



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

July 15: Oak Hill Baptist Church (Watkinsville, GA) at 7pm
July 24-26: WGBC Annual Revival with Revivalist Pastor Durham of Flat Rock Baptist Church (Madison, GA) | 7pm

Weekly Events

PRAYER: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3pm via the conference line

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume on September 4, 2024.

Conference Line Info
(978)-900-5000
Access Code: 655019#
 Don't forget to mute your phones.



A Message from Pastor Stroud

The first guarantee we see mentioned in the Bible is one that, unfortunately, does not seemingly work in our favor. After being told not to eat of the tree that sits in the midst of the garden or suffer the consequence of death, Adam and Eve disobey God and see just how true the words of God are. They are both sentenced to lives of suffering, and ultimately death, and later cast out of the garden.

And although the way to the tree of life is kept safe through the cherubims, another way of access has already been set aside for every man to enter into eternal life. Scripture reminds us that we were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot, before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:19-20). The path to life has always been a promise of God even in the midst of our disobedience. So when we fast forward to Psalm 23 and see David talking about the victory we have even in the valley, we can believe the word for the word's sake because God keeps His word but He also plans ahead and causes us to do the same.

The understanding we have in knowing Christ as our personal savior combined with prayer (if you missed Bible Study the last couple of weeks, you missed a treat) prepare us for every obstacle that may come our way even the ones we bring on ourselves. Why? Because we are guaranteed safety. We are guaranteed protection. We are guaranteed guidance. But more importantly, we are guaranteed God's love. His long suffering, kindness, humbleness, steadfast character, unselfishness ways coupled with not being easily provoked, pure thoughts, and thus, pure reactions to all things pertaining to life and life more abundantly NEVER fail. So yes, surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives because what else could be our portion?

Rest assured today that God is your shepherd and will be with you every step of the way. He is surely an ever-present help even in the times of your troubles and valley experiences.

Snapshots of The Grove

Pastor Stroud is no stranger to using visual aids during services. He also likes to meet and greet after church so do not be afraid to come up and shake his hand after services.



Send Us Your Pictures
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COMING SOON

BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

September 2024 | 7pm

Meeting ID: 863 9942 9560 | Passcode: 655019#

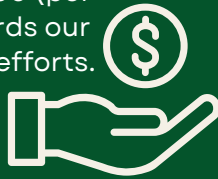


The conference line will still be available for those who do not have access to Zoom.

Don't Forget

It's revival time!

Please do not forget to pay your \$25.00 (per person) towards our annual revival efforts.



Join Us!

Pastor Stroud is asking all members and worship service auxiliaries (choir, deacons, and ushers) to be in attendance at the following engagements where he will be bringing the message.

Fork Creek Baptist Church
Carlton, GA
August 6, 2024 | 7pm

Springfield Baptist Church
Washington Wilkes, GA
August 11, 2024 | 3pm

Answered Prayers: A Guarantee

There is a science to praying prayers that hit their mark (see The Lord's Prayers, Matthew 6:9-13) and scripture reminds us in James 5:6 that our prayers as the righteous of God will avail much if they are effectual and fervent. Both examples imply that there are some stipulations to having our prayers heard by God, and we have fortunately been able to delve into some of these stipulations the last couple of weeks during Bible study. Although we did not talk about all of the ways to be heard in prayer, we did discuss the following prerequisites for prayers that are guaranteed to be answered.

1. We must pray from the stance that our prayers are already answered, coming boldly before the throne of grace believing we will be heard and our prayers will be answered (Hebrews 4:6).
2. When we pray, we must do so in secret. This assists us in avoiding the way of the hypocrites who love praying where others can see them. We are reminded that this is their reward, being seen, whereas, we are guaranteed open rewards from God when we pray in secret (Matthew 6:5-6).
3. Corporate prayer times are for the congregation/ Body of Christ. Personal prayers should be kept to a minimum during times like altar calls, call to worship, etc.
4. Know the purpose of the prayers you are praying or asked to pray. If you are asked to pray for the sick, you can ask yourself what Scriptures address sickness and know who is sick among us as you prepare for the task.
5. Make your personal prayers personal. It's okay to use personal pronouns in your prayer closet (see Psalm 23).
6. We must pray the scriptures. Praying the scriptures back to God reminds Him of His promises to us. Plus, God is His word (John 1:1).
7. Lastly, we must pray the will of God. God is ready to answer prayers that align with what has already been done in heaven. We must posture ourselves to hear as we pray so that we are able to pray the mind of God.

↓ Have a prayer request?

Please visit our website at wgbc1866.com and fill out the request form.

