



Prayer List

PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRES IN MAUI, HAWAII

Ed Sanford - stroke in the eye (Elaine Stumpf's brother)

Family of Mark Doberenz - grieving (He was an elder of the Heritage Church of Christ in OK.)

Le-Ann Lehman - stomach cancer (wife of an acquaintance of Rosemary Biggs)

Bill Kincaid - cancer treatment (friend of Jason Smith)

Caitlin Elswick - recovering from leukemia & on 24-hr oxygen (daughter of Rosemary Biggs' neighbor)

Paula Martin - metastatic breast cancer (Brent & Vonn Martin's daughter-in-law)

Bill Abbott - not well
Family & friends of Kevin O'donnell - grieving (friend of Ed DeAlmo)

Dennis Hawks - doing well after hernia surgery

Sharon Smith - doing well after thyroid surgery

Joy Cox - several health problems (Wayne Cox's brother)

Neil Floyd - in hospital in NC (Jason Smith's uncle)

Glenn Pryor - heart problems (Doretha Banks' brother)

Family of Carl Kincaid - grieving (He was a member of the Oak Hill Church of Christ)

Priscilla Raines - out of ICU, doing better (acquaintance of Krysten Fernandes)

Ruth Naff - injured in a fall

Nadine Jaap - debilitating back problems

Halee Richmond & baby Rylee

God is Dedicated to You. Are You Dedicated to Him?

Have you ever considered how God shows His dedication to His creation and His people? God shows His dedication through the physical world. When talking to the people who worshiped false gods in Lystra, Paul observed that the true God "did not leave himself without witness, in that He did good and gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). Everyone is a beneficiary of God's dedication to His creation. Everyone enjoys this physical creation's good things, including those who don't acknowledge God. As Paul later observed in Athens (also speaking to those who worshipped false gods) that, regarding the true God, it is in "Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Every day we see God's shining sun, we see His dedication to His creation. Every day we enjoy the food produced by this creation, we see God's dedication to His creation.

But God has shown His dedication in other ways. God is not only concerned about this world's physical state but is also concerned about this world's spiritual state. What has God done that shows His dedication to this world in the spiritual sense? "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). As the Apostle Paul observed, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (Rom. 8:31-32). God is so dedicated to spiritually saving His creation that He offered His Son for that creation. You are part of that creation. God is dedicated to caring for you. God is dedicated to saving you from your sins.

God's dedication is remarkable. But what about our dedication to Him? Are we dedicated to honoring and glorifying Him who is dedicated to us? What does dedication to God look like? One place that presents this view of dedication is Colossians 1:9-12: "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and long-suffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light." According to this passage, one who is dedicated to God will be filled with His will, will seek to walk worthy of God, and will give thanks to God. Elsewhere, Paul expressed His dedication to Christ by writing, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). God truly is dedicated to you. Are you dedicated to Him?

— Jason P. Smith

Family News

SERMON - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is "*God's Dedication and Our Need to Be Dedicated.*"

FOURTH-SUNDAY HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL - We will meet in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on Sun, Aug 27, for our Fourth-Sunday Hymn sing and then gather in the Family Room for our last Ice Cream Social of the summer. NO ice cream is needed but bring other snacks if you wish.

SNACK BAGS FOR HEAD START KIDS - On Wed, Aug 30, we will begin a new school year of packing snack bags for the children who attend Raleigh County Head Start. This year we will pack 109 bags each week. Please help if you can.



August 20, 2023

Tune in to Jerry's lessons Wednesday at 1:00 PM on:

<https://www.facebook.com/jerry.stumpf.7>

Audio lessons at:

<https://nbeckley.org/sermon>

Always Remember That God Gives Enough

Enough happiness to keep you sweet

Enough trials to keep you strong

Enough sorrows to keep you human

Enough hope to keep you happy

Enough failure to keep you humble

Enough success to keep you eager

Enough friends to give you comfort

Enough wealth to meet your needs

Enough faith to banish depression

Enough enthusiasm to make you look forward

Enough determination to make each day a better day than the last.

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established."

PROVERBS 16:3
—House to House/Heart to Heart

North Beckley Facts & Figures

Sunday, Aug 13

Bible Class - 23

Sunday Morning - 40

Sunday Evening - 17

Wednesday, Aug 16

Bible Study - 19

Weekly Offering:

\$ 2,295

Budget Goal:

\$ 2,000

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bill Keom



"The Bible tells us to study math. It says, 'Go forth and multiply.'"

Worship Schedule

Sunday Bible Study: **10:00 AM**
 Sunday Services: **11:00 AM & 6:00 PM**
 Wednesday Bible Study: **7:00 PM**

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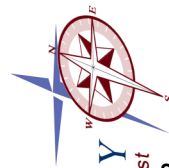
*Seek the Lord and his
 strength; seek his presence
 continually!*

Psalm 105:4



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 3 - Ralph Marlow	Aug 17 - Mark & Edna Jaap
Aug 5 - Edward DeAlmo	Aug 19 - Jeff Webb
Aug 9 - Ralph & Raymona Marlow	Peyton & Halee Richmond
Aug 12 - Raymona Marlow	Aug 22 - Krysten Fernandes
Jeff & Christy Phares	Aug 24 - JaLynn Gill
Aug 13 - Carrie Jaap	Aug 29 - Kevin Taylor
Aug 17 - Shauna Richmond	Doretha Banks
	Aug 30 - Charlie McKinney



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MISSION STATEMENT

North Beckley Church of Christ desires to glorify God and worship Him in spirit and in truth. We are committed to:

- Carrying the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost of our community and the world (Mark 16:15-16).
- Caring for those in need (Galatians 6:10).
- Creating a Christian fellowship that promotes spiritual growth and love for one another (John 13:35).