# Prayer List

PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES

### PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE & THE MIDDLE EAST

David Edwards - serious chemo-<br/>therapyHawks)therapyHailey StaffordChristy Phares - still in pain<br/>Deanna Wood - pancreatic cancer<br/>(friend of Eve West)Doretha BanksGay Green Adkins & family -<br/>grieving the loss of her husband<br/>and her sister (friend of Dennis<br/>Hawks)Doretha BanksHawks)Madine Jaap - c<br/>debilitating pain<br/>(Tina Rakes' granddaughter)Nadine Jaap - c<br/>debilitating pain

(Tina Rakes' granddaughter) **Ronnie Coleman -** grieving the loss of his mother, Linda (employee of the Smilek's) **Jeff Ratliff -** recovering from a skiing accident (minister at Green River Church of Christ in WY) **Alan Bergeron -** serious health issues (minister at Jackson Hole,

Family of Shirley Mills - grieving (friend of Susan Phinisey) Cindy Kelly - Stage 4 ovarian cancer (friend of Dennis & Sandra Hawks) Hailey Stafford - 20-yr-old with Stage 4 liver cirrhosis (friend of Dennis & Sandra Hawks) Doretha Banks - pain in leg, difficulty walking Howard Bowyer - undergoing more medical tests Nadine Jaap - continues to have Shirley Boone - at home now, but has COVID Lee Jaap - in hospital for various illnesses (Nadine Jaap's son & Mark Jaap's brother) Family of Carol Compton grieving (friend of Mark Jaap) Anna Marie Smith - doing better (Tamera Wimer's mother)

WY Church of Christ)

Jeff Webb - needs prayers



#### The Circumcision Made Without Hands

Circumcision, the removal of the foreskin, was a sign of the covenant between God and His followers. We first read about circumcision in Genesis 17, where God told Abraham, "This is My covenant which you shall keep between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you" (Gen. 17:10-11). God went on to explain that all male children who were born were to be circumcised on the eighth day after birth. According to the Old Testament Law, if a woman gives birth to a male child, "on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised" (Lev. 12:3).

Physical circumcision was an important part of the Old Testament law. Being circumcised under the Old Testament symbolized in the flesh that one was in a covenant with God. It was a law that some Christians wanted to continue to bind, as we can read about in Acts 15, where some were saying, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). However, Christians are not required to keep the Old Testament Law, including physical circumcision. Take some time and read all of Acts 15, especially noticing verses 22-29.

Physical circumcision may no longer be a requirement, but the Apostle Paul wrote about another kind of circumcision. In Colossians 2:11-12 he wrote, "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Think about the differences between physical circumcision and this circumcision made without hands. In physical circumcision, one is having a piece of skin removed. In the circumcision of Christ, one has the "body of the sins of the flesh" removed. In this circumcision made without hands, one removes that body of sins, is buried in baptism, and is raised "to talk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Which has more consequence, removing a piece of skin or changing one's outlook on life and way of living?

This "circumcision made without hands" is but one more illustration of how a Christian is one who has been changed from the inside out. What must be changed is not something that must be done to the body but what must be done to the heart. Have you undergone the circumcision made without hands?

– Jason P. Smith

## **Family News**

# March 10, 2024

**SERMON** - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is *"In Christ We Have Been Made Complete" (Col. 2:6-15).* 

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** Daylight saving time begins on Sun, Mar 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour on Sat night.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS - The monthly Ladies Bible Class will meet on Tues, Mar 12, at 6:30 p.m. Elaine will teach the class, Jill will be the hostess, and Vonn will be responsible for the cards.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Right after our evening worship service on Mar 17, we will have a congregational meeting. There are some new things happening in our congregation that will be discussed at the meeting. If at all possible, please attend. Please bring a snack to share after the meeting.

# FINANCIAL REPORT - The financial report for the month of February is on the bulletin Treasurer board.

**BAGS FOR BABIES** - The sign-up sheet for Bags for Babies for the month of March is on the bulletin board.

#### **ADDRESS & PHONE PAGES**

There are revised address & phone pages on the table in the foyer. Please let Rosemary know if your listing is incorrect.

WATCH OUR WORSHIP SER-

**VICE** - If you are unable to attend our Sunday morning worship service, you may now "stream" it live on your computer or phone by going to:

Facebook.com/northbeckleycoc

North Beckley Facts & Figures	
Sunday, Mar 3	Wednesday, Mar 6
Bible Class - 24	Bible Study - 20
Sunday Morning - 34	
Sunday Evening -	
Weekly Offering:	\$ 1,989
Budget Goal:	\$ 2,000

Worship Schedule	Caring Christians Committed to Christ
Sunday Bible Study:10:00 AMSunday Services:11:00 AM & 6:00 PMWednesday Bible Study:7:00 PM	Band Band       Band Band       Control of Christ         North Beckley       Source of Christ         March 10, 2024       "         All flesh is like grass and all its glory
Elders           Jerry Stumpf         (814) 569-8665           Steve Smilek         (304) 573-3760	March 10, 2024 "
Dennis Hawks(304) 890-2826Jeff Phares(304) 575-8089	
Jason Smith         Preacher           Understand         Home         (681) 238-5053           Cell         (681) 220-4812	The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." ! PETER 1:24
Secretary Rosemary Biggs (Office) (304) 253-0446	And and a rot of a rot of the rot
March Birthdays & Anniversaries	
Mar 1 - Dustin Richmond Mar 4 - Jeff Phares Mar 5 - Susan Phinisey Mar 15 - Tracy Richmond Mar 17 - Chrissy Boone Mar 26 - Howard & Kay Bowyer	<ul> <li>MISSION STATEMENT</li> <li>North Beckley Church of Christ desires to glorify God and worship Him in spirit and in truth. We are committed to:</li> <li>Carrying the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost of our community and the world (Mark 16:15-16).</li> <li>Caring for those in need (Galatians 6:10).</li> <li>Creating a Christian fellowship that promotes spiritual growth and love for one another (John 13:35).</li> </ul>