

Sunday, August 14th

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: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11; Matthew 15:10-28

Prayer List

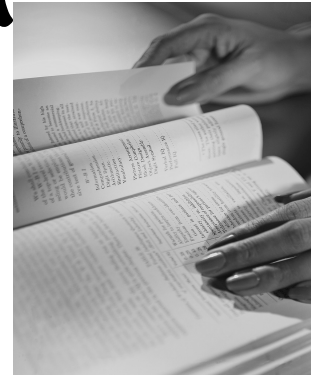
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

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| Layton Powell | Brad and Laurie Morris | Josh and Katie Overby |
| Stacey Mitchell | Sarah Olds | Shirley Moncure |
| Peter Clegg | Thomas Taylor | Junior McHenry |
| Frances Seamans | Martha White | Thelma Fallen |
| Lois Farmer | Otha Wilkins | Allison Brooks |
| Susan Murray | Scott Carter | Anessa Acors |
| Sheila Cage | Carrie Stostetter | Mary White |
| Tommy Cage | Tom Tanner | Agnes Wilkinson |
| Billy | Jerry Davidson | Rick Collins |
| George Andrews | Sunny Reese | Edna Bagley |
| Becky Kelley | The family of Johnnye | Dorothy Driskill |
| Billy Hawthorne | Thompson | Ruth Hathcock |
| Vernon Gee and family | Danny Bagley | Mae Overby |
| David Jones and family | Michelle Honeycutt | Dorothy Shields |
| David Cook and family | Jo Ann Vansickle | Joni, Kendall and |
| Allen Alcock and family | Grace Marshall | Anthony Newcomb |
| Marvin | Hilda Ozlin | Carter Edmondson |
| Vicky | Hazel Taylor | Judy Sites |
| J.J. Evans | Edith Hite | Danny Tomas |
| Danny | Helen Buchanan | Robbie and Irene Pruitt |
| | Denise Harper | |

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

August 7, 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, August 7th

Sermon Notes:

Read James 1:19-27. How often do you hear the Word of God and put what you have heard into practice? Think about the last 3-4 sermons or Bible Studies in which you have been part. Have you lived out those messages?

Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole and our church, that we would be doers of the word and not just hearers.

Monday, August 8th

Read Matthew 25:14-30. What motivated the first two servants to make use of what had been entrusted to them? What about you? What motivates you to use the gifts that God has entrusted to you?

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that as she uses what God has given to her, many would come to faith.

Tuesday, August 9th

Read Matthew 25:14-30. Can you think of a time when you were paralyzed by fear based on misconception like the third servant? Does fear limit your willingness to use what God has entrusted to you now?

Prayer focus: Pray for holy boldness for those in the new church plants in our area: The Stand UMC (Fort Lee) and Journey UMC (Amelia).

Wednesday, August 10th

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. Who are your heroes of faith on which you try to model your life? How do you look to those heroes to guide you? How do they guide you?

Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they might see Jesus clearly and all run the race of face with perseverance.

Thursday, August 11th

Read Isaiah 41. God says multiple times “Do not fear” and explains that God is able to use the tiny nation of Israel to overcome (“thresh” and “winnow”) other nations . Do you believe God can use you?

Prayer focus: Pray for the 12 million people in the Horn of Africa who are at risk of starvation, that they would receive everything they need.

Friday, August 12th

Read Matthew 24:45-51. What/who has God placed you over? How faithful are you to caring for that which is in your care? How will God respond to you on the day of judgment?

Prayer focus: Pray for peace throughout the Middle East, especially in Syria and Israel/Palestine.

Saturday, August 13th

Read Zechariah 4:10. Instead of looking at results, look at how faithful you are to using the gifts God has given to you (no matter how small!). Celebrate the ways you are using what God has entrusted to you!

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Australia and New Zealand, that they would be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to them.
