

PRAYER REQUEST

JINGER MAHAN-hip surgery Apr. 4th-Arlington
SANDY BROYLES-broken arm
JIM BOB COODY
CONNIE ALLEN

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

EMBREY CATHERINE TURNER-breathing problems.
Great-granddaughter of Bernadette Littlefield
NATHAM AND AMANDA BATEK
TRISH CHAPMAN-health issues.
Wife of Wayne Chapman. They are friends of the Glicks.
ANNA EASTER-now at home
CHRISTIE JONES-cancer, friend of Karen Duggan.
COLEMAN VEALE-in rehab due to a severe head injury
PATTY-friend of Mike Colbert, who lost her husband, Tim.
SUSAN AND MANCEL BOLTON-health issues. Friends of Mike Colbert.
HUGH STROUD-diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Friend of Sue Lodor.
CAROL KING-chemo treatment; sister of Mary Edwards
TAMARA MITCHELL- cancer, friend of Gary Trammel.
RAY BLACK-cancer
CYNTHIA HAYWORTH-health issues
EDDIE & DOLORES EVERS-health issues. Brother and sister-in-law of Charles and Elaine Evers
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila and Roger Tonne
MAVIS MITCHELL-dialysis, Sue Lodor's sister-in-law
JACK ROGERS-great-great-nephew of Sue Lodor
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- AVERY PARKS-02
- CAROL CONNALLY-03
- PATTY WALKER-03
- M.J. McINTIRE-04
- SHAY WILD-04
- DICKIE GRAY-05
- SCOTT POWER-05
- JEAN BEAUCHAMP-07
- BRECK BATES-09
- HADLEY FULGHAM-09
- J TOLAND-14
- STEVE WILD-15
- KATHY TRAMMEL-16
- KELYN
- COLLINSWORTH-18
- KATHRYN HART-18
- CLAYTON GLICK-19
- AUBREY
- RICHARDSON-21
- KATIE RUSSEL-21
- KAYLEE COODY-24
- JOEY VENEKAMP-26
- LINDA WALKER-26
- APRIL LECHNER-27
- KRISTEN TOWNSON-27
- VAN-RICHARD
- WILLIAMS-29

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

AUSTIN BURKHALTER-grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan
MICAH CLAY- son of J.R. and Julia Clay.
NICK CORDOVA-son of Ray and Merry Pendleton.
GUY CRAIG- son of Connie and Bob Meason, grandson of Ruth and Bob Green and nephew of Guyla and Wayne White.
JASON GRAHAM-cousin of Melissa Trammel.
ARIC HOLLEY-son of Sherry Strickland
ZACHARY KARL-deployed, South Korea, son of Perry and Debbie Karl and grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.
ADAM HAYWORTH-son of Patti Hayworth Reid. Grandson of Jean Hayworth.
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER

GOD, GIRLS AND GIGGLES

Scheduled for April 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC.
The featured speaker this year is Jill Hellwig.
Includes dinner catered by Brenda Smock.
Plan your tablescape and invite your friends.
There will be no judging of the tablescapes this year.
If you don't plan to decorate your table, please let us know.
Please plan to pick-up and have your tickets paid for by April 6th.

VIDEO TRAINING

Training for the sanctuary video system is scheduled April 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School Pins

Sunday School Attendance Awards
April 22nd during the 10:45 morning worship service we will award 6 month pins to **Nathan Lechner, Levi Lechner and Christian Lechner** for December 2017 through February 2018. March through May 2018 will be the next quarter.
You are allowed 1 Sunday missed and if you attend another church let your Sunday School teacher know.

April is the National Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month. Breckenridge has the Dr. Goodall's House and Graham has the Virginia's House that helps educate people about child abuse and provides for children in our area that have been abused. On Sunday, April 29, we will share blue ribbons for those who want to wear a blue ribbon supporting our local ministries. The use of blue ribbons began when a Virginia grandmother, Bonnie Finney, tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van after the murder of her 3-year-old grandson. When people began asking her about the blue ribbon, Ms. Finney said it was a sign of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse and neglect. She chose the color blue to symbolize the bruises that covered her grandson. Please join us in the fight against child abuse in all of it's forms.

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FROM THE PASTOR

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“So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Matthew 27: 24.

Sometimes I wonder what would have happened if the events of Holy Week had occurred in our contemporary times. Surely an inquiry would have been launched by the press or by Congress to see why Jesus was crucified even though he was innocent of any real crimes. What would Pontius Pilate have said when, upon leaving for work, a crowd of reporters engulfed him as he stepped out of his front door shouting questions and shoving microphones in his face? How would Pilate have answered the inevitable question, “In what way are you responsible for this innocent man, Jesus’, death?” I seriously doubt that he would take any responsibility for his actions by saying, “I messed up. I made a bad decision.” Accomplished at political maneuvering, Pilate would probably have said something like, “Mistakes were made, but these mistakes were made by unknown third parties.” The phrase “Mistakes were made” seems to be the classic linguistic construct these days used to acknowledge error while avoiding any personal accountability. “Mistakes were made” pops up quite regularly in the news these days.

If Jesus would have had time, He could have hired a good lawyer, and the lawyer would have found ample reversible errors in the way Jesus was tried and convicted. But Jesus’ resurrection makes all this conjecture a mute point. Yes, the events of Holy Week are filled with a great number and variety of reversible errors on the part of many individuals. But the Cross and the empty tomb act as a double whammy against sin and death. Any of the atrocities of Holy Week could be reversed, regardless of how ugly or unfair they might be, because of 1 Corinthians 15:3, which states, “Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures...” And this wonderful promise is found in I John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

You may have things in your past that you are so ashamed of or feel so stained by that these sins seem to be irreversible errors that you can never be rid of. Hear the Good News that the resurrected Jesus is powerful enough to erase all of your sins, evil intentions, and your worst regrets. The grace and mercy of God can even erase all the terrible sins and injustices of Holy Week because Jesus chose to be obedient to God’s will. Because of the Cross and the empty tomb, God offers us the reversal from all guilt, shame, and condemnation. You can now stand clean before the Lord. How is that for powerful!!!