

## Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

The family of Bernard Bottoms	Domestic abuse victims Lydia Hite	Dan Stienen Anthony Newcomb
The family of Eric Rash Harold and Kitty Springer	Grace Ann Hite Sara Hite Lucille Bragg	Susan Murray Caroleen Williams Bessie Owens
Spencer Wallace Dorothy Driskill Dennis Chumney Suzanne Stigall Edith and Raymond Tanner	Martha White Jerry Davidson Tom Tanner Rose Price Betsy Biggerstaff Otha Wilkins	Frances Seamans Layton Powell Kathy McReynolds Carl Sands Drew Edith Hite
Red Tanner Penny Callis Elaine Pearce Gary Birkett Bernard Nash	Scott Carter Carrie Stostetter Dee Welch Brad and Laurie Morris Billy Hawthorne	Tommy Cage Michelle Honeycutt Jo Ann Vansickle Grace Marshall Hilda Ozlin
The shooting victims and families in Arizona	Virginia and Vernon Gee Allen Alcock	Hazel Taylor Ogburn Taylor
Our servicemen and women	David Jones David Cook and family	Louise Hawthorne
Junior McHenry Brennan Simkins D.B. Hinkle Edna Bagley Mrs. Bertha Arthur	Marvin Vicky Edith Umberger Thomas Taylor Jane Browder	

### Prayers for the church, nation, and world:

- For Charis Storms as she settles into life in the Mongolian countryside, that she would have wisdom in establishing the new non-profit organization
- For the members of the 2011 session of the Virginia General Assembly
- For the Methodist Church of Brazil as it works to help the people affected by this month's floods
- For all those in our local community who struggle to find employment
- For the new United Methodist Church plant in the Fort Lee area and for their pastor, Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud, as they call people back to the church
- For the people of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden

### Others I would like to pray for:

# Transformation Journal

January 23, 2011



*Inviting you to daily time with God.*

Every 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 23rd

Sermon Notes:

Read Hebrews 13:5-6. We do not often think of Jesus' promise never to leave us in terms of relying on him in our finances, but this is the context of the promise! How does this promise help you to be free to be content with your financial status?

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**Monday, January 24th**

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. How have you been tempted to turn away from God by the pursuit of wealth? How have you seen evil come out of the love of money in your life or the lives of those around you? Ask God to remove the love of money from your heart!

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**Tuesday, January 25th**

Read Luke 8:4-15. Jesus refers to one group of would-be disciples as those who begin to follow but are choked out by “the cares and riches and pleasures of life” so that they do not bear fruit. Are you hindered from following Jesus by these thorns? How can you avoid this?

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**Wednesday, January 26th**

Read Matthew 4:8-10. How does the devil tempt you with material gain if you will turn away from the path that God has laid out for you and embrace the devil’s plan? When have you fallen into this trap? When have you been able to resist?

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**Thursday, January 27th**

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10. When our goal is “more,” we will never have enough! In your financial life, what is enough? How can you cultivate a sense of contentment with what you have now?

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**Friday, January 28th**

Read Exodus 20:17. The commandment not to covet is often overlooked because it is about our internal state rather than an action. Why is not coveting so important that God put it in the ten commandments?

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**Saturday, January 29th**

Read Philippians 4:11-13. Paul’s life varied from cold, hungry and imprisoned to well-fed and comfortable, but he was content in every situation. Why? Ask God to establish this contentment in you!

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**Sunday, January 30th**

As we gather for worship, prepare your heart by focusing on God and offering 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.**”

Readings: Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 6:24 and 25:14-30; Ephesians 5:5