



Prayer Concerns

Rhonda Denzio recovering from COVID.

Gene Doan, Rhonda Denzio's dad, recovering from a minor stroke. He has a small blood clot on his brain. He also had stint surgery this past Thursday.

Angie Hewitt's neurologist wants her to continue with current meds for another 60 days.

Lena Kollar is on antibiotics for a kidney infection.

Juanita Rodman fell this past week and was in the hospital. She is now back at Greenwood Village in the Rehab Unit.

Virginia Short had a heart cath on the 28th. She is waiting on results.

Bob Stewart, Angie Hewitt's dad, continues to lose weight as his health declines. Family and medical staff are contemplating hospice care.

GayLee Sutton saw a surgeon concerning her back. He said not to have surgery and to manage her pain with over-the-counter meds.

Ember Lett, Della Turnbull's 2yr old great-granddaughter has COVID.

Emily Lett, Della's granddaughter is being treated for an eye infection from her daughter Ember sneezing on her.

Shut-In's / Long Term Prayers

Juanita Brunner (shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (shut-in); **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie's Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Cindy Dussia** (cancer), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (arthritic & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (radiation), **Ted Houchin** (leukemia); **Martin Julian** (shut-in); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (shut-in); **Terry Morgan** (Huesman's brother-in-law, radiation - bladder cancer), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Juanita Rodman** (dementia); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Melanie Stafford** (sister in Christ, stroke, Community South Rehab); **Bob Stewart** (Angie Hewitt's dad, health deteriorating); **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, chemo - colon cancer), **Barb Surber** (shut-in); **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris' friend, breast cancer), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (Compass Park Masonic Home).

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)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 1	Ezekiel 20-22
Monday, September 2	Ezekiel 23-25
Tuesday, September 3	Ezekiel 26-28
Wednesday, September 4	Ezekiel 29-31
Thursday, September 5	Ezekiel 32-34
Friday, September 6	Ezekiel 35-37
Saturday, September 7	Ezekiel 38-41



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

None to Report

Anniversary

7th Ronnie & GayLee Sutton (5yrs)

Encouragement Sunday

There are cards on the table in the foyer you can fill out to send an encouraging message to someone who might need it. Then place the card in the container and it will be mailed for you.



The Secret Sisters revealing brunch will be Saturday, September 7th, from 10:30am-12pm in the fellowship hall.



You are invited to attend a gospel meeting at the Morgan St. Church of Christ (540 E. Morgan St.; Martinsville, IN), September 6-8. There is an advertisement for the meeting with the times on the bulletin board in the foyer.



Love Feast Fellowship

Our next family fellowship meal will be next Sunday, September 8th following our morning worship service. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dish and a dessert to share.

Due to our luncheon, our evening study will be immediately following our fellowship.



Harding St. Church of Christ is hosting their annual ladies' day on September 28th, starting at 9am. There is an advertisement on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Meditation of God's Word



All nations have their heroes. Their lives play an important part in the education of the people, either for good or for bad. The world knows the power of example; our youth read about them and desire to be like them.

God knew first of all the power of example to instruct the human heart. We have in the Bible a long list of heroes, who won the victory by faith. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews contains a list of such heroes.

It would be a great mistake to think that our trials and struggles are different and greater than others. The difficulties and troubles that God's children encounter have been the same in all ages. History is merely a repetition of itself. 1Cor 10:13 tells us, *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.* (NIV) We also read in 1Peter 4:12, *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.* (NIV)

These heroes of faith encourage us as they stand cheering us on. Their lives insure us that they traveled the same road we are traveling. They encountered the same obstacles and had the same trials that we have. They say unto us, "We won the victory by faith. You can too."

This is our heritage, and what a wonderful heritage it is. They have left us a legacy, as they show us by their faith how they were able to endure the persecutions that must come to all who live godly (2Tim 2:11). They endured mocking, and scourging, and periods of imprisonment; they were stoned and slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; they wandered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves.

Yet Heb 11:13 tells us, *All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.* (NIV) What does this say about us? What should be our faith today? We have the promise child (Jesus) for which all other promises spoke of. Over 6,000 years look down upon us and testify to the reality of our lives today.

This faith is the richest and most precious possession that men and women can have in this world (Jas 2:5). Revelation 2:7 says, *Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.* (NIV)

WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH, YOU HAVE ALREADY WON!

....Ronnie Hewitt