

## “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

The Disciples’ Prayer is a very “earthy” prayer! Yes, it is focused on the God of Heaven, while at the same time very concerned with things on earth... important things... things like food! forgiveness! help! (See vs. 6:11,12,13). Each of these requests, each of these “needs”, is a recognition of grace. A declaration of dependency. A clear confession of the derivative nature of life. An acknowledgement of our Source for all things needful.

Our life on earth is a “supplied life” (it will be no different in the new heaven and the new earth!). To function as God intended man to function – by a non-corruptible, non-disordered, non-dying life supply - we will need an “anti-entropic” Life Source. “Give us... daily...” is our confession of that. Nourishment from “above” is needful to function “below” according to our design.

Certainly we recognize the natural, material component of that – physical sustenance, caloric intake, satisfaction of creaturely life (“bios”) needs. Yet, the Bible teaches (Old Testament and New) that we were not intended to live by that “bread” alone (Matt 4:4). We were created to live by Uncreated “bread” – eternal nourishment that gives us and keeps us in spiritual life (“zoe”). The life that makes living full of Life (Jo 10:10).

“Daily bread”, then, is all that we need, whatever that we need, to live to the glory of God in any given moment on any given day. It is nothing less that the One Who says, “I am the Bread of Life (“zoe”), he (on earth) who comes to Me (the Bread that comes from heaven) shall not hunger...” (Jo 6:32,35). In other words, Jesus Christ the Lord is our needs met! He gives us Himself (Jo 6:48) so we may live “out of” Him (Jo 6:57).

For all of its eternity, eternal life (“zoe”) is lived out (on earth) in minutes, one day at a time. We do not function as God intended by trying to live out of last year’s or yesterday’s grace. We do not function well by attempting to live off of future grace – waiting until we get to heaven, hanging on until we die. “Daily” clearly indicates God means us to live in an ever-present-now fashion. “On earth”, that which comes from “heaven”, seems to be best received and faithfully managed in daily portions – see verses like Joshua 24:15, Psalms 86:19; Psalms 118:24. Luke 9:23, Acts 17:11, Hebrews 3:7, et al.

Jesus reminds His disciples that in each and every day it is imperative that we depend upon God’s moment-by-moment provision for everything necessary to function on earth as He intended. We are never our own “source” (I Cor 4:7). We generate or produce nothing on our own (Jo 15:5). We don’t ever “finish” what God “started” (Phil 1:6). Our life in “Our Father’s” family was, is, and will forever be a Supplied life. It will do us great good to remember “daily” that our Father is the Giver of every good and perfect gift (Ja 1:17)... and that His Son, the Bread of Life, is the Gift!



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## Greetings


We have just finished our annual Florida Retreat. Our theme was "On Earth as it Is in Heaven", and it was... it was a small taste of "on earth as it is in heaven." Willful, joyful participants. Precious fellowship. Heartfelt worship. Sharing Life together in Christ. A big "Thank You" to all who prayed for us, came to be with us, and served one another while there. Our only regret (Steve and Ella) is that due to managing the normal logistics of the weekend, we have so little time to spend with each you who come so far to be with us.


Only about half of the sessions were recorded. If they are of good quality, we will put them on the message site soon. The closing Sunday morning worship session can be viewed on the First Baptist Alachua website.


A brief "business" note regarding the retreat: if you gave a cash love offering but did not put your name with it, please let me know and we'll be glad to send you a donation receipt for tax purposes.


Spring is just around the corner. Easter is upon us. Seasons of warmth, new life, and regeneration are recognized and welcomed even by non-believers. Of all people on earth, we, as children of "Our Father", want to recognize and welcome every day as one to be warmed by His deathless love, energized by His forever Life, and freshly renewed by the One Who says to us, "Behold, I am making all things new!" May it be so for you today... the day the Lord has made for such things!

### Praise & Prayer

 Christ, our needs met

 A wonderful retreat together

 Living by His supply

 Freely releasing all we freely receive

### Calendar

#### MARCH

8-10	New Orleans, LA
12	Alachua Study
22-24	Binghamton, NY (607-341-6062)
26	Ocala Study

APRIL 26-28 The Hill, Hardin, KY (270-437-4172)