

Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Sarah Olds	Gertrude Hite	The family of Gene
Dee Welch	Dorothy Driskill	Friech
Cookie Currin	David King	Michelle Honeycutt
Beth Roberts	Charles Thomas	Jo Ann Vansickle
Skye Murray Albers	Bonnie Hargrave	Grace Marshall
Patsy Featherstun	Alicia Clary	Hilda Ozlin
Glenn Norwood	Lucille Bragg	Hazel Taylor
Bernard Nash	Martha G. White	Ogburn Taylor
Beverly Hill	Thomas Taylor	Kathy McReynolds
Susan Moseley	The family of Betsy	Frances Seamans
Ashley Mabe	Biggerstaff	Fred Bates
Gary Birkett	Tom Tanner	Dale
Junior McHenry	Sandra Griffith	Martha Mitchell
Edna Bagley	Patricia Dicks	Sheila Cage
Jan Anderson	Otha Wilkins	Tommy Cage
Frances Hawthorne	Jerry Davidson	Layton Powell
Alisa Rozenbroek	Betty Thompson	Virginia Gee
Bertha Arthur	Billy Hawthorne	Vernon Gee
Linda Seely	Allen Alcock	Brent and Kim Rickey
Buzz Willis	David Jones	
Tom Cadmus	Brad Morris	

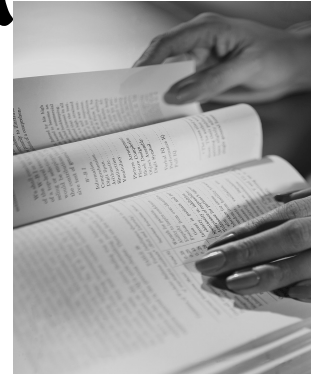
Prayers for the church, nation, and world:

- For Charis Storms to have wisdom in working with the government to get official permission to launch the mobile library project
- For the people of Japan, as they begin the long road of recovery after a devastating earthquake and tsunami
- For all the families in Japan who lost loved ones in the earthquake and tsunami
- For the victims and families of victims of domestic violence
- For the 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 China, Hong Kong, and Macao

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

March 20, 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, March 20th

Sermon Notes:

Read Genesis 16:1-6. In Genesis 15, God covenanted to provide a son to Abram and Sarai. Sarai doubts God and controls the situation. Control is a key factor in domestic violence. How do her actions hurt those close to her? Why is freedom important in relationships?

Monday, March 21st

Read Genesis 16:7-12. God finds Hagar in her distress, promises to care for her, and speaks the first of many oracles to women regarding their unborn children. Why is it significant that God gives the child the name "Ishmael," which means "God hears"? Is this comforting to you?

Tuesday, March 22nd

Read Genesis 16:13-16. In response to God's care, Hagar names God (God's first name in Scripture). She calls God, "El-Roy," which means "God sees." Society has programmed us to turn a blind eye to abuse. How can we follow God's example and see the victims around us?

Wednesday, March 23rd

Read Genesis 21:8-14. Hagar is officially divorced from Abraham and freed from slavery to Sarah. She begins her new life as a single mother. Here God endorses divorce and separation of victims from abusers. Does this challenge your understanding of God and divorce? How?

Thursday, March 24th

Read Genesis 21:15-21. God again hears Ishmael and sees Hagar. God empowers Hagar to start a new life. How is Hagar a good example to victims of abuse? How can she inspire you to support victims?

Friday, March 25th

Read Genesis 4:1-16. This is the first episode of domestic violence. What is God's response to Cain? Why is it important that "Abel's blood cries to God from the ground"? Do you need to repent of abuse?

Saturday, March 26th

Read I John 3:11-24. As people of God, we are called to love. When we do not love, we demonstrate that we are not true followers. Why is love, not control, our trademark? Ask God for more love!

Sunday, March 27th

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: 2 Kings 19-20; 2 Chronicles 7:12-16; Luke 11:1-13; James 4:1-3