



Prayer Concerns

Lonnie Hewitt is being treated for another round of cellulitis on his leg.
Tim Scott (Cindy Strope's brother) has a follow-up PET scan on Wednesday.
Barb Short (Edie Short's sister-in-law) had surgery on Friday to remove cancer
Gina Sowder is having cataract surgery on Thursday.
Della Turnbull has been dealing with covid.
Charlie Weaver is really sick and has multiple tests coming up.
Wanda Weaver had tests done this past Tuesday regarding her kidneys.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Juanita Brunnemer (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, parkinsons), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Tom Gardner** (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments), **Lonnie Hewitt** (breathing issues); **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Leah Ranker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Bob Stewart** (Angie Hewitt's dad, hospice), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burriss's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Charlie Weaver** (A fib w/premature ventricular contractions), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice).

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, November 17	Romans 7-9
Monday, November 18	Romans 10-13
Tuesday, November 19	Romans 14-16
Wednesday, November 20	1Corinthians 1-3
Thursday, November 21	1Corinthians 4-6
Friday, November 22	1Corinthians 7-9
Saturday, November 23	1Corinthians 10-12



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

18th Helen Shoopman
 21st Lavana Tichenor
 22nd Inez Dailey

Anniversary

None to Report



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, November 23rd at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.



The Youth Group is once again putting together Thanksgiving Baskets to help those in need of assistance. There is a list on the table in the foyer. Items can be placed on the table by the wall outside the auditorium. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please let Eric or Amy know. Monetary donations for perishables may be given to Eric and Amy as well. All items need to be in by Friday, Nov 22nd. The youth group will be assembling and distributing the baskets on Sunday, Nov 24th.

Meditation of God's Word

Free From Accusation

The New Testament is filled with assurances of God's forgiveness to those who have trusted in Jesus Christ. Paul shares a passage of Scripture that shows the contrast between our dreadful condition and God's love, mercy, and grace in reaching out to us. *"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation."* (Col 1:21-22, NIV)

I want to call your attention to the last phrase, "free from accusation." Does this describe the way you think about yourself? Or do you often find yourself standing before God hearing His pronouncement of "Guilty"? If you resonate with this question more, you're probably not living by grace. If you have never received the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ Jesus and being obedient to the Gospel, then of course you are guilty, and are subject to the wrath of God. Your greatest need is to trust in Jesus for your salvation, for the forgiveness of your sins, and to receive the free gift of eternal life.

On the other hand, if you have trusted in Jesus as your Savior, then all the expressions of God's forgiveness are true of you. He has removed your sins as far as the east is from the west. He has blotted them out of His record book and promised to never bring them up again. You are free from accusation, not because of who you are or how good you are, but because of His grace through Jesus Christ.

Are you willing to accept and live by this truth today? Do you accept the fact that the Bible's definition of grace (God's unmerited favor shown to people who are totally underserving of it) applies to you, not only in salvation but in your everyday life? Jesus said, *"I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly."* (Jn 10:10, NASB) Jesus came to give us so much. And He accomplished this through His own life and the sacrifice He offered on our behalf. The cross was detestable, but it was necessary. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the only way we could be found free from accusation, as Jesus' blood appeased the wrath of God. It met the requirement for cleansing.

Because of this, we now have eternal life and can experience this life abundantly as we live each day by grace in a relationship with Jesus. What a blessing!

...Ronnie Hewitt

