

**Sunday, April 1st (Palm/Passion Sunday)**

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: Isaiah 50; Psalm 118; Philippians 2; Mark 11, 14-15

**Prayer List**

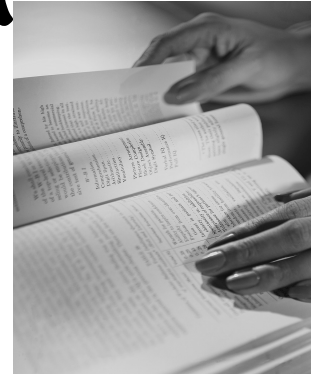
**Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church last Sunday:**

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| Pat Rose                           | Dorothy Driskill            | Jim Maynard             |
| Patti Woods                        | Ray and Ruth Hathcock       | David Jones and family  |
| Melinda Bagley                     | Geraldine Glasscock         | David Cook and family   |
| Carolyn Moseley                    | Edith Tanner                | Allen Alcock and family |
| Diane Bacon                        | Barbara Callis              | Billy Hawthorne         |
| Zina Barbour                       | Elizabeth Reese             | Virginia and Vernon Gee |
| Junior McHenry                     | Martha G. White             | The family of Clifton   |
| Phyllis Forbes                     | Tom Tanner                  | Edmonds                 |
| W.T. Reams                         | Linda Luff                  | Michelle Honeycutt      |
| Edna Bagley                        | Jerry Luff                  | Grace Marshall          |
| Nathan, Rose, and Samuel Hendricks | Jerry Davidson              | Marjorie Thompson       |
| Whit Bragg                         | Charlotte and Lawrence Webb | Hilda Ozlin             |
| Steve Higgins                      | Elizabeth Barker            | Hazel Taylor            |
| Diane Overby                       | Betty Thompson              | Ogburn Taylor           |
| Raymond Hudson                     | Otha Wilkins                | Edith Hite              |
| Steven Stroupe                     | Mary Mills                  | Louise Ogburn           |
| Ashley Grant                       | Scott Carter                |                         |
| Marvin                             | Carrie Stostetter           |                         |

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

# Transformation Journal

March 25, 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 25th**

Sermon Notes:

Read John 12:20-33. Jesus compares life and ministry to the growth of a seed—death must happen before life. Like him, we must be willing to lose our lives in order to find it. What are you willing to lose? Do you trust that God will always lead you well?

*Prayer focus: Pray that God would work in our church so that we might be willing to let death lead to new life and fruitfulness.*

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**Monday, March 26th**

Read Isaiah 53. Jesus' willingness to die goes against the tendency for self-preservation, but the cross has transformed the world. How are you willing to go against your tendencies to follow God's leading?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they would put God's plans and priorities first in their lives.*

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**Tuesday, March 27th**

Read Hebrews 2:9-15. What do you think of the idea that Jesus was made perfect through suffering? How does knowing about Jesus' suffering help you to connect to him and receive help from him?

*Prayer focus: Pray for church plants, Journey UMC and the Stand UMC, that they would draw near to their suffering Savior.*

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**Wednesday, March 28th**

Read John 5:31-38. Why do you think that those who opposed Jesus could "never hear God's voice"? Are you open to hearing God's voice even if God is speaking a word of rebuke to you?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist General Conference that every delegate would be able to hear from God.*

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**Thursday, March 29th**

Read Colossians 3:1-5. You have died! Talk with God about what it means that you have died and how you can then "put to death" those things in your life that oppose God.

*Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms that she would know her life to be hidden in Christ as she seeks to put to death all ungodliness in herself.*

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**Friday, March 30th**

Read John 15:1-11. Have you been "pruned" by God? How did God change your life to make you more fruitful? Are you willing to be pruned by God again?

*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 31st**

Read Colossians 1:15-22. Take some time to reflect on the power of the cross to reconcile all things to God because of Jesus' willingness to pray, "Father, Glorify your name." Can you pray that prayer?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the church in China, Hong Kong, and Macao that they would be willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus.*

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