





## Prayer Concerns

**Cindy Davis** started chemo treatments this past Thursday.  
**Rusty & Kathy Hanshaw** have been ill.  
**Barbara Hurst** saw her hematologist on Thursday and will be having a mammogram on the 28<sup>th</sup> due to a lump that has been found.  
**Kara Littleton** recovering from hernia surgery.  
**Cindy Strope** is requesting prayers for a couple who are seeking to adopt their 10-month-old foster child.  
**Charlie Weaver** recovering from prostate surgery due to cancer. **Wanda** is dealing with a sore back.  
**Mary Welling's**, Angie Hewitt's co-worker, mom has cancer throughout multiple organs and is on hospice. Her dad is also in poor health due to strokes he has had in the past.

## Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

**Samantha Brazel**, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Juanita Brunner** (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Shabazz Germany** (friend of Day's, recovering from multiple gunshots), **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, recovering from a kidney transplant), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, has metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Janette Parsley** (Karen Deford's sister, recovering from valve replacement surgery), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome, seizures), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burr's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **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** (stage 4 prostate cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), & **Keven Wooten** (Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo)

## 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)

### Financial Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94      Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23  
 Last Week's Offering: \$2,705.00



## Celebrations This Week

**Birthdays**  
 17<sup>th</sup> Rick Lowe  
 19<sup>th</sup> Isaiah Boner  
**Anniversary**  
 None to Report



Our Youth Group is in Nashville, TN this weekend for Winterfest. They will be returning back tomorrow.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.



If you have not received a copy of this year's budget, there are copies on the table in the back of the auditorium for you. Please review and if you have any questions, see the Elders.



March's event and worship calendar is on the table at the back of the auditorium. Please pick one up and plan accordingly.

## Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, February 16	Numbers 8-10
Monday, February 17	Numbers 11-13
Tuesday, February 18	Numbers 14-15
Wednesday, February 19	Numbers 16-18
Thursday, February 20	Numbers 19-21
Friday, February 21	Numbers 22-24
Saturday, February 22	Numbers 25-26

## Meditation of God's Word

### Growing in Christlikeness

In last week's article, we focused on experiencing sanctification: the radical change God brings about in the heart of a person who trusts Jesus Christ as Savior. It is the passing from spiritual death to spiritual life. It is the beginning of a new creation in Christ and the writing of God's law in our hearts. It means a new relationship with God. All of this is from God and is a gift of His grace.

God does not bring us into His kingdom and then leave us on our own to grow. He continues to work in our lives to conform us more and more into the likeness of His Son. As Paul said, *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus"* (Phil 1:6). This continuing work of God is called "progressive sanctification."

The progressive nature of sanctification is implied throughout the New Testament epistles in all those instances where we are exhorted to grow, to change, to put off the deeds of the old man and put on Christlike character, and so on. It is also clearly implied in Paul's own testimony that *"he had not yet been made perfect"* and his statement that *"he had learned to be content in all circumstances"* (cf. Phil 3:12-14; 4:11).

Romans 12:2 and 2Corinthians 3:18 explicitly teach the progressive nature of sanctification. *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect"* (Rom 12:2, NASB). *"But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit"* (2Cor 3:18, NASB)

The common word in both of these passages is *"transformed."* In both instances, the Greek verb "transformed" is in the present tense, indicating an action that is continuous. As of the nature of this process, 2Cor 3:18 indicates it is the work of the Lord, while Romans 12:2 indicates it is through the renewing of our minds. In both passages, however, the verb "transformed" is passive, indicating it is a work done in us rather than by us. Our God is the one who changes us more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

This transformation is much more than merely a change of outward conduct. It is a renovation of our inner being. It means that our motives as well as our motivations are being constantly change, so that we can say with the psalmist, *"I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches."* *"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long."* (Psalm 119:14, & 97)

...Ronnie Hewitt