





## Prayer Concerns

**Ann Cooper** is at Aspen Trace for physical therapy after being in the hospital.  
**Cindy Davis** has started chemo treatments. Her genetics testing came back negative.  
**Jenna Eilert** (former member) & family, in the passing of her dad, Coy Hughlett. His services were Saturday in Lubbock, TX.  
**Rusty Hanshaw** is being treated for pneumonia.  
**Barbara Hurst** saw a hematologist last week due to some blood work results and will be having a mammogram on the 28<sup>th</sup> concerning the lump that has been found.  
**Perry Lee Scott**, Cindy Strobe's uncle, health is failing. She is requesting prayers of comfort for him and the family.  
**GayLee Sutton** is dealing with severe back pain and muscle spasms. The ER doctor has recommended injections. She is waiting for an appointment.  
**Charlie Weaver** isn't able to eat solid food and is struggling with swallowing.  
**Mary Welling's**, Angie Hewitt's co-worker, mom has cancer throughout multiple organs and is on hospice. Her dad is also in poor health due to strokes he has had in the past.  
**Jesse & Jacob Wert**, Ronnie & Angie's sons, in the passing of their aunt (Kim Manning). Her celebration of life was Saturday in Indianapolis.

## Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

**Samantha Brazel**, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Juanita Brunner** (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Shabazz Germany** (friend of Day's, recovering from multiple gunshots), **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), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, recovering from a kidney transplant), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Janette Parsley** (Karen Deford's sister, recovering from valve replacement surgery), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome, seizures), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Chaney Walls** (teenager girl in Dallas, TX, has Leukemia. Request submitted by Karen Deford), **Charlie Weaver** (stage 4 prostate cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), & **Keven Wooten** (Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo)

### Financial Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94      Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23  
 Last Week's Offering: \$0 due to canceling worship



## Celebrations This Week

### Birthday

24<sup>th</sup> Donna Hall  
 25<sup>th</sup> Ann Cooper

### Sisters Sharing Treasures

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm

If you have some gently used treasures that you're ready to freely eliminate from your home, bring them and see if one of your sisters is interested in adding them to their treasures. You may find new treasures for your home. If you have any questions, see Cindy Strobe.



### Love Feast Fellowship

March 9<sup>th</sup> is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and dessert to share. Following our meal, we will be having our evening Bible Study.



## Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, February 23	Numbers 27-29
Monday, February 24	Numbers 30-31
Tuesday, February 25	Numbers 32-33
Wednesday, February 26	Numbers 34-36
Thursday, February 27	Deuteronomy 1-2
Friday, February 28	Deuteronomy 3-4
Saturday, March 1	Deuteronomy 5-7

## Meditation of God's Word

### Growing in Christlikeness

In my last article, we focused on experiencing sanctification: the radical change God brings about in the heart of a person who trusts Jesus Christ as Savior. It is the passing from spiritual death to spiritual life. It is the beginning of a new creation in Christ and the writing of God's law in our hearts. It means a new relationship with God. All of this is from God and is a gift of His grace.

God does not bring us into His kingdom and then leave us on our own to grow. He continues to work in our lives to conform us more and more into the likeness of His Son. As Paul said, "*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus*" (Phil 1:6). This continuing work of God is called "progressive sanctification."

The progressive nature of sanctification is implied throughout the New Testament epistles in all those instances where we are exhorted to grow, to change, to put off the deeds of the old man and put on Christlike character, and so on. It is also clearly implied in Paul's own testimony that "*he had not yet been made perfect*" and his statement that "*he had learned to be content in all circumstances*" (cf. Phil 3:12-14; 4:11).

Romans 12:2 and 2Corinthians 3:18 explicitly teach the progressive nature of sanctification. "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect*" (Rom 12:2, NASB). "*But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit*" (2Cor 3:18, NASB)

The common word in both of these passages is "*transformed*." In both instances, the Greek verb "transformed" is in the present tense, indicating an action that is continuous. As of the nature of this process, 2Cor 3:18 indicates it is the work of the Lord, while Romans 12:2 indicates it is through the renewing of our minds. In both passages, however, the verb "transformed" is passive, indicating it is a work done in us rather than by us. Our God is the one who changes us more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

This transformation is much more than merely a change of outward conduct. It is a renovation of our inner being. It means that our motives as well as our motivations are being constantly change, so that we can say with the psalmist, "*I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.*" "*Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.*" (Psalm 119:14, & 97)

...Ronnie Hewitt