



Prayer Concerns

Richard Burris is to have a root block in his spine to relieve his pain.

Cheney family, friends of DeFord's, 9yr old granddaughter (Austin), had a seizure and drowned in the pool.

George, Ashton Hewitt had COVID this past week, but are better.

Lonnie Hewitt had a cardioversion on Friday to shock his heart back into sinus rhythm. Everything went well.

Tana Kay Marriott will be having cataract surgery on the 22nd.

Tim Scott, Cindy Strobe's brother, has been diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma. He will be having a PET scan on Tuesday.

Virginia Short, dealing with weakness. She is being sent to her cardiologist.

Bob Stewart, Angie Hewitt's dad, is very weak. They have had to do a foley catheter.

Shut-In's / Long Term Prayers

Juanita Brunnemer (shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (shut-in); **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie's Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Cindy Dussia** (chemo), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's brother, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (arthritic shoulder pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (radiation), **Martin Julian** (shut-in); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (shut-in); **Terry Morgan** (Huesman's brother-in-law, radiation for bladder cancer), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Juanita Rodman** (shut-in, dementia); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, chemo for colon cancer), **Barb Surber** (shut-in); **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris' friend, breast cancer), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, nursing home with COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (shut-in).

Supported Missions

Fiji (Jason & Devin Pierce & family)

India (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau)

Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services (Staff & Residents)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, July 7	Proverbs 4-6
Monday, July 8	Proverbs 7-9
Tuesday, July 9	Proverbs 10-13
Wednesday, July 10	Proverbs 14-17
Thursday, July 11	Proverbs 18-21
Friday, July 12	Proverbs 22-26
Saturday, July 13	Proverbs 27-31



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

9th John Denzio, Brenda Lind

13th Tana Kay Marriott

Today is Encouragement Sunday

This is your opportunity to give hope and share a word of blessing or comfort with someone else. There are note cards on the table in the foyer. Just fill it out and the Morning Glories' Ministry will mail it for you.



Morning Glories' Ministry

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, July 13th at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join them for a time of fellowship, food, and a devotional. For more information, please see Inez Dailey.



Love Feast Fellowship

Our next family fellowship meal will be next Sunday, July 14th following our morning worship service. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dish and a dessert to share. Also, don't forget to invite someone to join you.

Our Sunday evening Study next Sunday will be at 1pm following our fellowship.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, July 27th at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time. For more information, please see Lonnie Hewitt or Clinton Nalley.

Meditation of God's Word

Compassion for the Lost

Matthew's account of the gospel emphasizes Jesus' compassion. Matthew recorded the only OT text which Jesus quoted two times. Jesus said in Matt 9:13 and 12:7, "*I desire compassion and not sacrifice*" (taken from Hosea 6:6).

It was first quoted by Jesus at the feast in Matthew's house in His response to the Pharisees' criticism that He ate with publicans and sinners. It was later quoted in response to their criticism of the disciples eating grain while passing through a field on the Sabbath.

Three times Matthew speaks of Jesus feeling compassion for the multitude (Matt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32). Perhaps the most expressive is what Matthew said about Jesus right before He said, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few*" (Matt 9:37). Matthew writes: *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* (NIV)

Just like Jesus, Paul's primary motivation for preaching was compassion. He truly cared for the lost. We read in Romans 19:3, *For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my countrymen, my kinsmen according to the flesh.* (NASB) He said in Romans 10:1, *Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.* (NASB) He knew the condition of the lost and pitied their plight. He reminded the Christians at Ephesus just how horrible their condition had been. We read in Eph 2:12-13, *Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.* (NIV)

We need to show the same compassion for the lost. The world is lost, and we have the means and opportunity to save them through the gospel. Woe be to us if we do not show compassion in their plight. Who needs our compassion? Let's consider the plight of our neighbors next door, friends in religious error, family members who are indifferent and Christian brethren who have grown weary.

We need to understand that the lost are eternally lost. We need to remind ourselves that the lost are going to a place that is described as "the lake of fire and brimstone, where the worm does not die, where the fire is not extinguished, and where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth." It is eternal punishment for those who have not received the grace of God through our faith and obedience to Jesus. May that understanding help us be more diligent with the message we have been entrusted with.

....Ronnie Hewitt