

Sunday, August 21st

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 58; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 6:1-7; James 2:14-17

Prayer List

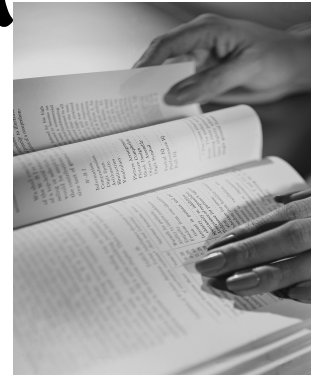
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

The Tanner family	Alicia Clary	Charis Storms
Patsy Feasterstun	Sarah Olds	Rose Whitby
Denise Harper	Robbie and Irene Pruitt	Tom Tanner
Allison Brooks	Josh and Katie Overby	Jerry Davidson
Junior McHenry	Martha White	Carrie Stostetter
The Seamster family	Susan Murray	Scott Carter
Rich Collins	Bessie Owens	Otha Wilkins
Todd Malone	Kathy McReynolds	David Jones and family
The family of Brenda Jones	Drew	Billy Hawthorne
Barbara Callis	Dale	Peter Clegg
Edna Bagley	Lois Farmer	Virginia and Vernon Gee
Bertha Arthur	Layton Powell	Marvin
Virginia Overby	Jessie	Vicky
Dorothy Shields	Becky Kelley	Thomas Taylor
Michelle Day Logan	George Andrews	Edith Umberger
Gayle Grant	Grace Marshall	Barbara Evans
Jerry Glasscock	Tommy Cage	
	Sheila Cage	

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

August 14, 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 14th

Sermon Notes:

Read Genesis 45:1-15. Imagine yourself in Joseph’s situation. How would you respond to such a long-standing (22 years) offense? What struggles do you have with your family? How are you working towards reconciliation?

Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole and our church, that we would be places of reconciliation.

Monday, August 15th

Read Romans 12:9-21. This passage gives a long list of ways that we can be working towards unity. Pick one passage and come up with a few practical ways that you can live out that teaching in your life.

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 16th

Read John 17:11-23. Jesus' prays for us to be united so that when people see unity in the church, this draws them to God. How have you seen unity draw people or disunity push them away?

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 17th

Read Matthew 18:23-35. Jesus reminds us of how much God has forgiven us and how petty our unforgiveness seems in light of all we have been forgiven. Who do you need to forgive today?

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

Thursday, August 18th

Read Ephesians 2:11-22. In Christ, the world divisions of race, class, and social standing should disappear. Think about specific people who are different from you to whom you need to reach out.

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 19th

Read Revelation 7:9-12. The final picture of the church is a picture of unity across all boundaries. Ask God to show you how you can help the church to move towards this picture of unity now.

Prayer focus: Pray for peace throughout England and for the rioters, that they would find hope in the One who died that they might live.

Saturday, August 20th

Read Matthew 5:21-26. Jesus is clear that God does not want us to come into worship before we have been reconciled. With whom do you need to be reconciled today before you worship tomorrow?

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of the South Pacific, that they would encounter Christ and live abundant lives.
