

## Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Lucille Bragg	Helen Baty	May West
Bernard Bottoms	Lee Marshall	Barry Puelo
CV and Agnes Thompson	Marge Kurly	Junior McHenry
Otha Wilkins	Vernon Gee	Nannie Sue Dawson
Charlotte and Lawrence Webb	Virginia Gee	Michelle Day Logan
Billy Hawthorne	Servicemen and women	Edna Bagley
Dee Welch	Charis Storms	Jeff Hendricks
Marvin	Joy, Andrew and Anastasia Book	Bertha Arthur
David Jones	Dorothy Driskill	Betty Roegge
Allen Alcock	Dennis Chumney	Spence Wallace
Betty Thompson	Suzanne Stigall	Wayne Elliot
Scott Carter	Dwight Callis	Charley "Doc" Donnavant
Meta Lawson	Raymond and Edith Tanner	Wayne Gee
Kathy McReynolds	Blackwell Bennett	David King
Susan Dalton	Wendy Ripberger	Diane Overby
Mary Caitlin Hite	CJ, Robin and Rhiley Marshall	Joni, Kendall, and Anthony Newcomb
Grace Marshall		Wayne Arnold

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

- For our churches, that we can determine the *labor of love* to which God is calling us
- For the season of growth we are entering, that we will be able to bear fruit
- For Charis Storms and the people of Mongolia
- For the new church plants in Virginia, especially the church plant at Fort Lee
- For those working to contain the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and for all those whose lives have been impacted by the oil
- For the people of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

### Others I would like to pray for:



# CULTIVATING FRUITFULNESS

JUNE 20, 2010

*HELPING US TO BEAR FRUIT!*

Every day this journal will offer you a scripture passage and a question or two for reflection on how we can bear fruit. 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, JUNE 20TH

Sermon Notes:

***WHAT CAN WE DO AS A CHURCH TO BETTER INVITE, WELCOME, RECEIVE, OR CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT PART OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY?***

Read Genesis 18:1-8. What can we learn about hospitality from Abraham's interaction with these strangers? Abraham was willing to exceed the expectations of his culture to be radically hospitable. How can we exceed expectations to show God's love and care?

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**MONDAY, JUNE 21ST**

Read Matthew 25:31-46. Jesus tells us we should care for those around us in the same way that we would care for Jesus himself. How can we as a church take this teaching seriously and see our interactions with those outside the community as interactions with Jesus?

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 22ND**

Read Romans 15:7. How has Christ welcomed us? Imagine yourself as an outsider coming to our church for the first time. Would you sense this kind of welcome? What can we do as a church to ensure that people receive a Christ-like welcome at our church?

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD**

Read Matthew 22:1-10. The king instructs his servants to invite everyone that they see to the wedding banquet. As you think about the people who are part of our church community, who is not here? What can we do as a church to invite those people to join us?

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH**

Read Romans 12:9-13. Hospitality is included on this list with other, more “spiritual,” concerns. Do you believe that hospitality is a spiritual concern? How can we make hospitality central in our church?

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH**

Read 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:7-8. Hospitality was essential for leaders in the early church. Why do you think hospitality was so important at that time? Do we look for hospitality in our leaders today? Why?

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH**

Read Deuteronomy 10:12-19. Do you remember a time when you were a stranger? How important was it for you to be loved? How can we better love those who are strangers to us?

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 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.”**