

**Sunday, October 30th**

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: Isa. 54:11-17; Ps. 125; 1 Cor. 3:10-17; Matt. 16:13-20

**Prayer List**

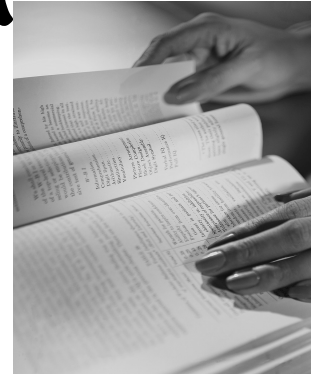
**Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:**

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| Edith Parham                         | Dorothy Driskill                      | Carrie Stostetter       |
| Susan and Walt Moseley<br>and family | Ruth Hathcock                         | Scott Carter            |
| Hannah Logan                         | Joni, Kendall, and<br>Anthony Newcomb | Otha Wilkins            |
| Betty Barbour                        | Ronald Stronger                       | Carolyn Foster          |
| Charles and Marge<br>Blackman        | Katy, Josh and Blake<br>Overby        | Billy Hawthorne         |
| Bruce Seamster                       | Susan Biddle                          | Vernon and Virginia Gee |
| The family of Ryland<br>Hamlett      | Sachin Patel                          | Vicky                   |
| Betty Sue and Johnny<br>Hantley      | Martha White                          | Marvin                  |
| Timmy Clark and family               | Tom Tanner                            | David Jones and family  |
| Junior McHenry                       | Lawrence and Charlotte<br>Webb        | Mr. Harvey Gray         |
| Helen Buchanan                       | Jerry Davidson                        | Col. C. R. Casey        |
| Edna Bagley                          | Michelle Honeycutt                    | Mr. Gil Hales           |
| Lydia Hite                           | Edith Hite                            | Cindy Drager            |
| Anne Hudson                          | Grace Marshall                        | Judy Shepherd           |
| Harold Springer                      | Hilda Ozlin                           | Debra Smiley            |
|                                      | Betty Thompson                        | Dr. Linda Sheffield     |
|                                      |                                       | Tommy Cage              |

**Others I would like to pray for:**

# Transformation Journal

October 23, 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, October 23rd**

Sermon Notes:

Read 1 Peter 2:4-12. What does it mean for you to be an alien and an exile in this world and a citizen of God’s kingdom? Do we as a church community reflect God’s call to the church to be a community that lives differently from the world around us?

*Prayer focus: Pray for our church, that we would live up to the call of God to live differently from those around us who are self-focused.*

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**Monday, October 24th**

Read John 17:13-18. Jesus reminds us that we are sent into a world that we do not belong in. How are you out of place in your world (job, etc.)? Why has God sent you into this place where you do not fit?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they would know and follow God's calling for them.*

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**Tuesday, October 25th**

Read Hebrews 11:1-16. God is not ashamed of those whose eyes are on God's kingdom rather than what they have left behind. Are you looking to God's desires or back at what you have left?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the church plants, Journey UMC and the Stand UMC, that they would have eyes of faith looking towards God's future.*

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**Wednesday, October 26th**

Read Psalm 39. Take some time to consider how fleeting life is and how we truly are simply passing guests in this life. How do these reflections challenge you to live?

*Prayer focus: Pray for our nation, that we would live as people who recognize the shortness of life and the call to live for God.*

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**Thursday, October 27th**

Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-7. As Christ-followers, we should be groaning for the things of God to replace the brokenness of this world. What do you groan for?

*Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms and her work in Mongolia, that she would have God's heart for the people around her.*

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**Friday, October 28th**

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-22. Recognizing he was a transient on earth allowed David to be generous with all he received because he knew everything is from God. How does being an "alien" here impact you?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the world's 15.4 million refugees, that they might know the God who embraces transients and have their needs met.*

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**Saturday, October 29th**

Read Ephesians 2:11-22. While we are "aliens" towards the world, we have been invited into God's family. What does it mean to be a part of God's family? How do you live out this new affiliation?

*Prayer focus: Pray for the people of India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, that they might see the Gospel lived out in life-changing ways.*

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