

## Editorial Thought...

# Showers Of Blessing...

*"I will make them and the places surrounding My hill a blessing.  
I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing."*

- Ezekiel 34:26 (NIV) -



Daniel Seay

It can be comforting to hear the sound of rain falling. Though April showers have given way to a beautiful start to May, we see the results of the recent rain showers in the form of blooming plants, greener yards, and budding trees. There's just something about rain that can be so soothing and rejuvenating.

In the 1800's a man by the name of Daniel Whittle wrote a song titled: **"Showers of Blessings"**. I'm sure that many of you are familiar with the words.

*There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love;*

*There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.*

*Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:*

*Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.*

Daniel Whittle received the inspiration for his song from a passage in the book of Ezekiel. **"I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing"** (Ezekiel 34:26 NLT). In this passage of Scripture, God promised a time when He would *re-gather* His people, the nation Israel, and pour out His blessings upon them. In addition to the blessings of abundant rain, the Lord also promised to provide them with bumper crops in their fields and complete safety from all harm.

The Lord has always wanted to bless His people. The problem is God's people are not always *'blessable.'* Oftentimes God has to withhold His blessings from His people because they are not living according to His Word. Such was the case with Israel during Ezekiel's day. A few chapters prior to this, God had spoken of His judgment against Israel for all of their sins. In His judgment, God referred to them as becoming **"a land without rain"** (Ezekiel 22:24).

Like so many of us, Daniel Whittle desired God's blessings to fall upon the people of God. He also realized that for that to happen, God's people had to *regather* themselves to the Lord. They have to turn from their selfish rebellion and *seek God with all of their heart.*

*There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall,*

*Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!*

*There shall be showers of blessing, If we but trust and obey;*

*There shall be seasons refreshing, If we let God have His way.*

*Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:*

*Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.*

## News And Notes

### Our Prayer List

Bud Daniel, Austin Clark, Gwen Gann, LouAnn Gann, The Robin Wilson family, Josh Wallace, Josh Werner, Billye Werner, June Brant, Donna Spader, Alice Jones, Daker Elessor Diana Nordin, Dick Cox, Barbara Shank, Gary Scoggins, Andy Huffman, Jeannette Pope, Betsy Pippin  
Our Elected Officials and all World Leaders.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."*  
[James 5:16b]

### Statistics

For The Week Of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sun3ay Class	16
Sunday AM	22
Sunday PM	15
Wednesday PM	7
Contribution	\$3233.00
YTD Budget (17)	\$12,495.00
Difference Year-To-Date	+\$675.55
Savings Account Balance	\$1,140.89

*2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:12 - 'Your generosity is doing great things*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthday:** Shane McCallie (5), Amber Flessner (13), John Guyot (18), Mary Ann Harris (21), Brooke Guyot (28)  
**Anniversary:** -None

### COMING EVENTS

**Next Fellowship Lunch – August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm**  
**- This Will Be A Part Of Our Planning Weekend -**  
**Mother's Day Is Next Sunday**  
**- Special Mother's Day Service – Bring A Friend! -**

### We Met Our Goal!!

Beginning in February, we challenged the fellowship here to be generous in meeting some financial needs that were facing the church. We had our insurance note facing us along with some badly needed repairs on the building structure. Your generosity has been amazing... *again!!* We are pleased to announce that we exceeded our challenge by over \$400 and Rob was able to pay the Insurance premium this past week. We thank everyone for your sacrificial giving and your love for the Lord. God bless you!

## Agenda For Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

**Theme:**

**SEEKING A BLESSING**

**Today's Topic:**

**"Showers Of Blessings"**

AM Class: **"CHURCH ISSUES"** – Moderated By Chase Harris / *In The Blue Room*

10:30 am: **"God Rains His Blessings**

Text: Ezekiel 34 / Matthew 5 / Hosea 3:5

1 pm: **"Should We Seek To Be Blessed"**

Text: Acts 13:34 / Ephesians 1:3

Wed. Bible Study: **"Isaiah The Prophet" Study** - Wade McCallie, Moderating

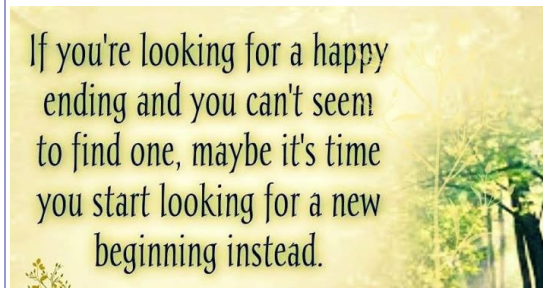
### Special Prayer Requests

Pray Special And Specific Intercessory Prayers For:

June Brant	Gwen Gann
Jeannette Pope	Ruth Kinnick
Diana Nordin	Allen Sullivan
Billye Werner	Andy Huffman
Robin Wilson	Pat Murphy
Austin Clark	Roy Bays
Ray and Imogene Hearn	Art and Janice Mischler
Bill Fisher	Sophia Cannady
Josh Werner	Jeanie McDonald
Betsy Pippin	Norman Gann family

### Mother's Day Is Next Week

As we do each year, there will be a special Mother's Day Worship Service next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, to help honor our Mothers. Invite your neighbors and family to join us in this special service.



If you're looking for a happy ending and you can't seem to find one, maybe it's time you start looking for a new beginning instead.