



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

Tina Rakes - not well

Tyler Fernandes' grandparents - they are in India and need prayers

Theresa Edwards - kidney infection (Herman Edwards' wife)

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)

Ruth Naff - injured in a fall

Halee Richmond & baby, Rylee

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'donnel - 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)

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

Nadine Jaap - debilitating back problems

Isn't it Great to Serve the Living God?

Idolatry has been and continues to be a problem in the world. When people think about idolatry, they often think about graven images or old mythological gods. While graven images and mythological, false gods are idols, please consider that other things can be idols. An idol can be anything/ anyone worshipped in place of the living God. In Matthew 4, we read of a time when Satan tempted Jesus. The Bible says, "Again, the devil took Him [Jesus] up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, 'All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve'" (Matt. 4:8-10). Essentially, the devil was trying to make himself an idol to stand in the place of God. Jesus' response was memorable when He stated that God, and God alone, is worthy of worship.

Anyone and anything can become an idol if they/it is worshipped in place of Almighty God. In Colossians 3:5, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Notice that Paul said that covetousness is idolatry. When a person has their thoughts transfixed on something that belongs to someone else to the point of being willing to do anything to get it, they commit idolatry. They have made this object their god that they serve.

Idolatry, in any form, is fraught with folly. In Isaiah 44, the Prophet Isaiah highlights this foolishness by observing how a person cuts down a tree, uses part of the tree to warm himself and to cook his food, and then uses the rest of the tree to make an idol to worship. "And the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, 'Deliver me, for you are my god!'" (Isaiah 44:17). At the end of the day, the idol is nothing more than a block of wood, a piece of stone, or something/someone less than God Himself. The idol usually cannot speak, hear, see, taste, or smell. The idol most certainly cannot love as God loves.

We get to serve the living God. While the world may give idols, we can worship the true and living God. When comparing the living God to the idols in Athens, the Apostle Paul observed that it is in God that we "live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). It is God who cares for us and loves us more than we can know. Rather than serving an idol (anything/anyone we put in place of God), isn't it great to serve the living God who loves us and wants to help us?

— Jason P. Smith

PLEASE PRAY FOR AND HELP THIS FAMILY

The family of one of Mistie Richmond's students lost their home and all of their belongings in a fire. Below is a list of sizes for the family. Also, if you wish to donate money, please make a check payable to the church and indicate on the memo line that it is for the family in Danese. If you wish to make a cash donation, just use one of the envelopes on the back of the pews. Please put your donations in the offering tray. If you wish to donate clothes, please see Mistie Richmond.

Dad, Nick - men's jeans 34 waist and XL shirts

Mom, Morgan - ladies med pants and med shirts

Sophia, who is 12, girls med pants and shirts

Eight-year-old girl - size 7/8 shirts and pants

4-yr-old girl, Kinsley, - size 5 pants and shirts



Family News

August 27, 2023

SERMON - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is *"Worship the Lord Your God and Him Only Shall You Serve."*

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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - We will have our monthly fellowship meal on Sun, Sept 3, right after morning worship.

FOOD PANTRY - There are slips of paper on the bulletin board listing a few items that are needed for our food pantry.



"One of the most important responsibilities in the Christian life is to care about others, smile at them, and be a friend to the friendless."

—James Dobson

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>

North Beckley Facts & Figures

Sunday, Aug 20

Bible Class - 23

Sunday Morning - 40

Sunday Evening - 18

Wednesday, Aug 23

Bible Study - 14

Weekly Offering:

\$ 1,395

Budget Goal:

\$ 2,000

Worship Schedule

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

Elders

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 Steve Smilek (304) 573-3760

Deacons

Dennis Hawks (304) 253-0519
 Jeff Phares (304) 575-8089

Preacher

Jason Smith Home (681) 238-5053
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Secretary

Rosemary Biggs (Office) (304) 253-0446

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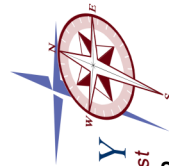
“I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am.”

JOHN NEWTON



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 3 - Ralph Marlow	Aug 19 - Jeff Webb
Aug 5 - Edward DeAlmo	Peyton & Halee
Aug 9 - Ralph & Raymona Marlow	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 17 - Mark & Edna Jaap	Aug 30 - Charlie McKinney
	Sep 1 - Wayne Cox
	Sharon Smith



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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).