



Prayer Concerns

Cindy Davis saw her oncologist on Thursday concerning her treatments.

Kaitlynn Parrott had surgery this past week to remove a mass from her abdomen, as well as one fallopian tube and ovary

Vonnie Stonebreaker, Sowder's neighbor, had to stop chemo treatments for a bit due to low white blood cell level.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Sharon Cooper** (Dementia); **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), **Missy Gillespie** (former member, aortic dissection); **Donna Hall** (dementia); **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (former member, lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Tori Parker** (Tana's friend, dealing with domestic abuse), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Janette Parsley** (Karen Deford's sister, doing very well from valve replacement surgery), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome, seizures), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Megan Setser** (Wanda Weaver's neighbor, brain tumor); **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma & recovering from aortic valve replacement); **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebreaker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (dementia, living with daughter), **Phyllis Thompson** (Cindy Stroppe's aunt, recovering from broken femur); **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (Don – hospice; Mary – recovering from back surgery), **Tiffany Watcom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, cancer has spread to lymph nodes); **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - dementia)

Missionaries

Caleb Pierce (student at Bear Valley Bible Institute); **India** (Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Jason & Devin Pierce** (transitioning from the Fiji Bible Institute)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, April 13	2Samuel 16-17
Monday, April 14	2Samuel 18-19
Tuesday, April 15	2Samuel 20-22
Wednesday, April 16	2Samuel 23-24
Thursday, April 17	1Kings 1
Friday, April 18	1Kings 2-3
Saturday, April 19	1Kings 4-6



Celebrations This

Birthday

14th Rex DeFord, Larry Sawyer

15th Amy Wiwczarowski

18th Grayson Clark



Today is our Love Feast Fellowship. Everyone is invited to stay and join us. There is plenty of room and food to share.

Evening Bible Study

Due to our meal time, our evening Bible study will be immediately following our fellowship.



Movie Night: The Passion of the Christ

Friday, April 18th (7pm)

Egg Hunt (April 19 @ 10am)

We are now collecting candy for the egg hunt, which can be placed in the bin in the foyer by the office. We also need volunteers to help fill eggs, scatter them throughout the yard, and to greet our guests. If you are able to assist, please see George or Rachel Hewitt.



Shults & Lewis

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

It is that time of year for their commodity drive. We have been asked to collect liquid laundry soap and dish soap. The items can be placed in the front coat closet. They will be picking up the collection the week of May 6.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94

Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23

Last Week's Offering: \$2,559.00

Attendance Last Week 68

Meditation of God's Word

Gratitude for God's Grace

The very first character trait that should flow out of experiencing God's grace is gratitude for Him. Everything we are and everything we do that is of any value, we owe to the grace of God. This, of course, begins with our salvation. The longer I live the Christian life, the more grateful I am for the salvation God gave me when I was young and foolish.

Years ago, I memorized Mark 8:36-37, "*What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?*"³⁷ Or *what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?*" (NIV) I initially memorized that passage as a way to help point out how important it is for a person to take the gospel offer seriously. But in recent years, I have begun to meditate on those words for my own benefit to help me realize what a priceless gift I have received in God's gracious gift of eternal life. As I consider the message of this passage, I try to visualize a balance scale with all the treasures of the entire world on one tray and eternal life on the other. The two trays are not balanced. Rather, the scale is bottomed out on the side of eternal life.

With the gift of eternal life, God has given us greater treasure than all the accumulated wealth of the world. Are we sufficiently grateful for this priceless gift? Do we take time to actually give thanks to God for the gift that cost Him so much? Are we as grateful today as we were the day we initially experienced the forgiveness of our sins and peace with God? If we are truly living by the transforming grace of God in our lives, gratitude will be a growing experience. We should, with each day, have a greater sense of gratitude for God's eternal gift through Jesus.

God has given us so much in Christ. Have we grown in the Christian life so that we are a bit more mature today than we were even a year ago? If so, where did this growth come from? It did not come from us, because as Paul said, "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature" (Romans 7:18). There are only two moral forces within us: our sinful nature and the Holy Spirit empowering our new nature. If we are more Christlike today than we were a year ago, it is because of the work of the Holy Spirit within us, and this is by the grace of God.

These blessings from God give us an occasion for gratitude and giving thanks to Him. I know many of us are going through some difficult times, and it's tough to have a grateful spirit. However, if we will stop and consider our lives, we will recognize that we are still recipients every day of the amazing grace of God. If we are truly growing in grace, gratitude, and its expression of actually giving thanks to God, will be an ever-growing characteristic of our lives. May you continue to grow in your gratitude for God's grace!

...Ronnie Hewitt