



Prayer Concerns

- **Brandon Chance**, Edie Short's nephew, is in the army and has been deployed for 9 months to Poland, leaving behind his wife and 5yr old son.
- **David Dannemiller**, Jeff's dad, has been moved to University Heights Rehab.
- **Cindy Davis** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She saw her oncologists on Friday to discuss treatment.
- **Shabazz Germany**, friend of the Day's, was shot multiple times during a robbery. He has had one surgery and will need more.
- **Chere Hill**, Pam Sherrill's sister, had surgery on Thursday for a brain tumor.
- **Christ Houston**, Rhonda Denzio's friend, battling cancer, recently had pneumonia which led to a fungal infection and collapsed lung. She may need to have her lung removed.
- **Flora Littleton** has been having more seizures. She saw her neurologist on Thursday.
- **Kara Littleton** is dealing with some health concerns.
- **Camille Parsley**, Deford's niece, has metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow.
- **Janette Parsley**, Karen Deford's sister, has a leaky heart valve. She is going to require a replacement valve.
- **Leah Raker**, Kent's great granddaughter who has Rett syndrome, was taken to Riley on Monday with seizures. They are trying some meds and running tests.
- **Barb Short**, Edie Short's sister-in-law, had surgery on Friday due to cancer.
- **Chaney Walls**, teenager girl in Dallas, TX, has Leukemia and has been admitted to the hospital for treatments. Request submitted by Karen Deford.
- **Charlie Weaver** has been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer, which has spread to his femur and lungs. He had prostate surgery on Thursday. Everything went well. He is at home recovering.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Juanita Brunner** (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **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** (stage 4 prostate cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), & **Keven Wooten** (Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo)



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

19th Angie Parrott
24th John Hagan

Anniversary

None to Report

Financial Peace University

The financial class begins this evening in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see Eric or Amy Wiwczarowski.



Our next singing and chili supper will be Saturday, January 25th at 5pm. Please make plans to join us in welcoming guests from our sister congregations as we all come together to sing our Lord's praise! If you can assist with food, please contact George.

New Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Starting January 22

"Focusing on Things That Matter"

The world suggests beauty, intelligence, economic success, power, sexual or sensual pleasure as things which cause us to be happy and successful. But God's Word calls us to be different from the culture of the world. Although this can be a challenge, it isn't a new challenge; it's a matter of priorities.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, January 19	Exodus 4-6
Monday, January 20	Exodus 7-9
Tuesday, January 21	Exodus 10-12
Wednesday, January 22	Exodus 13-15
Thursday, January 23	Exodus 16-18
Friday, January 24	Exodus 19-21
Saturday, January 25	Exodus 22-24

Meditation of God's Word

Christ Our Holiness

The apostle Paul wrote, "It is because of Him [God] that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption." (1Cor 1:30, NIV) In other words, it is God Himself who chose us to be in Christ.

But the truth I want to call attention to is that Christ has become our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. The blessed truth in this is that all believers are sanctified in Christ, even as we are justified in Christ. You see, in ourselves, apart from Christ, we are both guilty and filthy. We are guilty of breaking God's law, and we are filthy in His sight because of the polluting effect of sin. We need both forgiveness from our guilt and cleansing from our filth. Through justification, we are forgiven and declared righteous in the courtroom of God's justice. Through the perfect holiness we have in Christ, our moral filth is removed, and we become fit to enter into the very presence of an infinitely holy God and enjoy fellowship with Him.

Hebrews 10:10, & 14 help us see this aspect of sanctification – the holiness we have in Christ. Verse 10, "And by that will [of God], we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (NIV). Note that *we have been made* holy. This speaks of a completed work. The emphasis here is on the holiness we have in Christ through His once-for-all sacrifice. Verse 14, on the other hand, says, "For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy" (NIV). This verse mentions *being made holy* – speaking of the work of the Holy in progressive sanctification. In other words, in one aspect you are already holy because Christ's holiness is imputed to you. You have been made perfect forever. In another aspect, you are being made holy day by day through the work of the Holy Spirit imparting Christ's life to you.

Holiness should be the objective for our daily lives. Truth is, we will never be holy enough through our own efforts to come before God. We are only holy through Christ. He is our only avenue for which we can approach God.

Two passages in Paul's letters to the Ephesians and Colossians should bring us great encouragement. In Ephesians 1:4, he says, "For He [God] chose us in Him [Jesus] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight" (NIV). And Colossians 1:22 says, "But now He [God] has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (NIV). Because of our union with Christ, God sees His holiness as our holiness. Therefore, we are now holy and are continually being made holy as we live in relationship with Jesus.

...Ronnie Hewitt