



Prayer Concerns

Charlie Weaver is scheduled for prostate surgery on January 16th at Community South.

Eric Wiwczaroski is requesting prayers for his friend, **Bryan Colley & Family**. Bryan's daughter, Dreya, was involved in a serious auto accident last week and was lifelined to the hospital. The injuries and head trauma were too severe; Dreya passed away this past Thursday.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital with feeding tube)

Juanita Brunner (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Moe Handy** (Shut-in, shoulder & sciatic pain), **Martin Julian** (Shut-in), **Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Barb Surber** (Shut-in, dementia)

Susie Crecelous (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus)

Pam Dowty (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's)

Robert Ewing (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer)

Tom Gardner (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer)

Rex Hembree (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments)

Marilyn Hiser (cancer treatments)

Ted Houchin (chronic lymphocytic leukemia)

Sharon Lasiter (cancer treatments)

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)

Vonnie Stonebraker (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments)

Nancy Vermillion (Burriss's friend, cancer treatments)

Delbert Vibbert (Lougene's nephew, COPD)

Charlie Weaver (cancer in lungs, prostate, & femur), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus)

Joel Westberry (neck & spine)

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)



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

5 – Janice Kent

8 – Lonnie Shoopman

Anniversary

None to Report



Morning Glories' Ministry

The next brunch for our ladies is this Saturday, January 11th at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join them for a time of fellowship, food, and a devotional.



Love Feast

Pitch-in / Potluck Fellowship

Please make plans to join us next Sunday, January 12th and invite someone along. We are asked to bring our favorite covered dish (meat or side) and/or dessert to share. We will eat immediately following worship.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, January 25th at 9am over in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, see Clinton Nalley or Lonnie Hewitt.

Area-Wide Singing & Chili Supper

Our Annual Area-Wide Singing & Chili Supper is Saturday, January 25th, starting at 5pm. We will sing from 5-6:30pm and enjoy fellowship & chili with one another immediately following. We are looking for individuals to make full-crockpot sizes of chili along with desserts. If you're able to assist in this area, please see George Hewitt.

Meditation of God's Word

Thy Will

I received a devotional that really caused me to pause and think about my life in God's service. They used the passage from Luke 1 where Gabriel visits Mary and tells her God's plan for her life. *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."* Then the angel left her... *"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is His name."* (Lk 1:38, 46-49)

This passage got me to thinking about my desires and plans versus God's desires and plans; and, am I willing to surrender my plans for His. Mary submitted herself completely to God's will and trusted His message. She willingly accepted the honor – and reproach – that would come because she was the mother of our Lord.

Throughout the history of man, there have always been those who have foregone their own desires and submitted themselves to the plans of God; even during times of great struggle. I am reminded of the struggle Jesus faced in going to the cross. He spent the night before His arrest in the garden praying for the cup of suffering to pass before ultimately stating, *"Not My will, but Thy will be done."* Jesus was perfectly content to suffer whatever may be required to accomplish the great design of God; even if it meant physically suffering death on a cross. The things that God has asked me to endure doesn't even compare to the suffering Jesus endured on my behalf.

So the question is: What am I – what are you – willing to go through to accomplish the will of God?

Mary in the above passage said, *"I am the Lord's servant,"* suggesting a humility and readiness toward faithful and obedient service – which should characterize every believer. She sees it as a great honor to share in God's work. I pray that as the Lord seeks to accomplish His will through me – that I can do the same.

By Ronnie Hewitt