafting and not by seeds because the seedling probably would not be pink. The same would be true of many other trees and shrubs. To be certain that you get the same as the parent plant you must propagate it by vegetative plant parts such as cuttings, layers and grafts.

To propagate the berried plants by seeds, collect mature berries or fruits and remove all the pulpy material from the seeds. Thoroughly wash the seeds and then air-dry them. If you have an outdoor seed bed prepared they may be planted immediately. The planting medium should be a sandy soil or a mixture or sand and peat. Otherwise you may startify them over winter by placing them in a box of moistened sand or sand-peat mixture and keeping them in a cool place until planting in spring. The seeds are usually placed in layers in between layers of the sand. Peach pits may be stratified in this same manner.

Do not be discouraged if germination is slow. Holly seeds, for instance, often do not germinate until the second season. Nandina and dogwood usually germinate easily.

Southern magnolia is difficult to propagate. The usual method is by seeds. Although it does not produce a berry, the seeds are encased in a pulpy material which must be removed. Seed should be gathered as soon as they begin to break out of the fruit in the fall. The pulp may then be removed and the seed washed and stratified in sand until the next spring when they may be planted out in the nursery row. Keep them cool until you are ready for them to germinate.

In propagating the hollies by seeds, it must be remembered that most hollies are diocecious—that is, they have male and female plants. The female plants are the only ones that produce berries. A large percentage of the plants produced by planting seeds will be male and, therefore, will not produce berries. Other horticultural plants of this nature are persimmons and Muscadine grapes.

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Alfred Cole, Mayor

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST
Rev. C. P. Hopkins, Pastor
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

PITTMAN GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Taylor, Pastor.
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

RAEFORD METHODIST
Rev. J. Herbert Miller, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:15 P. M.—Senior Fellowship
6:15 P. M.—Intermediate Fellowship
3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Children's Choir Practice
3:15 P. M.—Wednesday, Junior Choir Parctice
6:45 P. M.—Wednesday, Young People's Choir Practice
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Mid-Week Service
8:00 P. M.—Wednesday, Senior Choir Practice

SANDY GROVE METHODIST
Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School
Each third Sunday preaching at 11:00 A. M.
Each first Sunday morning at 9:45 A. M.

PEOPLE'S METHODIST
Luther Wesley, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P. M.—Young People's Service
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship
7:30 P. M. — Friday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

COMMUNITY METHODIST
Rev. James Hamilton
Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Mrs. H. W. Ellis, Superintendent.
Preaching services each second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 3:00 o'clock.
6:30 P. M.—Sunday, Methodist Youth Fellowship

PARKER'S METHODIST
Rev. N. P. Edens, Minister
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.

CHURCH OF GOD
C. O. Carter, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P. M.—Y. P. E.
7:30 P. M.—Evangelistic Service

EPHESUS BAPTIST
Rev. E. C. Taylor, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school
Worship every 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Every 2nd and 4th. at 11:00 a. m.
B.T.U. at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Service Sunday Night at 7:30.

RAEFORD BAPTIST
W. C. Strickland, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
6:30 P. M.—Training Union
7:30 P. M.—Worship Service
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Prayer Services

ROCKFISH TABERNACLE BAPTIST
Rev. D. Scott Turner, Jr., Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship
7:00 P. M.—Evening Worship
7:30 P. M.—Wedensday, Prayer service.

ASHLEY HEIGHTS BAPTIST
W. Ray Gosnell, Pastor
Worship Services
Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.
First, third and fifth Sunday at 8:00 p. m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Thad Bowder, Supt.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

RAEFORD PRESBYTERIAN
W. B. Heyward, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
5:00 P. M.—Pioneer Vesper
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Adult Choir Practice

ANTIOCH PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Gower Crosswell
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship

SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, every first and third Sunday.

LUMBER BRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN
C. M. Bowling, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. 1st and 3rd Sundays.

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school
11:00 A. M.—Every second and fourth Sunday, Morning Worship

DUNDARRACH PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Gower Crosswell
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
Worship services every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M.

PHILIPPI PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
7:30 P. M.—Prayer Meeting
7:30 P. M.—Wednesday, Pioneer Fellowship

GALATIA PRESBYTERIAN
B. O. Shannon, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Church School.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.
Every Sunday except the 5th Sunday.
Choir Practice 7:30 P. M., Wednesday

THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Floyd B. Haywood, Pastor
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship

Notice Of Sale Of Land For Taxes Due Town Of Raeford For 1952

Pursuant to the law and statutory provisions for the sale of real estate for deliquent taxes assessed by the Town of Raeford, I in my official capacity as Mayor of the said Town will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Town Hall door in Raeford, N.C. at twelve o'clock noon, on the 16th day of January, 1954 the lands owned by the persons listed below, located within the corporated limits of Raeford, N. C., to-wit:

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Lester E. Baker, res Donaldson Ave	$ 22.50
James W. Baxley, Jr., res	18.65
Bob Bolton, Ser Station	18.00
James T. Blue, Res & lot 6th Ave	26.00
Clarence Brown, res 6th Ave	77.58
N. B. Blue, res, 1 lot Cox	63.00
Charles D. Burkett, res	45.00
A. L. Campbell, res	43.20
Jasper Chavis, res	12.00
Carson Davis, res	88.78
Rowena Dowling Estate, 1 lot Leach	1.50
E. C. Duncan, res	19.80
Bessie Epstein Estate, 1 lot Shaw	3.25
Sam Epstein, 1 lot Blue	1.26
Mitchell Epstein, res	88.38
A. J. Freeman, res Stewart St.	46.88
R. L. Guin, res Stewart St.	25.07
D. H. Hodgin, res Donaldson Ave	71.18
Floyd Holland, res	31.48
James C. Lentz and Kate Jones Davis, 1 store Maultsby	45.00
Iola McBryde, res	30.00
Clayton McCrimmon, 1 lot Green St.	3.00
Sadie McCrimmon, res Green St.	12.00
Laurie McEachern, res	60.00
Betty McFadyen, res	51.00
B. R. McMinnis, res	53.45
Mrs. Nellie McNeill, ½ interest Main St. store, res	56.25
M. K. McNeill Estate, ½ interest Main St. store	30.00
Bethune Maultsby, filling station, 23 acres	51.00
J. T. Maultsby, 1 lot	3.00
J. S. Maultsby Estate, res	78.00
C. D. Pritchett, res	34.55
Mrs. Pearl Sessoms, res, lot Jackson	12.75
Thomas E. Stanton, res	119.15
C. L. Stephens, 1 Brock, 1 McQueen, 1 McLauchlin, 1 Johnson, 1 McLean	186.00
Mrs. C. L. Stephens, res	30.00
W. M. Thomas, 40 acres Edinboro	36.00
J. C. Wright & Mitchell Epstein, 20 lots McLauchlin	10.50
Julian H. Wright, 5 Sunset Hills	190.03
COLORED	
Ernest Bethea, 1 Maxwell	8.00
Sam Brown, 1 McLauchlin	1.50
Corrina Clark Estate, 1 McLauchlin res	6.00
Harry Farmer Estate, 1 res	4.50
Moses Farmer, 1 res	10.80
Rachel Foster, 1 res	8.00
John D. Harris, 1 Albert McKinnon	19.50
Mattie McNair, 1 res	10.50
Matthew McRae, res and store	31.48
Murphy McRae, res	24.35
Will McRae, res	9.08
William McRae, 1 McLauchlin	1.50
Clemmie Miller, res	7.50
Cora J. Robinson, 2 lots Maxwell	4.50
Emma Rogers, res	9.00
Oggie Smith, 1 McLauchlin	2.25
Minnie Smith, 1 McLauchlin	1.13
Jettie Smith, 1 McLauchlin	8.68
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December 17th, 1953 Alfred Cole, Mayor

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