



## Prayer List

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

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

**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, 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)

**Jeff Webb** - needs prayers

**David Edwards** - very serious chemotherapy

**Doretha Banks** - pain in leg, difficulty walking

**Howard Bowyer** - undergoing more medical tests

**Nadine Jaap** - continues to have debilitating pain

**Shirley Boone** - at home now, but has COVID

**Deanna Wood** - mass on pancreas (friend of Eve West)

**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)

**Glenn Pryor** - had his foot amputated, not doing well (Doretha Banks' brother)

**Michael Lynch & Family** - grieving loss of his wife (friend of Ann Snyder)

### DIETER'S PRAYER

Lord grant me the strength  
That I may not fall  
Into the clutches of cholesterol.  
The road to hell is paved with butter,  
Cake is cursed, cream is awful  
And Satan is hiding in every waffle.  
Beelzebub is a chocolate drop,  
Lucifer is a lollipop.  
Teach me the evils of Hollandaise,  
Of pasta and gobs of mayonnaise,  
And crisp fried chicken from the South.  
If you love me Lord, shut my mouth.

—via Tom Walsh  
Holy Humor

### Love, Assurance, and Knowledge

Our faith as disciples of Christ is constantly under attack. Some would question the rationale of our faith in a Christ whom we have not seen and yet love and follow (1 Pet. 1:8). Then there is the discouragement we face as Christians. Perhaps we face a severe illness and wonder where God is. Maybe we see people in the world, people we love, pursuing a sinful life, and we are saddened by the fact that more people do not choose to repent and follow after Christ. Maybe we face discrimination or persecution due to being Christians. So far, this does not seem to happen so much in Beckley, WV, but there are plenty of places in the world where this persecution happens, which is discouraging.

We know that discouragement can take many shapes and sizes, and God's people have always been warned about it. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews wrote to a group of Christians facing persecution. In Hebrews 12:3-6, he wrote, "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: 'My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.'" The writer of Hebrews, in other words, is encouraging his audience to understand that difficult times can allow one to put more faith in God, trust Him more, and love this world less. After all, the rebukes and chastisement from a loving father are for our good and are given from a motive of love for us.

The Apostle Paul expressed the same concern for some Christians at Colosse. He was concerned about those Christians whom he had not personally met and wanted them to be encouraged, "being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:2). Being knit together with fellow Christians, having an assurance of salvation, and a knowledge of Christ are all good reasons to be encouraged. If we have love, assurance, and knowledge, we can face discouraging times, and our faith can be stable. With this love, assurance, and knowledge, we can have a faith that is strong enough to withstand the "fiery darts of the wicked one" (Eph. 6:16).

Let us strive to increase our love for one another, our assurance of salvation in Christ, and our knowledge of Christ "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Let us build a faith that is more "precious than gold that perishes (1 Pet. 1:7).

— Jason P. Smith

## Family News


## March 3, 2024

**SERMON** - The title of Jason's sermon on Sunday morning is "*Stable in Our Faith (Col. 2:1-5)*."

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Our monthly fellowship meal will be on Sun, Mar 3, right after morning worship.

**NO EVENING SERVICE** - There will be no evening service on Sun, Mar 3.

### 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**  
There are five Sundays in March, therefore, we will have a congregational meeting. However, it will be on Sun, Mar 17, right after evening worship. The change is due to the Easter holiday falling on the last Sunday of the month. If you have anything you would like to be discussed at the meeting, please write it on a piece of paper, sign it, and place it in the box in the foyer as soon as possible.

### 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 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, Feb 25**

Bible Class - 24

Sunday Morning - 31

Sunday Evening - 12

Weekly Offering:

Budget Goal:

**Wednesday, Feb 28**

Bible Study - 17

\$ 911

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## 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) 890-2826  
 Jeff Phares (304) 575-8089

### Preacher

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### Secretary

Rosemary Biggs (Office) (304) 253-0446

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**NORTH BECKLEY**  
 Church of Christ



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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).