

Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Lucille Bragg	Chris, Karen, and Kaylee	Jordan and Kayla Short
Mills Family	Armstrong	Joe Coleman
CV Thompson	Betty Reese	Kenneth McDaniel
David Jones	Jean Stansburg	Gertrude Hite
Billy Hawthorne	Danny Horne	Rudy Connor
Allen Alcock	Joanne Doty	Carol Neil
Dee Welch	Brenda Horne	The family of Gayle McClure
Vernon Gee	Jeffrey Bacon	Jackie Dalton
Virginia Gee	Suzie Wolf and family	Dorothy Driskill
Linda Dundlow and family	Bobby and Brandon Moseley	Bernard Bottoms
Meta Lawson	Bertha Arthur	David King
Kathy McReynolds	Jeff Hendricks	Francis Hawthorne
Allen Hubbard	Edna Bagley	Betsy Biggerstaff

Prayers for the church, nation, and world:

-For our churches, that we can determine the *labor of love* to which God is calling us.

-For the children's ministry at Antioch, that God would call someone to step forward in leadership

-For the ministries at Williams that reach out to the community, that they would share the love of Christ in a fresh and powerful way

-For children in our area who do not have adequate food, clothing and shelter

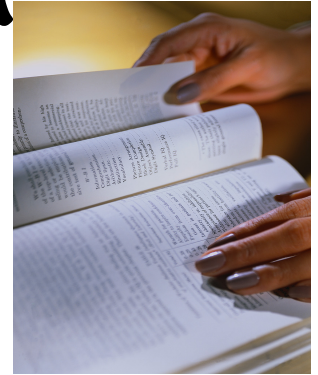
-For people around the globe, that we might all have safe drinking water

-For Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

January 3rd, 2009



Inviting you to daily time with God.

Each day the Transformation Journal will offer you a scripture passage and a question or two for reflection. Take a few minutes each day, and see what God has for you! The prayer list is also on the back, so please take time to pray for those we have lifted up on Sunday.

Sunday, January 3rd

Sermon Notes:

I commit to praying each _____ from _____ - _____ for:

-The Holy Spirit's power in our church

-God to help us see the labor of love he has given to us

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8. Envision yourself as one of this letter's first recipients. How do you feel knowing that your labor of love has impacted many people in a two-state area? What do you desire for the people of Virginia and North Carolina to say about our church?

Monday, January 4th

Read Judges 6:1-16. Because Gideon was not powerful in the eyes of those around him, he did not see how he could be God’s tool for bringing about change. Do you feel like Gideon? How? How does God’s response to Gideon encourage you?

Tuesday, January 5th

Read Judges 7:1-23. In this passage, God sends home almost all of the troops because God wants to use a small group to bring about this great victory. Think about God’s desire to use small groups to do great things. How does that help you think about God’s call for our church?

Wednesday, January 6th

Read Exodus 3:1-12. God tells Moses he can free the Israelites because “I (God) will be with you.” Moses did not have the power on his own, but it was God with him who brought the people out of Egypt. How does this story relate to our desire to follow God’s calling?

Thursday, January 7th

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Paul’s preaching was primarily empowered by the Holy Spirit. As you think about the Holy spirit’s involvement in the early church, ask God how the Spirit can empower our church.

Friday, January 8th

Read Ephesians 3:14-20. God is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine through the power of the Spirit. What do you imagine God doing through our church? Ask God to do it and more!

Saturday, January 9th

Read 1 Corinthians 12. In order to be a fully functioning church, we need gifts from the Spirit to help us live out our calling. Why do we need different gifts in the church? What gifts has God given you?

Sunday, January 10th

As you get ready for worship today, take time to prepare your heart to see God. Offer this prayer: **“Living God, as we gather to worship you today, help me to encounter you, to truly worship you, to hear from you and to have my life changed by you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”**