

Sunday, December 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.”**

Readings: 2 Samuel 7; Luke 1:26-55; Romans 16:25-27

Prayer List

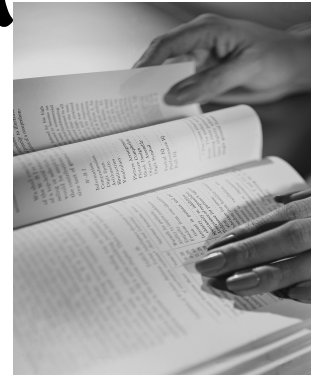
Please note the names of people needing prayer who were named in church this Sunday:

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| Layton Powell | The Hammonds family | Ralph Beckwith |
| Frances Seamans | Jerry Davidson | Chandra Beckwith |
| Cindy Manning | Betty Thompson | Eric Harrell Junior |
| Frank Salyers | Scott Carter | The family of Bradley Beckwith |
| Al Carter | Carrie Stostetter | Renee Barnes West |
| Susan Murray | Otha Wilkins | Edna Bagley |
| Betty Yerby | Billy Hawthorne | Bertha Arthur |
| Frances Hawthorne | Virginia and Vernon Gee | Families coping with suicide |
| Elizabeth Crowder | Martha White | Virginia Overby |
| The family of Margaret Farell | Sylvia Allen | The Gregory family |
| Kathy McReynolds | Louise Ogburn | The Williams family |
| Danny Ilacqua | The family of Mary Goodwyn | Alicia Cundiff |
| Becky Kelley | The family of Al Crymes | Edith Tanner |
| George Andrews | Alice Roby | Annette Cole |
| Margie Thompson | Tika Daigle | Ashley Grant |
| Grace Marshall | Edith Parham | Dorothy Driskill |
| Sheila Cage | Hilda Ozlin | Dennis Chumney |
| Tom Tanner | The family of Joel Cathey | Charles Thomas |
| Agnes Thompson | Junior McHenry | Ruth Hathcock |
| Charlotte and Lawrence Webb | Elaine Wright | |

Others I would like to pray for:

Transformation Journal

December 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, December 11th

Sermon Notes:

Read Isaiah 61. These words from Isaiah declare a mission that is focused on reaching others: the oppressed, the brokenhearted, the poor and more. What is your life’s mission? Is your mission focused on yourself or on others?

Prayer focus: Pray that our church will be guided by the UMC mission —to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Monday, December 12th

Read John 1:6-8; 19-28. Can you envision living with the sole goal of pointing people towards someone else? John lived to be a witness to Jesus. What would people who look at your life say you live for?

Prayer focus: Pray for Pastor Andrew and his family, that they would be living witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, December 13th

Read 2 Kings 6:24-7:20. Envision yourself in the place of the four lepers. How would you act in this situation? What did they gain or lose from proclaiming the Good News of God’s deliverance?

Prayer focus: Pray for church plants, Journey UMC and the Stand UMC, to be those who proclaim the Good News of great Joy.

Wednesday, December 14th

Read John 1:29-37. John was able to call people to follow him and then point them on to following Jesus. How can you help point the people you know towards Jesus?

Prayer focus: Pray for the worldwide church, that we would be powerful witnesses of the Joy of Christmas to those around us.

Thursday, December 15th

Read Revelation 12:7-12. The word of their testimony is part of what allows the saints to overcome Satan. Why do you think the word of our testimony is so important? How do you testify to the Good News?

Prayer focus: Pray for Charis Storms that she would testify to the love and power of God in life-changing ways.

Friday, December 16th

Read John 4:1-41. Why was the testimony of the woman so effective at bringing people to Jesus? How can we learn from her to point people to Jesus so they may then hear for themselves that Christ is Lord?

Prayer focus: Pray for the people of Syria as the country continues in a time of unrest as the government arrests and kills protestors.

Saturday, December 17th

Read Psalm 126. Can you feel the joy of the psalmists as they proclaim the Good News of God’s deliverance? What things in life are you this excited about sharing with those around you?

Prayer focus: Pray that the people of Benin, Ivory Coast, and Togo would know the joy of Christmas this year.
