

**Sunday, March 25th**

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: Jeremiah 31; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5; John 12:20-33

**Prayer List**

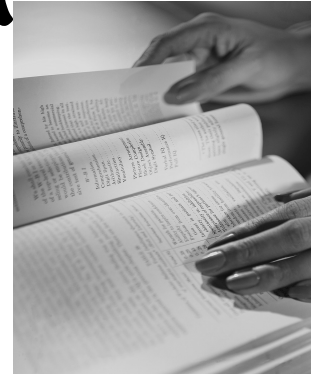
**Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church last Sunday:**

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| Martha G. White           | Ogburn Taylor                        | Virginia Overby                 |
| Elizabeth Reese           | Edith Umberger                       | Harold Springer                 |
| Tom Tanner                | Family of James White                | Travis Henson and Family        |
| Roger Tanner              | Diane Bacon                          | Anne Hudson                     |
| Elizabeth Baker           | Renee Barnes West                    | Timmy Legge                     |
| Jerry Davidson            | Elaine Wright                        | Dorothy Driskill                |
| Charlotte & Lawrence Webb | Phyllis Forbes                       | Ray & Ruth Hathcock             |
| Mary Mills                | Susan Moseley                        | Mae Overby                      |
| Scott Carter              | Wayne Grant                          | Diane Overby                    |
| Carrie Stostetter         | Nikki Robertson & Family             | Judy Sites                      |
| Betty Thompson            | Nancy Rutledge                       | Joni, Kendall & Anthony Newcomb |
| Otha Wilkins              | Julia Beck’s grandson—Jonathan Smith | Rose Elliot                     |
| Sheila Cage               | Junior McHenry                       | Alicia Clary                    |
| Tommy Cage                | Edna Bagley                          | The Family of Clayton Boyd      |
| Edith Hite                | Nathan & Rose Hendricks              |                                 |
| Jane Taylor               | Bertha Arthur                        |                                 |
| Hazel Taylor              |                                      |                                 |
| Hilda Ozlin               |                                      |                                 |

**Others I would like to pray for:**

# Transformation Journal

March 18, 2012



*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, March 18th**

Sermon Notes:

Read Matthew 25:31-46. The evidence of being a follower of Jesus is that we recognize Jesus among the hurting and broken. Where do you see Jesus? Do you recognize him in the poorest of the poor? Are you serving him there? How can you serve Christ better?  
*Prayer focus: Pray that God would work in our church so that we might recognize Jesus and serve him faithfully.*

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**Monday, March 19th**

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. God has placed us in Christ that we might do good works. Does your life reflect the new life that God has given you? How does being “in Christ” challenge you to be a better disciple?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they would clearly demonstrate that they are in Christ through works of love.*

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**Tuesday, March 20th**

Read Exodus 22:21-27. How does following God affect your business? How does it affect the way that you categorize others? Do you identify with the marginalized or criticize and oppress them?

*Prayer focus: Pray for church plants, Journey UMC and the Stand UMC, that they would show justice and mercy to all people.*

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**Wednesday, March 21st**

Read James 2:14-17. How does feeding the hungry enable faith to grow? Is recognizing and meeting needs around you part of your practice of spiritual disciplines? What steps can you take to improve?

*Prayer focus: Pray that the God of Peace would be working to bring peace and stability to the people of Afghanistan.*

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**Thursday, March 22nd**

Read Deuteronomy 24:19-22. Think strategically about practical steps you can take to contribute food to the hungry on a regular basis. (For example, buy an extra can every grocery shopping trip.)

*Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms that she would demonstrate God’s love for the defenseless in her day-to-day life.*

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**Friday, March 23rd**

Read Matthew 19:16-29. God’s call to us who are wealthy always involves a financial sacrifice. Do you give till it hurts? How can you use your wealth to empower the powerless?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Syria as the country continues in a time of unrest and the government arrests and kills protestors.*

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**Saturday, March 24th**

Read Isaiah 58:9-12. How will God repay our efforts to care for the hungry and powerless? Be encouraged to be a blessing! God is at work in and through you!

*Prayer focus: Pray that God will touch the people of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam with the love and compassion of Christ and the Church.*

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