

**Crossville Church  
of Christ**  
P.O. Box 211  
Crossville, TN 38557  
Phone:  
484-5297 or 484-2960  
Live audio streaming  
866-883-9291

# COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation**

For live video streaming see Website  
[www.crossvillechurchofchrist.org](http://www.crossvillechurchofchrist.org)  
Email: [Office@crossvillechurchofchrist.org](mailto:Office@crossvillechurchofchrist.org)  
[Elders@crossvillechurchofchrist.org](mailto:Elders@crossvillechurchofchrist.org)



June 3, 2018

**Elders:**

Frank Bohannon  
Jonathan Loveday  
Larry McDuffee  
Brian McLaughlin  
Jon Tatum

**Deacons:**

Jim Bell  
Charles Evans  
Kyle Fairman  
Dale Hennessee  
Mike Isaacson  
Doug Loveday  
Don Napier  
Tom Parham  
Mark Roberts  
Jason Wyatt  
Jerry Wood

**Ministers:**

Ken Mears

**Missionaries:** (India)

Don Iverson  
Jim Waldron

**Service Times**

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

<b>Ladies Bible Class</b>	
Tuesdays	11AM
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	
Tuesdays	10 AM
<b>Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional &amp; fellowship)</b>	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

**CROSSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## VBS THEME: GOD'S TEMPLE

Classes will begin at 6PM each night.

**MONDAY:** Solomon Builds the Temple  
**TUESDAY:** The Jews Rebuild the Temple  
**WEDNESDAY:** Jesus in the Temple  
**THURSDAY:** God's Temple Today-His People  
**FRIDAY:** Pizza & awards



## I HAVE A LIGHT?

Barry Kennedy

“This little Christian light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.” How many of us hear these words and drift back in time? Thoughts of Vacation Bible School, cookies, and Kool-Aid. It does not take much to remember, seeing that we have just completed this year’s VBS, and what a great week we had! Words cannot express the appreciation we have for all the great work that went into this VBS. Everyone worked together and the good that was accomplished can only be measured in eternity. God’s word was exalted and young lives were brought together for a week of fellowship, fun and faith building. Every night we gathered together to lift our voices in praise to the God of Heaven. One of the songs we used is undoubtedly used at almost every VBS that has been or will be held, “THIS LITTLE CHRISTIAN LIGHT OF MINE.”

The song comes from the statement made by our Lord in His great sermon on the mount. “*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven*” (Matthew 5:14-16). Jesus emphatically let each one of us know that we have a light that must be allowed to shine. Notice how Jesus said, “a city set on a hill **CANNOT** be hid.” We notice the lights of the city long before we arrive at the city limit’s sign. The same is to be said about our lives as Christians. People of the world should be able to see the light of our lives glowing like the bright beam of the lighthouse. In the past, ships without the beam of the lighthouse, could be in danger of being shipwrecked on the unseen rocks of the shallow waters off the coast. Many lives today are in danger of “running aground” on the unseen dangers of sin. We live in a society somewhat like that of Isaiah’s day. “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20). We teach our children to sing, “I’m gonna let it shine” but are we teaching them by our actions? We should know that Christianity is more than saying, “I believe” (James 2:19).

One cannot help but understand what the message of this song is conveying. “All around the neighborhood I’m gonna let it shine.” We teach those precious young minds to not be ashamed of their light (Christian example). This is exactly what we should be teaching because this is what Jesus taught (Matthew 10:32, 33). The catchy little tune may be easy to sing but what about living it? Can we truly sing, “all around **MY** neighborhood **I’m** gonna let it shine?” Alone I don’t think so, however, Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:3). The same idea is conveyed in the verse, “hide it under a bushel, **NO!** I’m gonna let it shine.” We cannot hide the light of God and be a Christian in this life or any other. Think back to the faithful servants of the Bible. “*They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth*” (Hebrews 11:37, 38). They did not let their lights go out nor hide them, they let them shine even to their death (Revelation 2:10).

God wants to realize we have a light and that light needs to be shining bright. God is the one who gets the glory and others will emulate the example we set. Are we doing all that we can to make sure that we are shining the right kind of example? Are we going to let Satan blow out the beam of light God has given to us? Facts are facts, we have a light. Let’s all work together to protect our influence as God’s people and let our lights shine all around the neighborhood. Let’s not hide it under a bushel and by all means, help one another and not let Satan blow it out. God will be glorified, souls will be won and we all may here Him say, “WELL DONE!”

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT PRAYER

Charles Box

Our cry today should be, "Lord teach us to pray." Prayer is one of the greatest blessings God has given His children. We are weak and always stand in need of prayer. Always remember, God answers the prayer of His faithful children. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20.)

Prayer is a glorious privilege of the child of God. John 9:31 teaches us that God does not hear sinners. "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him." This principle would lead me to ask; have you become a Christian and are you faithful so your prayer can be answered? To become a Christian you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). After baptism you must continue to love God with your whole heart if you expect answers to your prayers. (Matthew 22:37-40.)

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS PRAYED IN FAITH.** "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord." (James 1:5-7.)

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS PRAYED WITH URGENCY.** "And He said to them, Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him; and he will answer from within and say, do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Luke 11:5-9.)

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS PRAYED BY RIGHTEOUS MEN AND WOMEN.** "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16.)

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS PRAYED PERSISTENTLY.** "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1.)

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS PRAYED FROM HUMBLE HEARTS.** "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:7-10.)

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS PRAYED SINCERELY.** "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." (Matthew 6:5-6.)

Prayer is the opportunity and privilege of talking to God. Let us never fall short in our prayer life because this will have an effect on everything we do or say. What an honor to be able to speak to God in the name of His Son! God desires our prayers. "I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (1 Timothy 2:8.) Are you praying "without ceasing"? (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.)