

## PRAYER: JUST ASK

Dear Friend:

This Sunday the subject of the message will be about prayer. Try to find someone who has never prayed in their life, and you will find a rare person. More people say they pray than say they believe in God. So, who does the non-believer pray to? I have a suggestion, when you ask people if you could pray for them, pose this question: "If there is one thing I could pray for you personally, what would it be?". You would be surprised by how many people just "stop in their tracks", then they say "yes". I think only one person has ever said to me: "No thanks".

Several years ago, while having breakfast with Pastor Mike Burtnett I learned how to ask a complete stranger if I could pray for them. When our waitress brought our food Pastor Mike said: "Hi Lynn (name tags help), we are about to pray for our food, is there anything we could pray about for you?". I do not remember all that she said but she did tell us how we could pray for her (this was a great learning moment for me). I now ask people more often if I can pray for them.. Why? Because I learned how to ask kindly and directly: "If there's one thing I could pray for you personally what would it be?" Also, I have learned I should ask people if I can pray for them whether I know them or not: waiter/waitress, cashiers, teacher, repairman who visit my house, etc. The key is: JUST ASK!

Prayer Requests: Brenda Carpenter (rehab), Faye Cooper (shut-in), Frank Sanford(still weak and recovering)

Events: N.A. Presbyterian Church outdoor worship 10:00 a.m. We have Franklin reserved parking on east side, against the sidewalk. Franklin Church 10:15 a.m.: communion.