

## When God Answers Better Than You Pray

2 Kings 2 and 1 Kings 19

How many times have you prayed a simple, single prayer and found God granted a several-fold answer in return? How many times have you been surprised at how gracious your God has been to you?

### 2 Kings 2

The older prophet is \_\_\_\_\_.

The younger prophet is \_\_\_\_\_.

Bethel means “\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_”

The three stops were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 Kings 19

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ had both come to the mountain of God.

God shows \_\_\_\_\_ without showing \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>9</sup> *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9 NIV)*

God is \_\_\_\_\_ with His affection.

### Application

Think of a time you prayed and God answered in a better way than you prayed. When was that?

For what are you praying *right now*?

Do you expect God to give you an even better answer than for what you asked?

A verse to take with you:

*20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV)*

The flowers on the communion table are given by Dee Durbin in memory of Joe Durbin.

# October 28, 2018

## 9:00 am Worship

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

### Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* - piano/organ

### \*Invitation to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this  
hour of worship and always.**

**\*Song:** *Blessed Be the Name* pg. 52

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 2:1-14 (pew Bible pg. 570)

**Ministry in Music:** *We Will Serve Him* - Choir

### Prayer

**Our Worship in Giving:** *In Christ Alone* - piano/organ  
(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.  
Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

### \*Doxology pg. 166

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Song:** *To God Be the Glory* pg. 56

(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

**Message:** When God Answers Better Than You Pray

**\*Song:** *I'd Rather Have Jesus* pg. 506

### \*Closing Prayer and Response

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul* pg. 58

**Worship Leader:** Lou Kiba, Gene McConahay

*\*If able, please stand*

October 28, 2018

## First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level, room #117. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

### Volunteers for Today:

- 9:00 Children's Church: Jessie Dravenstott  
Nursery: Norm & Linda Ream, Clara Zemancik  
11:15 Children's Church: Chet Underwood, Jennifer Carr  
Nursery: Melissa Underwood, Sara Beichler

### Sunday, October 28

- 6:00 Youth Hangouts

### Wednesday, October 31

- 6:30 Blanket Ministry  
6:30 Time of Prayer  
7:00 Choir Practice

**Friday/Saturday, Nov. 2 & 3** - set up for Thanksgiving meal UFH

### Saturday, November 3

- 9:00 Bell Choir practice LFH

## Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Edna Fleming - Danbury Senior Living
- Hilda Flory

**We want to welcome** Scott Fetter to our service this morning. Scott is our candidate for the position of Associate Pastor of Children and Youth.

**Newsletter Deadline** News Items for the November *Forward Look* newsletter, are due to the church office by today. You may submit your items to sbrethren@earthlink.net or put them in the black office box on the Information table.

**The sympathy of the church** is extended to Beverly Caskey and family on the death of her husband, Gerald, this past week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Combined Service & Thanksgiving Meal** The Combined Worship Service and our Thanksgiving dinner, will be Sunday, November 4. *Time changes for Sun., Nov. 4 only:*

- 9:00 Fellowship time (coffee & donuts)  
9:30 Sunday school  
10:30 Worship service  
11:45 Thanksgiving meal

**Thanksgiving Meal** There is a sign-up sheet on the Information table for the Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 4. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, rolls, beverages and table service will be provided. Please sign up to bring side dishes and/or desserts. Today is the last chance to sign up!



Thanksgiving

**The Ladies' Luncheon** will meet Wednesday, November 7, at 11:30 am at the Smithville Inn. Any and all ladies are invited for a time of fellowship. If possible, contact Louise Liebhart, 330-262-8862 or 330-347-8544, so we have an idea for seating. But if you find you can come at the last moment, just come, we will always have room.

**The Annual Business** meeting will be held Sunday, November 18, 6:00 pm. Annual Reports will be available Nov. 4.

The 18th will also be the time when members vote for our Associate Pastor of Children and Youth. Please keep this decision in your prayers.

**Official Board Minutes** The September minutes are available in the last mailbox.

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**Our Daily Bread** The fall issues are available on the Information wall and by the west door. Feel free to pick up a free copy. We have regular and large print issues available at each location.



**What goes into the box is ... Fun! What comes out is...Eternal!** *Operation Christmas Child Countdown* – Do you have your shoeboxes packed yet? If not, it is not too late. Sunday, **November 11**, is our **Collection Sunday**. Stop by the display table today and pick up one or more boxes before you leave. If you have already done one, why not pick up an extra box and pack it this week? Remember that every box is an opportunity to present the Gospel to a child that has never heard about Jesus.

We are also in need of volunteers to help at the **Drop-Off Center** here at our church **November 12 to 19**. Other churches, or individuals, will drop off filled boxes to be packed in shipping cartons to start on their trip to one of over 100 countries around the world. If you are willing to sign up for one or more of the two-hour slots, the sign-up sheet is on the table by the Welcome Center. Thanks for helping!

If you have any questions, contact Rex or Bobbi McConahay at church or call 234-429-0044. Have fun shopping and packing!

**Last Year for Lasagna!** The Christmas Carol Celebration program will be kicking off the Christmas season December 2 at 4:30 pm. Once again, we are asking for lasagna and cookie donations. The sign up sheet is on the Information table. The Music Committee would like to thank you for your continued support!

**Jr/Sr High Youth (grades 7-12)!** Are you ready for some winter fun? Join us for a retreat to Kalahari Resort, January 4-6, 2019. There will be some amazing speakers and awesome music! Oh yes...there will also be some wet and wild fun! Cost is \$100 - scholarships available. Deadline for registration is Nov. 25. Contact Andy McGinnis at 330-819-1452 for more information.