

Sunday, September 18th

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.”**

Prayer List

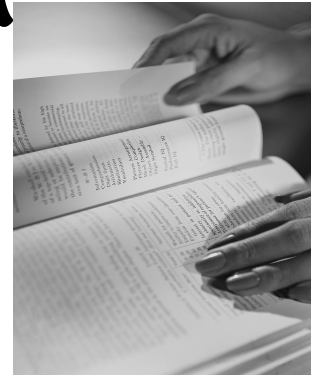
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

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| Josh, Katie, and Blake Overby | The family of Kitty Spring | Sammy Reese Edith Hite |
| Robbie Chumney | Mary White | Grace Marshall |
| Nell Thomas | The Jones family | Michelle Honeycutt |
| Dorothy Driskill | Cynthia Peebles | Hilda Ozlin |
| Peggy Newcomb | David Jones and family | Hazel Taylor |
| Carter Edmonson | Allen Alcock and family | Ogburn Taylor |
| Red Tanner | Brad and Laurie Morris | Jo Ann Vansickle |
| Cathy Callis | Curtis | George Andrews |
| Georgia David | Danny | Susan Murray |
| Edna Bagley | Billy Hawthorne | Bessie Owens |
| Jeff and Gay Hendricks | Stuart | Martha White |
| The Emory Beauman Family | Virginia and Vernon Gee | Scott Carter |
| Elaine Wright | Vicky | Carrie Stostetter |
| Denise Harper | Marvin | Betty Thompson |
| Edward Wright | Lionel Viar | Tom Tanner |
| Vanessa Mullins | The homeless | Jerry Davison |
| Hannah Logan | Storm victims | Terresa Thompson |
| Tom and Michelle Day Logan | Kathy McReynolds | Becky Kelley |
| Allison Brookes | Layton Powell | Teresa and Charles Hudson |
| Junior McHenry | Frances Seamans | Debbie Campbell |
| Bertha Arthur | Lois Farmer | The family of Margaret Cocks |
| Bobby and Virginia Overby | Drew | The family of Charles Ozlin |
| Al Greene | Anthony Newcomb | Melissa and Al Brooks |
| | Dale | |
| | Sheila Cage | |
| | Frances Hawthorne | |

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

September 11, 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, September 11th

Sermon Notes:

Read Romans 14:1-12. Are you tempted to judge others? Why or why not? How can you redirect your energy to help you grow in your own faith? Remember that we will all stand before the one true judge, and God will have the final word!

Prayer focus: Pray for our nation, that we would be a people who look to God and follow Jesus.

Monday, September 12th

Read Matthew 18:21-35. How hard is it to forgive someone who has hurt you? What about someone who has hurt you repeatedly? What does Jesus' call to forgive "seven times seventy" times mean?

Prayer focus: Pray for our nation, that we would be people who are defined by forgiveness towards each other and those around the world.

Tuesday, September 13th

Read John 12:23-26. Jesus tells us that his disciples must follow him and go where he goes. How does this guide our response to violent acts against us?

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that she would have wisdom in the business dealings of her ministry.

Wednesday, September 14th

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What does it mean to lay aside every weight that hinders us from running the race of faith? Are anger, hatred, vengeance, or bitterness weights that you need to lay aside?

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, September 15th

Read Psalm 27. The "one thing" that the psalmist wants is to live in the house of the Lord and be near God. What is the one thing that is most important to 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, September 16th

Read Luke 9:57-62. Following Jesus requires putting every other priority behind Jesus. What priorities in your life threaten to push following Jesus out of the first place?

Prayer focus: Pray for the United Methodist Church as a whole and our church, that we would place following Jesus above all else.

Saturday, September 17th

Read Philippians 3:4-17. Paul lays aside all of his earthly power and privilege so that he might follow Christ more closely. What earthly prestige do you need to set aside to more fully follow Jesus?

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania, especially the Roma (Gypsy) people who are regularly oppressed.
