



Prayer List

PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Bill Kincaid - cancer treatment (friend of Jason Smith)

Bill Abbott - not well

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)

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)

Family of Kim Houskins - grieving (Kay Bowyer's cousin)

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

Ruth Naff - injured in a fall

Nadine Jaap - debilitating back problems

Christie Gilley & family - grieving the loss of her son (Eve West's cousin)

Halee Richmond & baby Rylee Jim Hodge - heart surgery, stints (friend of Wayne Cox)

David Edwards - more surgery scheduled to determine treatment

Franklin Morris - cancer (Ruth Naff's neighbor)

Forgiving Ourselves

Perhaps the hardest person to forgive is ourselves. We hold ourselves guilty for things we have done. Sometimes, we hold ourselves guilty for things we have no control over. The guilt turns into shame as we mercilessly beat ourselves up for the wrongs we have (or think we have) committed. We see ourselves less and less as worthwhile individuals, and, ultimately, we stop loving ourselves altogether. If we do not learn to forgive ourselves, we will live a life of shame and depression.

How can we forgive ourselves? The Apostle Paul is a great example of someone who forgave himself. Paul had been guilty of murdering Christians. The first time we read about Paul (then known as Saul) is in Acts 7 when Stephen was martyred. However, Paul was able to move on and be instrumental in the early church's work. He wrote, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" (I Tim. 1:15-17). Paul also wrote, "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (I Cor. 15:9-10).

How was Paul able to move on from his sad past? He did not forget what he had done. He still remembered that he had persecuted Christians. However, he was able to accept Christ's forgiveness. Christ came to save sinners, and we are all sinners (Rom. 3:23); therefore, we are all worthy of forgiveness. Because of this recognition, Paul was able to lead a new life free of guilt.

Looking at Paul's example of self-forgiveness, we learn that one can forgive himself by changing his life (repenting of sin) and accepting God's forgiveness. The painful memories may still be there, but we can live with the assurance that we are no longer the person we were who did terrible things. By God's grace, we can forgive ourselves and move on to a new life. If God, through His grace, shows us mercy and forgiveness, then shouldn't we do the same for ourselves?

— Jason P. Smith

We heard you! Please join us to learn how to fully obey God!

Since you want to obey God, you need to know what God wants you to do beyond the worship service. Sunday night, July 16th, we are beginning a very interactive series about "How to study the Bible". This series will contain handouts, visual aids through slides, and interactive methods to learn how to examine God's Word in an in-depth fashion.

You will learn how to search as deep as your heart desires, discovering the context of words, phrases, and intriguing Bible passages. Jason and I will take turns going over several methods to assist you to discover what your heart desires to understand.

Since **each Christian (YOU!)** is charged with personally knowing God's will for your life, don't miss out on this opportunity!

These lessons will continue on Sunday, August 13.

Family News

August 13, 2023

SERMON - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is *"As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us."*

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



Treasurer Report

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME - Potter Children's Home will have their Annual Auction for Children on Sept 16. There is a list of items they would like for the auction on the bulletin board.

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>

THE LOST

From every leaf on the tree
May it make them see
The power of prayer and Your
Glory

For every grain of sand
That you hold in your hand
Make them see the power of
prayer and Your Glory

With every day
May they find a way
Make them see the power of
prayer and Your Glory

From the clouds in the sky
And every tear that they cry
Make them see the power of
prayer and Your Glory

May they understand
The power is in His hand
Make them see the power of
prayer and Your Glory
—Yvonne Martin



North Beckley Facts & Figures

Sunday, Aug 6

Bible Class - 28

Sunday Morning - 41

Sunday Evening - 12

Wednesday, Aug 9

Bible Study - 13

Weekly Offering:

\$ 1,966

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**

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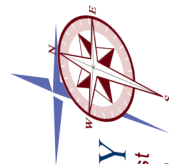
"The blessed and inviting truth is that God is the most winsome of all beings and in our worship of Him we should find unspeakable pleasure.

A. W. Tozer



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).