



Prayer Concerns

Brian Colley & family, friend of Eric Wiwczaroski, mourning loss of daughter Drea Mackenzie from an auto accident.

David Dannemiller, Jeff's dad, is in the hospital with ongoing heart issues and a blood clot in his leg.

Vonnie Stonebreaker, Randy & Gina Sowder's neighbor, has decided to stop receiving chemo.

Charlie Weaver had an endoscopic bronchoscopy to do biopsies this past Thursday. He is also scheduled for prostate surgery on January 16th.

Lougene Wooten is seeking encouragement. Her daughter **Pam Lasiter** has ongoing health issues; her son **Jimmy** has Parkinson's disease and is struggling with the effects from it; and her youngest son **Kevin** has been diagnosed with Cardiac Amyloidosis and is staring chemo.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital with a feeding tube); **Juanita Brunner** (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Tom Gardner** (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Leah Ranker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burriss's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Charlie Weaver** (A fib w/premature ventricular contractions), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice).

Missions

Fiji Bible Institute (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Caleb Pierce** (Bear Valley Bible Institute)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, January 12	Genesis 33-35
Monday, January 13	Genesis 36-38
Tuesday, January 14	Genesis 39-41
Wednesday, January 15	Genesis 42-44
Thursday, January 16	Genesis 45-47
Friday, January 17	Genesis 48-50
Saturday, January 18	Exodus 1-3



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

12th Angie McDaniel

13th Skye Kollar, Deegan Littleton

Anniversary

None to Report

Love Feast Fellowship



Today is our family fellowship meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to stick around and join us.

Due to our fellowship today, our evening Bible study is being moved up to right after our mealtime. Therefore, there will be no 5pm service. Again, everyone is encouraged to join us as we continue our study on the life of Christ.

Financial Peace University

The next financial class begins on January 19th in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, or to sign up, go to whitelandchurchofchrist.com/FPU. For questions, see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski or email them at FPU@whitelandchurchofchrist.com.



Our next singing and chili supper will be Saturday, January 25th at 5pm. Please make plans to join us in welcoming guests from our sister congregations as we all come together to sing our Lord's praise! If you can assist with food, please contact George.



Shoveling Assistance

As winter progresses, we are looking for people to assist some family members who are not able to remove snow from their driveways. Also, we are needing some assistance to maintain our sidewalks and canopy areas here at the building when it snows. If you can help, please see Ed or Stan.

Meditation of God's Word

Holiness: A Gift of God's Grace

First, He said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"-though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then He said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:8-10, NIV)

The biggest mistake made by most of the Lord's people is to believe that we can find in ourselves that which is to only be found in Christ alone. To live by grace is to live solely by the merit of Jesus. To live by grace is to base our entire relationship with Him on our union with Christ. It is to recognize that in myself, I bring nothing of worth to the relationship, but even *my righteous acts are like filthy rags in His sight* (Isa. 64:6). That is, even my best works are stained with mixed motives and imperfect performance. Yet, God requires perfection. When we take Jesus' words, "**Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect**" (Matt 5:48), we are forced to realize that we fall terribly short.

What is the answer to our dilemma? We must all recognize that we are justified – that is, declared righteous – solely based on the righteousness of Christ imputed (accredited) to us by God through faith (see Rom 3:21-25). Our holiness (sanctification) is essentially given to us through our conformity to the moral character of God. The perfect holiness we have in Christ is the answer to our dilemma of how we can appear daily before a perfect holy God, even when our best deeds are stained and polluted.

The apostle Paul wrote, "**It is because of Him [God] that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption**" (1Cor 1:30). In other words, it is God Himself who chose us to be in Christ. But the truth I want us to focus on in this passage is that Jesus has become our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. In ourselves, apart from Christ, we are both guilty and filthy. We are guilty of breaking God's law, and we are filthy in God's sight because of the vile, polluting effect of sin. We need both forgiveness from our guilt and cleansing from our filth. Through the perfect holiness of Jesus, our moral filth is removed and we become fit to enter into the very presence of an infinitely holy God and are able to enjoy fellowship with Him.

Holiness should be the objective for our daily lives. But to live by grace, we must never, never look to ourselves. We must always look to Jesus. You will never be holy enough through your own efforts. You are only holy through God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ.

...Ronnie Hewitt