

Sunday, April 8th (Easter 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: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 15; John 20:1-18

Prayer List

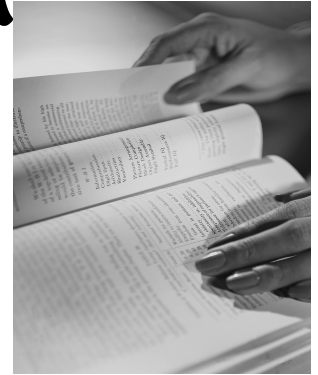
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church last Sunday:

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| Martha G. White | Diane Bacon | Carolyn Moore |
| Clayton Martin | Phyllis Forbes and family | Christie Ogburn |
| Anne Hudson | Junior McHenry | Louise Ogburn |
| Judy Sites | The Zina Barbour family | Tom Tanner |
| Rosa Elliott | Rev. Al Green | Jerry Davidson |
| Diane Overby | Wendy Wright | Elizabeth Barber |
| Joni, Kendall, and Anthony Newcomb | W. T. Reams | Dennis Barker |
| Dorothy Driskill | Edna Bagley | Charlotte and Lawrence Webb |
| Ray and Ruth Hathcock | Rickelle Gauldin | The family and friends of Otha Wilkins |
| Nancy Rutledge | Janice Hawkes | Betty Thompson |
| Jerry Smith | Kevin, Allison, Jack, Luke, and Madelyn Stone | Scott Carter |
| Alicia Clary | Bertha Arthur | Carrie Stostetter |
| Dick Chaney | Virginia and Bobby Overby | Linda and Jerry Luff |
| Edith Tanner | Rev. Mike Day | Michelle Honeycutt |
| Barbara Callis | Frances Moore | Marjorie Thompson |
| George Tanner | Geraldine Glasscock | Edith Hite |
| Alma Wallace | Randy Maitland | Hilda Ozlin |
| Young Jin Cho | Sally Bagley | Hazel Taylor |
| Kai Schraml and Sonja de Boer | | Jim Maynard |
| | | Elizabeth Reese |

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

April 1, 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, April 1st

Sermon Notes:

Read Mark 11:1-11. How do you feel about the celebration of the crowd as you think about the way the crowd will respond to Jesus in the days to come? Are you ever tempted to praise Jesus when the crowd is praising but turn away from him when the crowd turns?

Prayer focus: Pray that God would work in our church so that we would follow after Jesus both when it is popular and when it is hard.

Monday, April 2nd

Read Isaiah 50:4-9. These words were written many years before Jesus' birth. Imagine reading these words and not knowing about Jesus. How would you feel about the person Isaiah is telling about?

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

Tuesday, April 3rd

Read Philippians 2:5-11. Read through this passage a few times. What would it take for you to have the same mind in you that was in Jesus Christ?

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

Wednesday, April 4th

Read Mark 14:1-25. Talk to God about what it means to eat the body of Christ and drink the blood of Christ. How are you able to encounter Christ at the communion table?

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

Thursday, April 5th

Read Mark 14:26-72. Envision the story as Mark tells it. Where are you as the events unfold? How do you respond? Do you think you could have done better than Peter?

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms that she would encounter Jesus afresh this Lenten season.

Friday, April 6th

Read Mark 15:1-37. How do you feel as you read through this story? How do you think God the Father felt as he watched on without intervening?

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

Saturday, April 7th

Read Mark 15:38-47. Put yourself into the story and try to experience the grief of those who did not know that Jesus would be resurrected. How do you feel? Thank God that we know Sunday is coming!

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore, that they would encounter the risen Christ.
