





## Prayer Concerns

**John & Barbara Hagan** have been dealing with flu-like symptoms.  
**Lonnie Hewitt** issues with cellulitis and other health concerns.  
**Crystal Miller** has been dealing with flu-like symptoms.  
**Tim Scott** (Cindy Stropé's brother) had a follow-up PET scan on Wednesday, and everything looks good.  
**Gina Sowder** had cataract surgery this past Thursday.  
**GayLee Sutton** is being treated for a severe UTI that affected her kidneys.  
**Della Turnbull** is still dealing with the effects of 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 Brunner** (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** (Burris'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 24	1Corinthians 13-16
Monday, November 25	2Corinthians 1-3
Tuesday, November 26	2Corinthians 4-6
Wednesday, November 27	2Corinthians 7-9
Thursday, November 28	2Corinthians 10-13
Friday, November 29	Galatians 1-3
Saturday, November 30	Galatians 4-6



## Celebrations This Week

### Birthday

25<sup>th</sup> Justin Stanton  
 27<sup>th</sup> Polly Burchfield, Megan Johnson  
 28<sup>th</sup> Flora Littleton  
 29<sup>th</sup> Noah Logsdon

## Thanksgiving Baskets

The Youth Group will be filling and distributing the Thanksgiving Baskets today. Thank you to everyone for your assistance in providing the food items and monetary donations. Your efforts will be a great blessing to the families that are served.

## Teen Event

The Teens will be having a game night and going to see Christmas lights on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

## Love Feast Fellowship

(Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>)

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship. You are asked to bring a dish to share and maybe a dessert. Also, it's a great opportunity to invite someone to join you.

## Sister's Saturday Holiday Brunch

(Dec 14<sup>th</sup> / 10am-1pm)

All our ladies are encouraged to be a part of this fellowship. You are asked to bring a dish to share and 2 dozen cookies and the recipe to exchange. If you don't bake anymore, store bought is fine. Maybe you can still bring a favorite cookie recipe to share. The idea is to put together a recipe book for those attending. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board by the front door. Please sign up by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

## White Elephant Christmas Party

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Each person wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift (up to a \$10 value). This gift can be something funny or something serious or even something recycled. Dinner will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board.

## Church Office

Ronnie & Angie are traveling this week. Therefore, the office will be closed. If you need anything, please contact Ed or Stan.

## Meditation of God's Word

Let Your Light Shine

*Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.* (Phil 2:14-16, NKJV)

To live in the modern world is to be bombarded with messages of relentless urgency. "You'll never find this deal again!" "The stakes have never been higher!" "Apply now, or you won't get in!" Wave after successive wave of urgency crash upon the shores of our hearts, creating a constant state of anxiety and unrest within us. In many ways, we accept this as the unavoidable reality of the world in which we live and thus resign ourselves to this inevitable fate.

Yet what if there's another way?

What if it isn't as inevitable as we assume?

It is possible to live "in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation" without being defined by it. In fact, it's not only possible to keep ourselves from it; we are invited to embody and show forth into the world an entirely different way of living, one that is free from perpetual anxiety and is instead unshakably rooted in the perfect peace of the kingdom of God. We shine as lights in the world, illuminating the darkness and inviting people into the light of God's love as we become living examples of the transformation that is possible by the indwelling grace of God.

Today, I'm especially struck by the way in which Paul invites us to become blameless children of light. "Do all things without complaining and disputing." "All things" is a hard one to get our heads around, isn't it? It's easy to withhold complaint when we agree with a person or a situation. It's not difficult to avoid dispute when we see the world through the same lens as someone else or believe their judgment to be fair and correct. Yet what about the countless other times and situations when we feel wronged or slighted, or when someone is advocating for positions that we find deeply offensive or troubling?

In moments like these, what is most needed is an eternal perspective. Chaos and disagreement may abound in our society and interpersonal relationships, yet the invitation before us is to "hold fast to the word of life," keeping our eyes forever focused on the "day of Christ" and living by the peace and joy of that perfect kingdom, even in our deeply imperfect present world.

Wisdom Hunter Devotionals,  
 Thursday, November 21, 2024