



Prayer Concerns

Jeff Dannemiller and family are mourning the passing of his dad, David.
Cindy Davis had a meeting with a multi-disciplinary team concerning her treatment this past Thursday.
Rex Deford has been dealing with severe allergies
Rusty & Kathy Hanshaw have both been ill this past week.
Barbara Hurst has found a lump in her right breast and is causing severe pain. She will be having a mammogram and another test on the 28th.
Kara Littleton had hernia surgery on Wednesday. Everything went well.
Jeanette Parsley, Karen Deford's sister, had open heart surgery to replace a valve. She also needed a pacemaker to help regulate her pulse.
Vonnie Stonebreaker, Sowder's neighbor, has started chemo treatments again.
Cindy Strope is requesting prayers for a couple who want to adopt their 10-month-old foster child, but are facing the possibility that the State is going to take him.
Della Turnbull had a TIA a week ago. She had an MRI this past week which showed no lasting effects. She is being referred to a neurologist.
Charlie Weaver received physical therapy on Tuesday. **Wanda** is dealing with a sore back after moving some furniture.

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, was able to have a kidney transplant on Thursday), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, has metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Janette Parsley** (Karen Deford's sister, recovering from replacement valve 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** (Burriss'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)



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

14th Chaz Redden

Anniversary

12th Charlie & Wanda Weaver (20yrs)

14th Rex & Karen Deford (22yrs)



Love Feast Fellowship

Today is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy a meal and fellowship with us. Following our meal, we will be having our evening Bible Study.



The teens will be making their annual trip to Winterfest on Friday, the 14th and will return on Monday, the 17th.



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



The Elders will be presenting and handing out the budget at the end of worship today.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| Sunday, February 9 | Leviticus 22-23 |
| Monday, February 10 | Leviticus 24-25 |
| Tuesday, February 11 | Leviticus 26-27 |
| Wednesday, February 12 | Numbers 1-2 |
| Thursday, February 13 | Numbers 3-4 |
| Friday, February 14 | Numbers 5-6 |
| Saturday, February 15 | Numbers 7 |

Meditation of God's Word

Experiencing Sanctification

God's ultimate goal for us is that we truly be conformed to the likeness of His Son. This goal is expressed in Romans 8:29: *"For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers."* (NASB)

All throughout the NT we see this ultimate end in view as the writers speak of man's salvation. For example, Paul said that Jesus *"gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good"* (Tit 2:14, NIV). Jesus did not die just to save us from the penalty of sin, nor even just to make us holy in our standing before God. He died to purify for Himself a people eager to obey Him, a people eager to be transformed into His likeness.

So holiness (sanctification) is more than just our standing before God in Christ. It is an actual conformity within us to the likeness of Christ begun at the time of our salvation and completed when we are made perfect in His presence. This process of being gradually conformed to His likeness begins at the very moment of our salvation when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us and to give us a new life in Christ. Again, this is a gradual process as we grow in holiness.

One of the best descriptions of this initial act of God in sanctification is found in Ezek. 36:26-27 where God makes this gracious promise: *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws"* (NIV). Note the changes that God brings about in our inner being when He saves us. He gives us a new heart and puts a new spirit within us – a spirit that loves righteousness and hates sin. He puts His own Spirit within us and moves us to follow His decrees and keep His law; that is, God gives us a growing desire to obey Him.

David said in Ps. 40:8, *"I desire to do your will, O my God."* Why did he have this desire? It was because, as the remainder of the verse says, *"Your law is within my heart."* David found a law written in his own heart corresponding to the law written in God's word. There was an agreeableness between the spiritual nature within him and the written law of God. The same is to be true for all of us as we become new creations in Christ.

Sanctification begun in our hearts by the Holy Spirit changes our attitudes. Instead of being hostile to God's law, we begin to delight in it. We find that His commands are not burdensome, but rather are holy, righteous, and good.

...Ronnie Hewitt