

SIMPLE

“Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple.”
C. W. Ceran

In 30 years we have witnessed the use of the personal computer rapidly expand. Thirty years ago only the few and the brave had a personal computer in their homes. Now, it is quite common to find at least one computer in every home. However, in spite of how commonly used personal computers are, it is not uncommon for their users to be totally unaware of how the common components of the computer function.

I heard a young man explain to a group of seniors how the personal computer works. I listened and I thought his description was both accurate and simple. He told the class to imagine that the local library was the computer box itself. He explained that in the library were racks of shelves holding books and each of these racks was representative of *gigabytes* of hard drive storage. The more gigabytes of space, the more racks of books your computer shelves could hold.

He then explained that the table in the library where we sit to read the books was like the computer's *RAM*. The size of the table, or the amount of RAM, determined the number of open books I could have open on my table to view at one time.

He shared that the computer's *CPU* was like our brains which direct our bodies to do tasks, such as getting a book off the shelf, opening the book, and reading the book. The more *cores* the CPU had the more tasks it could perform simultaneously. He went on to describe the rest of the computer's hardware in this same fashion.

Two thousand years ago Paul explained to the Christians in Corinth the Gospel. I read the following passage I am amazed that his description is both accurate and simple.

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356
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Family News & Notes

- **Bob Douglas** is recovering from surgery.
- **Judy Kuntz** is recovering from surgery.
- **Jane Winstead** is in Baptist DeSoto Rehab. Please, no visitors.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Ray Canada, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Harvey Geeding, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Tonya Smith, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Lula Whittle.

REHAB: Cora Epperson, Nancy Holmes, Jane Mullins, Dot Richardson, Jane Winstead.

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Irmagene Hall, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Ann Woodson, Sallye Giles.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Katie Culley, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

LADIES WINTER BRUNCH

The winter brunch will be held **Saturday, February 11, 2017**. Please invite your neighbors, friends and family. We ask that you bring a brunch dish to share and we will begin at **10:00AM**. Please note, there will be several door prizes.

KEEP CALM ... AND KEEP READING

Are you on track with your Bible reading? If you are, well done Keep Reading.

Have you fallen a little behind? Well done Keep Reading.

Have you fallen quite a bit behind? Do you feel like giving up and trying again next year?

Let me encourage you not to give up. Keep Calm and Keep Reading.

There are blessings awaiting you with God's Word.

THURSDAY SCHOOL

The spring semester of **Thursday School** begins **February 23**. Our ministry volunteers are committed to serving all of the families of Desoto County with children ages 3-5 who wish to attend. To this end we pray, therefore registration is always open! In order for us to prepare for your child, register today at www.goodmanoaks.com/children. Please share this information with a friend, and contact Alan Underwood if you have any questions: alan@goodmanoaks.com.

NURSERY WORKERS

February 5

10:00 (0-24 mos) Alice Denton,
Jordan MacMillen, Daphne Eddlemon
(2 years) Lillian Williams, Courtney Heitman
5:00PM: Gwen Coker, Hollie Phillips

February 12

10:00 (0-24 mos) Heather Cuevas,
Kimberly King, Karen Kopf
(2 years) Dinah Glover, Vickie Eddlemon
5:00PM: Helen & Lindsey Brady

THE ATTITUDE OF PRAYER

"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:7-8)

Some Gentiles believed that they would increase their chances of having their prayers answered if they named all the gods, repeated their requests to every god, gave each god every title imaginable, and gave a long list of all the things that the person had done in service to the deity. In contrast, *prayers in the Bible focus on what God has done.*

These verses certainly do not mean that long prayers are wrong. It *does* mean that we cannot use prayer as a means of pressuring God into giving us what we think we need. The length of the prayer has nothing to do with whether God hears or not. We don't have to make our case to God, giving a presentation about why he should do what we are asking to do. This kind of thinking comes from a wrong view of God's goodness. There are no magic words we can utter to make God hear us because his ears are always open to our prayers.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you (Matthew 7:7)

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer (1 Peter 3:12).

True prayer is not a technique or a performance. It is a relationship.

Our job in prayer is not to create a relationship with God because we already have a relationship with God. We instead come to God solely as a result of him making us his children through the new birth in Jesus.

Matthew

YOUTH NEWS

EL SALVADOR

High Schoolers, **today** is the last day to sign up for the **El Salvador trip in June**. If you are going please see **Jared**.

WINTERFEST

Winterfest attendees, final money for Winterfest is due **Sunday, February 12**. If you have questions or need assistance see **Jared**.

