

The Lord's Day
Sunday, January 19, 2025
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Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come before you today claiming the promise of your peace that surpasses all understanding. I ask that you guard my heart and my thoughts in Christ Jesus. Help me to trust in your unfailing love and to find rest in your presence. May your peace fill me and sustain me through all the challenges and trials of life. Thank you for your faithfulness and for the assurance that you are always with me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

This Morning's Message

Reverend Brian Snyder—Sanctity of Life

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

The family and Friends of Ron Yerdon

Alice Widrig
Rod Quackenbush
Brian Wood, Jr • Julie Reid
Katie Edmonds • Ron Latella
Patty Griffith • Wayne Greenfield
Heather Whaley • John Ridgeway
Carol Miles • Bev Commings • Deb Reitz
Kevin Bellville • Carol Merritt • Dan Conway
Mary Hesford • Annie Grant • Gary Peterson
Shaun Hull • Elaine LaCelle • Mark Freeden
Burt Goodnough • Dick Bryant • Stanley Kepner
Stanley Perzan • Beverly Snyder • Phoebe Wheeler

**MISSIONS: JOHN WHITE, REGROUP MINISTRY TO PASTORS
ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL**

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, January 26, 2025

***Greeters:* Bill Butman / Karen Snyder**

***Security:* Todd Caufield / Jerry Weed / Wayne Davis**

Today, January 19, 11:15 AM: *The Playhouse read-through today*

Monday, January 20, 6:00 PM: *Ladies Bible Study*

Tuesday, January 21, 9:00 AM: *Men's Bible Study*

Wednesday, January 22, 2:00 PM: *Ladies Bible study at Jean-nie's house*

Sunday, January 26, 1:00—3:00 PM: *Senior Lunch & Fun Day, Food and Games, Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.*

Tuesday, February 4, 6:00—7:30 PM: *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality class at Grace Point Church, contact Pastor Justin Wilder at 315-298-6070, if you have any questions. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.*

The Playhouse Theater crew seeks men/women/teens to fill several character roles in their next play. Please contact Judy Grant or Jule Lattimer for details..

Experiencing The Peace of God

God understands each of the connections and tendencies in our minds and how they affect our everyday feelings. Where He is, there is freedom, and as we daily practice inviting Him into our minds and hearts, we will experience the liberating power and peace of God.

When God calls us to something—like a life free from worry—He always equips us with what we will need. Communicating with our heavenly Father is a powerful way to practice living by God's peace. Not only do we shift burdens and worry from our shoulders to His capable hands, but the act of spending time talking with Him is peace-giving in itself.

We can practice laying every burden in God's hands, whether by praying aloud, silently throughout the day, or documenting our prayers in writing. Each of these practices creates habits of shedding worry and inviting the peace of God into our home and hearts.

His peace is beyond understanding, which means we can spend our entire lives discovering and experiencing more of it! His peace is greater than mere emotion. As we hide His Word in our hearts and practice trading our worries for His presence, His peace will lend consistency to our souls. God will faithfully bring our thoughts back to Himself, assuring us of His faithfulness and love, which far exceed anything this life offers.

Experiencing The Peace of God (Con't)

Laying down our worries, coming to God with requests and thanksgiving, and practicing a life marked by His peace can be summed up in one word: abide. In John 15:5, Jesus explained, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

As we abide in God and experience greater reaches of His peace, we are stripped of barriers that once held us back from God's work. He has liberated us and empowered us to make a difference for His kingdom! The word for "abide" in this verse means to "continue," "remain," and "dwell." We don't do this perfectly—however, our unfaithfulness never affects God's faithfulness. He is patient with our wandering, drawing us back to Himself, and He remains, continues, and dwells with us. As He does, He guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

