



Prayer List

PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE & THE MIDDLE EAST

Debbie Kessler - surgery scheduled on 3/21 (Wayne Cox's sister-in-law)

Willie Bitson's mother - in hospital (He is a missionary in Uganda.)

Jaxon Fernandes - may need tubes in his ears

Pam Tomlin - grieving the loss of her husband (friend of Ann Snyder)

David Edwards - serious chemotherapy

Christy Phares - still in pain

Deanna Wood - pancreatic cancer (friend of Eve West)

Gay Green Adkins & family - grieving the loss of her husband and her sister (friend of Dennis Hawks)

Emma Pachuta - on a mission trip (Tina Rakes' granddaughter)

Ronnie Coleman - grieving the loss of his mother, Linda (employee of the Smilek's)

Jeff Webb - needs prayers

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, WY Church of Christ)

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 debilitating pain

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



A Shadow of Things to Come

Consider a couple of riddles. I follow you all day long, but I never move. What am I? I am sometimes behind you, sometimes in front. I am shorter when the sun is bright, and very long on a cloudy night. What am I? The answer to these riddles: your shadow. We understand shadows. A dictionary definition for "shadow" is, "A dark area or shape made by an object blocking rays of light." We understand that a shadow is not an object but merely an image caused by an object blocking the light. You are not your shadow. You only cast a shadow.

What is interesting in the Bible is how the Old Testament Law, with all of its laws and ceremonial requirements, was referred to as a shadow. The Apostle Paul wrote, "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come" (Col. 2:16-17a). When referring to the Levitical priesthood of the Old Testament, the writer of Hebrews said that they "serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, 'See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain'" (Heb. 8:5). Likewise, the writer of Hebrews wrote, "For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect" (Heb. 10:1).

The Old Testament, with its festivals, sacrifices, and other requirements, was all a shadow of something real. This something, or rather someone, was Jesus Christ. As Paul wrote, "which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ" (Col. 2:17). The substance is of Christ! The Old Testament was the shadow, but the substance is of Christ. The Old Testament was the shadow cast by Christ; however, we now have Christ!

When we understand that the Old Testament was a shadow, maybe this helps us understand why the sacrifices of the Old Testament could not take away sins (Heb. 10:4). Maybe it helps us to better understand why Paul referred to the Old Testament as a tutor (schoolmaster) to "bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (Gal. 3:24). Or, why Paul referred to Christ as being the "end of the law" (Rom. 10:4).

Do we see then that the Old Testament was a shadow of Christ and His church? As the church, we have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and that is all we need.

— Jason P. Smith

Family News

March 17, 2024

SERMON - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is *"Let No One Cheat You of Your Reward"* (Col. 2:16-23).

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.

FOURTH-SUNDAY HYMN SINGING

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



KROGER - Those of you who shopped at Kroger during the last three months and are signed up for our rewards program helped to earn **\$107.93** for our backpack program.



CARDS - There is a new address on the bulletin board for those of you who like to send sympathy cards.

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

WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE - 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 10

Bible Class - 26

Sunday Morning - 37

Sunday Evening - 13

Wednesday, Mar 13

Bible Study - 16

Weekly Offering:

\$ 2,426

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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Deacons

Dennis Hawks (304) 890-2826
Jeff Phares (304) 575-8089

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Rosemary Biggs (Office) (304) 253-0446

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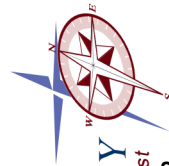


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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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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).