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## REAL PROSPERITY GOSPEL “PROSPERITIES”: CONFIDENCE

In the two-part series of sermons in May called The REAL Prosperity Gospel, I had an impossible time sharing all the clearly stated ways God’s Word says we followers of Jesus actually prosper. There are just too many obvious ones and I’m sure that I didn’t even locate all of them! So, here’s another I didn’t get to: Confidence!

I present to you Hebrews 4:15-16: “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

We approach the throne of Grace (where God sits. SQUIRREL! I looked it up and He does sit!—In 1 Kings 22:19 and 2 Chronicles 18:18, in the vision Micaiah is recounting to Ahab and Jehoshaphat, he says “I saw the LORD *sitting* on his throne with all the multitudes of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left.”, so unless he was making that up, and Micaiah was ‘a real character’, with sarcasm appearing to be his superpower, it must be true: that God *sits* on a throne. See! All important facts (?) ARE in the Bible if you look for them. The account in 1 Kings 22 always cracks me up because of the exchange between Micaiah and Ahab, the biggest crybaby wimp-husband in the whole Bible—you should read it and let the theater of your mind star Ryan Reynolds or Robert Downey Jr. as Micaiah, or maybe Steve Martin, if you are of the Baby Boomer or Greatest Generation....so yes, yes, God does *sit* on a throne, at least in visions to men.)....

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Anyway, back to Confidence, we are either instructed or encouraged by the Hebrew writer to come to God with confidence...and get mercy and grace in our time of need. I notice that it does NOT say to come with confidence on days I'm feeling close to God spiritually or on Sunday or after I've had a good prayer time and feeling accomplished that I read 2 whole chapters of difficult-name genealogy chapters in Leviticus. No! It says to come to God with confidence to get **mercy** and **grace**. And, it does not say to come during God's weekly office hours; it says to come in your time of need. So, "Whenevs", WHENEVER I need mercy and grace.

Here's are the other areas of life we are to be confident in, from very clear Bible (the source of all absolute truth) verses:

Ephesians 3:12 "In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." Gee, he doesn't even have to be sitting on the throne for us to approach! It could be while He's having a sammy or laughing at The Good Place on Netflix. (I'm totally kidding... sorta)

1 Jn 4:17 "This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus." Yoda would say: "Have confidence on judgment day, you should'.....because YOU are living your life being like Jesus!

1 Jn 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." So, the only boundary on what we can ask Dad is whether it is according to *His will*. I know that asking every day to be partly puffy-cloudy 70 degrees with a light Southwesterly breeze is probably not in His will, but the Bears making the playoffs this year might be—you never know. Seriously, we certainly should be asking for that friend or relative to get an open heart so they can be saved or for that friend captive to sin would be granted repentance, or for *our own* repentance. Those would be in God's will and we should be asking for that. And, anything else we ask, respectful of His will, even if we aren't sure if it is in His will (in His Plans for us or them or it), is still okay to ask and the outcome will let us know whether it was or wasn't. Who knows, but God? It was fine for me to ask Dad for mini-bike when the Kellett boys had one, but it wasn't in my dad's "will" for me to have one so I didn't. And I'm still alive today (because it didn't kill me not to get it and because I didn't die ...on it!)

Enjoy the prosperity of Confidence before God for mercy and grace and confidence of your judgment day status this month and ....always!

-Ken Maupin

**ATTENTION:** If you are listed to serve and are unable to, please contact Wayne Morris to let him know as soon as possible.

Those to Serve –July 3, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin  
Opening Prayer: Scott Seigrist  
Preside: Cameron Maupin  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman  
Scripture Reading: Kevin Spaw  
Greeters: Gibsons  
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern  
Usher #1: Marcus Cassady  
Usher #2: Ken Lynch  
A/V Booth: Tyler Zomok  
Security: Jaye Lavern  
Church Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Pat Williams  
Nursery: Valerie Nicosia

Those to Serve –July 10, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long  
Opening Prayer: Simon-Peter Broughton  
Preside: Marcus Price  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman  
Scripture Reading: Jeremy Schulz  
Greeters: Wadsworths  
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady  
Usher #1: Jose Cervantes  
Usher #2: Jaye Lavern  
A/V Booth: Scott Weir  
Security: Jerry Gibson  
Church Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Pat Williams  
Nursery: Mignon Soter

Those to Serve –July 17, 2022

Worship Director: Cameron Maupin  
Opening Prayer: Marcus Cassady  
Preside: Steve Adkins  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman  
Scripture Reading: Mike Dye  
Greeters: John Castree & Pat Williams  
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern  
Usher #1: Jeremy Schulz  
Usher #2: Stan Gregory  
A/V Booth: Adam Zomok  
Security: Ken Maupin  
Church Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Pat Williams  
Nursery: Elizabeth Soter

Those to Serve –July 24, 2022

Worship Director: Ken Maupin  
Opening Prayer: Ken Maupin  
Preside: Jose Cervantes  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman  
Scripture Reading: Ron King  
Greeters: Lisa Warkins & Holly Bertram  
Class Attendance: Marcus Cassady  
Usher #1: Mark Murray  
Usher #2: Ron King  
A/V Booth: Tim Barton  
Security: Joe Nicosia  
Church Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Pat Williams  
Nursery: Pat Seifert



# Don't forget to register for the summer sessions of Rockford Christian Camp!!!

## RCC Summer Sessions

**Senior Week: July 8th - 16th**  
**Junior Week: July 16th - July 23rd**

**You can register and pay for sessions online at**  
**[www.rockfordchristiancamp.org/sessions](http://www.rockfordchristiancamp.org/sessions)**

**\*\*\* Please register as soon as possible so our kitchen staff doesn't have to guess how many people they will be cooking for**

**\* If you need financial help, please let Ashley Gregory know**

### Those to Serve - July 31, 2022

Worship Director: Sid Long  
Opening Prayer: Ron King  
Preside: Ken Lynch  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Jeff Hagerman  
Scripture Reading: Jacob Cates  
Greeters: Delores Warkins & Holly Bertram  
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern  
Usher #1: Steve Adkins  
Usher #2: Scott Seigrist  
AV Booth: Justin Reese  
Security: Wayne Morris  
Church Mailbox: Judi Rogers, Pat Williams  
Nursery: Mignon Soter

## **Pantry Sub List**

<b>Justin Reese</b>	<b>815-299-0762</b>	<b>Jaye Lavern</b>	<b>815-608-4465</b>
<b>Elizabeth Soter</b>	<b>815-721-0405</b>	<b>Jeremy Schulz</b>	<b>630-418-0371</b>
<b>Cameron Maupin</b>	<b>815-978-3362</b>	<b>Ken Maupin</b>	<b>815-262-1487</b>
<b>Mary Riley</b>	<b>815-988-7440</b>	<b>Sara Maupin</b>	<b>815-262-0303</b>
<b>Tammy Weir</b>	<b>815-751-0866</b>	<b>Naomi Gibson</b>	<b>815-742-2291</b>
<b>Katie Schulz</b>	<b>630-418-0372</b>	<b>Liz Willis</b>	<b>815-494-0595</b>
<b>Maxine Bowers</b>	<b>815-494-2512</b>	<b>Brenda Mohler</b>	<b>815-505-7205</b>
<b>Joan Schmidt</b>	<b>815-708-3993</b>		
<b>Pat Seifert</b>	<b>815-871-7236</b>		

# Prayer List

\*\*\*Those with ongoing health issues

<b>Jason Willis</b>	<b>Donna Fincher</b>	<b>Sue Ann Diaz</b>	<b>Lucy Chamberlain</b>
<b>Wendy Williams</b>	<b>Helen Holland</b>	<b>Earline Nipps</b>	<b>Mike Trank</b>
<b>Myrtle Williams</b>	<b>Joan Wadsworth</b>	<b>Gregory Willis</b>	<b>Rayven Forbes</b>

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**The families and the victims of the shootings in Uvalde, TX, Laguna Woods, CA, and Buffalo, NY**

**People of Haiti**

**People of Ukraine**

**Anneka Broughton** – In a rehab facility after foot surgery, and will have another surgery (6-1-2022)

**Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who is recovering from cancerous tumor surgeries (6-1-2022)

**Kevin Sircloumb** – tumor on his brain stem

**Lindsey Farley** – friend of Katrina Whaley's, in therapy for cognitive issues following an accident (6-1-2022)

**Jan Lavern** – leg is doing better and she is back to work. Still in therapy (6-1-2022)

**John Parker** – having low dose treatments every 3 weeks to shrink cancerous lymph nodes (6-1-2022)

**Mary Ann Sircloumb's niece** – being treated for severe burns

**Ellie Krepfle** – daughter of a former student of Gloria Gregory, born with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome and recently found out that she has cancer in her kidneys and is now done with her first round of a 6 month course of treatment (6-1-2022)

**Marsha Herndon** – will begin immunotherapy and chemo on June 23<sup>rd</sup> (6-12-2022)

**Margaret Couch** – able to be back at worship after recovering from pacemaker surgery on April 13th (6-1-2022)

**Cathy Oswald** – friend of Gloria Gregory, in sub-acute hospice care after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (6-1-2022)

**Billee Jo Schmidt** (Tracey Meinert's friend) - father has prostate cancer that has spread to his bones (6-1-2022)

**Bonnie Cole** – has been moved to a nursing home (6-16-2022)

**Julie Newton** - Lisa Warkins' friend with cancer (6-1-2022)

**Jeff Hagerman** - after his last round of tests it's been determined that Jeff does not have any cancer in his kidneys (6-22-2022)

# JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Colleen Crowe's bday Jordan & Taylor Sircusa's ann.	2 NO PANTRY Wickie Williams's bday
3 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	4 <b>ROMEO Club</b> Ken Boleri's bday	5 Sid Long's bday	6 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Meet @ build- ing to visit <b>HHHP Food Delivery</b>	7 <b>6-7 pm Pantry</b>	8 Foster's ann.	9 Bret Hagerman's bday Erdman's ann.
10 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Ken Maupin & Maxine Bowers's bday Rockford Christian Camp	11 Rockford Christian Camp	12 <b>Blanket Ministry</b>	13 10:00 am Bible Study	14 Rockford Christian Camp	15 Rockford Christian Camp	16 Rockford Christian Camp <b>Pantry 10-noon</b>
17 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship JD Hagerman's bday Rockford Christian Camp	18 Ana Lee Hagerman & Wes Long's bday Rockford Christian Camp	19 Terrie-Lyn Broughton's bday Rockford Christian Camp	20 10:00 am Bible Study <b>HHHP Food Delivery</b>	21 <b>6-7 pm Pantry</b> Schmidt's ann. Rockford Christian Camp	22 Rockford Christian Camp	23 Rockford Christian Camp
24/31 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship, 31st Annika Broughton's bday	25 Joyce Heckel Miller's bday	26 Lisa Nicolas's bday	27 10:00 am Bible Study	28 Rockford Christian Camp	29 Rockford Christian Camp	30 Rockford Christian Camp



# NEWS & EVENTS

- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website:

<https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/donate/>

- There will be a Meijer Simply Give campaign running from Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The double match day will be Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

- Katrina Whaley has accepted the position of Ministry Assistant and will be getting trained by Ashley Gregory over the next few months until she fully assumes the role, targeted to take place around November.

- Everyone is invited to an Open House celebrating Stan and Gloria Gregory's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at The Twisted Tulip located at 7901 Burden Road in Machesney Park

- Tim and Cathy Firm's new address:  
1031 FM 2931  
Apt. 318  
Aubrey, TX 76227

- This summer, everyone is invited to meet at the church building on the first Wednesday night of the month at 6:30 pm and we will visit members we haven't been able to see in awhile

## **- The dates for the 2022 season at Rockford Christian Camp**

- Senior Week (7<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> grade) - July 8<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>
- Junior Week (2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) - July 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

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