



Prayer Concerns

Clayton Marriott is still dealing with intestinal issues and is trying to get an appointment with a doctor.

Kaitlynn Parrott received good news. All of her tests from surgery have come back benign, and she has been released to go back to work.

Brooks Anderson, Tichenor's newborn grandson (John & Jordan's son), is showing signs of improvement and is still in the NICU. All testing, blood work and graphing have been normal.

Jimmy Bush, Kathy Feldmeier's son, is still very sick, and is staying with Kathy.

Vonnie Stonebreaker, Sowder's neighbor, is now on palliative care. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

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), **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 & is doing well from aortic valve replacement); **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer), **Barb Surber** (dementia, living with daughter), **Phyllis Thompson** (Cindy Strobe's aunt, recovering from broken femur); **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (recovering from back surgery, & mourning the passing of her husband), **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 - Alzheimer's).

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, April 27	1Kings 20-22
Monday, April 28	2Kings 1-2
Tuesday, April 29	2Kings 3-4
Wednesday, April 30	2Kings 5-7
Thursday, May 1	2Kings 8-9
Friday, May 2	2Kings 10-12
Saturday, May 3	2Kings 13-14



Celebrations This

Birthday

28th Ronnie Sutton

5/2 Jacob Day

5/3 Kara Littleton



Commodity Drive through May 4

We are collecting liquid laundry soap and dish soap. The items can be placed in the front coat closet. Final day to bring in these items will be next Sunday.

Ladies' Fellowship

The Heartland Church of Christ is hosting a fellowship for the ladies on May 3 (10am-2pm). Their theme: "My Cup Is Running Over." There is more information on the brochure on the bulletin board.



Morning Glories' Ministry Brunch

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, May 10th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Love Feast Fellowship Meal

Our next fellowship meal will be Sunday, May 11th. Please bring your favorite dish / dessert to share. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest.

Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life service for Paula Joyce Goodwin, Rhonda Denzio's mom, on Saturday, May 17, 2025, here at the church building. Visitation will be at 2pm and the service will be at 3pm.

Sisters Saturday of Service

Making Fidget Blankets (Saturday, June 14th from 10am-4pm)

They are collecting items for this project. Items needed by May 18th are fabric (cotton, upholstery, fake fur, velvet, satin, plain or printed), low to medium loft quilt batting, and binding). Items needed by June 8th: shoe strings, zippers, buttons (medium to large size), fringe (straight or pom pom), snaps, clasp or buckles, d-rings, lace trim, stuffing or cotton balls, small stuffed objects that can be put in a pant pocket, unused textured dust mop (looks like loop fringe), and old pant pockets (especially from jeans). There is a table for these items in the foyer.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94

Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23

Last Week's Offering: \$5,566.00

Attendance Last Week 63

Meditation of God's Word

As the Deer Pants

In this article, I would like to explore Psalm 42:1, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, God." (NASB) I'm always blown away by how such a verse, or small topic, can be so rich and transformational in our spiritual growth.

The first and most obvious thing we see is this incredible hunger and thirst for the Lord (passion) by the author. He is comparing it to how a deer will seek a stream to quench its thirst. The author does a beautiful job describing that. We also see this idea of thirsting for God in Psalm 63:1 and Psalm 143: 6. And when we go to the New Testament, we see Jesus is our living water, and that "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matt. 5:6).

Deer need water to survive, just like every other creature on this earth. Without it, we would all perish. Spiritually speaking, it's the same thing. Jesus is our living water, and when we drink from Him, we are restored, refreshed, strengthened and so much more.

But it's even richer than just that. Yes, deer run to water for thirst, but they also run to water for safety and protection. When a deer runs to the water, it helps them by causing their enemies to not see them and lose their scent. This leaves the prowling enemy confused to where the deer went. It's like this spiritually as well. If we run to the Living Water, we won't just have our thirst satisfied, but we are then washed (cleansed) and protected. That's why Proverbs 18:11 says "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe."

When we run to the Lord, He provides us with protection (Psalm 91), He cleanses us (1Jn 1:9), He refreshes us (Jer 31:25), He brings healing (Isa 53:5), and so much more! This is why we see throughout scripture that water is a symbol for the Holy Spirit. So, in this little verse, we learn that we are to thirst after God, and when we are there waiting on Him, He doesn't just quench our desire for Him, but He provides so much more for us!

God's desire for intimacy with us is not something that should be overlooked. For those who have placed their faith in Christ Jesus as Savior, He lovingly adopts as sons and daughters (Eph 1:5) and encourages them to call Him "Father" (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6). The fact that a holy and blameless God could cherish such dirty-faced orphans, "children of wrath" (Eph 2:3), is nearly unimaginable, yet through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, the vile and profane are transformed into beloved children and the cherished objects of His most tender affections (1Jn 1:7).

Our above verse (Psalm 42:1) serves as a reminder that as we run to God, He gives us the full package. He satisfies us fully in every need we have. May the Lord increase your hunger and your thirst to see the face of God. And may He grant your desire, even today, through the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

...Ronnie Hewitt