



### Prayer List

**PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES**

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

**PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF ALL DISASTERS AROUND THE WORLD AND HERE IN THE USA**


**Shirley Boone** - shingles (Mark Jaap's cousin)  
**Family of Milton Smith** - grieving (Jason's dad)  
**Joey Harless** - kidney stones & renal failure (Shauna Richmond's father)  
**David Edwards** - cancer treatments  
**Bill Abbott** - doing well after surgery (Wanda Edwards' brother)  
**Don & Deanna McClung** - very sick (Wanda & David Edwards' neighbors)  
**Wayne Cox** - cancer treatments

**Pat Bunting** - back surgery in NC (Wanda & David Edwards' neighbor)  
**Family of Mary Unik** - grieving (mother of Mark Jaap's friend, Rick)  
**Tina Rakes** - not well  
**Nadine Jaap** - debilitating back problems  
**Glenn Pryor** - heart problems; in nursing home (Doretha Banks' brother)  
**Theresa Edwards** - kidney infection (Herman Edwards' wife)  
**Ed Sanford** - stroke in the eye (Elaine Stumpf's brother)  
**Le-Ann Lehman** - stomach cancer (wife of an acquaintance of Rosemary Biggs)  
**Ruth Naff** - injured in a fall  
**Halee Richmond & baby, Rylee Paula Martin** - metastatic breast cancer (Brent & Vonn Martin's daughter-in-law)  
**Joy Cox** - several health problems (Wayne Cox's brother)

### 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, Kyleigh, - size 7/8 shirts and pants  
4-yr-old girl, Kinsley, - size 5 pants and shirts



### FORGIVE ME

*For Keeping Your Bible*

The train blew its whistle and wove its way along the winding rails of the hometown of a brother in Hungary. A communist customs agent came through checking all the baggage. The Bibles sat at our brother's feet. By his side lay his own personal Bible with notes and sermon outlines. The customs agent looked at the sack first. He opened it and thumbed through the pages of the Bible and began to sail them out the window of the speeding train.

As if for spite, the agent looked down at the open, used (obviously personal) Bible of our brother, grabbed it, and sailed it out the window to parts unknown. For three years our brother bemoaned the fact that his good Bible with so many notes and sermons was no longer his constant companion. "I believe Romans 8:28, but, Lord, how can this work out for good?" he wondered.

One day he received his personal Bible through the mail. A letter enclosed read, "Dear Brother in Christ: Thank you, Thank you, for the use of your Bible. I found it by the railroad three years ago. I have kept it, read it, and studied it often. MY family and I have written many Scriptures down on paper and many more in our hearts. We cannot thank you enough, for now maybe we can go to heaven. . .But brother, please forgive me for keeping your Bible so long. I thought that if I did not read it now, I might never again find a Bible to read."

"Oh, Great God and Father of us all, forgive me for doubting," wept our Hungarian brother.

Would not it be wonderful if all could come to the Bible as if we found it for the first time? We could be simply "Christians" with a deep desire to go to heaven, to be with the saints of all the ages. Pick up your New Testament and read it again for the "first time." That is, read it as if you have never read it before. Follow what it says—not what some other book requires (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."**

**ROMANS 8:2**

—House to House/  
Heart to Heart

## Family News


## September 17, 2023

**SERMON** - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is *"Praying and Changing God's Mind."*


**FINANCIAL REPORT** - The financial report for the month of August is on the bulletin board.

**FOURTH-SUNDAY HYMN SINGING** - We will meet in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on Sun, Sept 24, for our Fourth-Sunday Hymn Singing. Afterward we will gather in the Family Room for fellowship. Please bring a snack to share.

**ADDRESS FOR JASON'S MOTHER** -  
Doris Smith  
318 Bluestone St  
Pineville, WV 24874  
or  
P.O. Box 1103  
Pineville, WV 24874



**FOOD PANTRY** - Thanks to your generous donations, our food pantry is well stocked. Nothing more is needed at this time.



**BE THANKFUL FOR . . .**

An unknown writer suggested we count our . . .

Blessings instead of crosses,  
Gains instead of losses,  
Joys instead of woes,  
Friends instead of foes,  
Smiles instead of tears,  
Courage instead of fears,  
Full years instead of lean,  
Kind deeds instead of mean,  
Health instead of wealth,  
And yes, above all,  
Count on God instead of ourselves.

—Albert Memmi  
*"Be thankful."*  
COLOSSIANS 3:15

### North Beckley Facts & Figures

Sunday, Sep 10	Wednesday, Sep 13
Bible Class - 23	Bible Study - 8
Sunday Morning - 28	
Sunday Evening - 13	
Weekly Offering:	\$ 467
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

Jerry Stumpf (814) 569-8665  
Steve Smilek (304) 573-3760

### Deacons

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

### Preacher

Jason Smith Home (681) 238-5053  
Cell (681) 220-4812

### Secretary

Rosemary Biggs (Office) (304) 253-0446

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## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept 1 - Wayne Cox  
Sharon Smith  
Sept 11 - J.C. Boone  
Sept 12 - Jerry Stumpf  
Sept 13 - Rhonda Smilek  
Sept 24 - Dustin & Laiken  
Richmond  
Sept 29 - Stephen & Chrissy  
Boone



Caring Christians Committed to Christ

**NORTH BECKLEY**  
Church of Christ



September 17, 2023

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



## 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).

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