



Prayer Concerns

Sharon Ann Cooper is at Aspen Trace for physical therapy after being in the hospital.

Joyce Goodwin, Rhonda Denzio's mom, is on hospice.

Chere Hill, Pam Sherrill's sister, had surgery to remove a brain tumor on Friday.

Barbara Hurst hematologist is going to watch her platelet and protein levels.

Mikey Mittman, member at Greenfield, seizures and had to be hospitalized.

Tori Parker, Tana's friend, dealing with domestic abuse.

GayLee Sutton has pinched nerves in her neck due to her vertebrae.

Della Turnbull has been dealing with asthmatic bronchitis.

Tiffany Watcom, Crystal Miller's co-worker, melanoma, awaiting treatment plan.

Charlie Weaver was taken to the hospital Tuesday and needed potassium and calcium. He is back at home.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Cindy Davis** (chemo treatments), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, in remission), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **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), **Don & Mary Walton** (Shut-In's at Compass Park), **Charlie Weaver** (stage 4 prostate cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Mary Welling** (Angie Hewitt's co-worker, mom on hospice and dad's health is poor), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), & **Keven Wooten** (Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo)

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)

Administration Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94 Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: \$5,277.00
Attendance Last Week 74



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

5th Lauren Clark
6th Juanita Brunnemer, George Hewitt
7th Wyatt Stanton

Encouragement Sunday

Today is our day of encouragement. There are cards on the table by the bulletin board that can be filled out with a special note to someone and mailed out this week.

Nursery Meeting

Lavana would like to have a short meeting with everyone involved in the nursery, as well as the parents after worship today.

Sisters Sharing Treasures

March 8th, 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 Strope.



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9th. If you have clock that needs to be reset, don't forget to fast forward it one hour before going to bed Saturday.



Love Feast Fellowship

March 9th is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to join you. Following our meal, we will be having our evening Bible Study. There will be no 5pm service.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, March 2	Deuteronomy 8-10
Monday, March 3	Deuteronomy 11-13
Tuesday, March 4	Deuteronomy 14-17
Wednesday, March 5	Deuteronomy 18-20
Thursday, March 6	Deuteronomy 21-23
Friday, March 7	Deuteronomy 24-26
Saturday, March 8	Deuteronomy 27-28

Meditation of God's Word

Sufficient Grace

The fact that life is difficult is self-evident, and no one is immune. We live in a fallen and sin-cursed world. Even Christians are not immune from the frustrating and often overwhelming circumstances of life resulting from that curse. Not only are we as Christians not immune from such heartaches, but we also often seem to experience them more than the non-Christians around us. But for nearly two thousand years, thousands of believers have found comfort, encouragement and the strength to endure from God's words to the apostle Paul, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* (2Cor 12:9, NIV)

Paul was no stranger to adversity. Earlier in 2Corinthians, he had spoken of his troubles, hardships, distresses, beatings, imprisonments, riots, hard work, sleepless nights, and hunger (6:4-5). Yet, there was one particular affliction that apparently caused him more pain and grief than all the others combined. He referred to it as *"a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me"* (12:7).

There's no way to know for sure what this thorn was in his life; however, we do know he saw it as a messenger of Satan, which was allowed by the God whom he loved and served with all his heart.

Paul had had a very unique experience, which he described in the opening verses of 2Cor 12. He had been caught up to the "third heaven," to God's paradise, and had heard inexpressible things – things which he was not permitted to tell. This experience could have caused him to be filled with pride had he been left to himself. But God, in His infinite wisdom and love for Paul, did not leave him exposed to that temptation. We read in 2Cor 12:7-10, *"Because of the extraordinary greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸ Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in distresses, in persecutions, in difficulties, in behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."* (NASB)

I want to encourage you this week to consider this crucial and blessed statement in 2Cor 12:9, *"My grace is sufficient for you..."* because it opens for us a dimension of God that we don't often take the time to focus on, but one for which we really should.

...Ronnie Hewitt