

PRAYER CONCERNS

RONNIE & SUSAN PENDLETON
RICK & SHARON PENDLETON
RAYMOND & MERRYPENDLETON
SUE BARRIER LINDA HARRIS
CORLEY WHITE DANIELLEWHITE
JIM BOB & SUZI COODY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SHIRLEY WYLIE-in hospital after a Car accident
CLARK OLIFINT-Susan & David's uncle, health issues
DIANE BOLAND-cancer diagnosis, surgery, long-term treatment, sister-in-law of Mike & Rosa Leveridge
CHRISTIE JONES-2nd round of chemo and radiation for esophageal cancer, lifelong friend of Karen Duggan.
JOEL JACKSON-grandson of Connie Robbins
JUNIOR DURAN-hands burned in an oil field electric accident
DONNA SCHKADE-health issues, sister of Deedra Boaz
SANDRA KNADE-covid, friend of Sande Angus
DENNIS LODOR-son of Sue Lodor
MARLYS LEIRAN-covid, sister of Sue Lodor
KAREN WOOD-health issues, friend of Beth Morris
ROB McCORMICK-major heart attack, brother-in-law of Sharon Rogers
JEFF REGISTER-brother-in-law of Lisa Langford, husband of her sister, Jodie
RANDY WHITLEY-cancer
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila & Roger Tonne
DOROTHY TONNE
HARTLEY HEARNE-3 yr. old with leukemia. Granddaughter of Ginger Dittmar's friend
JULIO VENEGAS-diagnosed with cancer, friend of James & Donna Wade
LINK LOWRANCE-now cancer free
JACK ROGERS-great-great nephew of Sue Lodor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
APRIL

CAROL CONNALLY-03
PATTY WALKER-03
M.J. McINTIRE-04
DICKIE GRAY-05
SCOTT POWER-05
JEAN BEAUCHAMP-07
HADLEY FULGHAM-09
J TOLAND-14
KATHY TRAMMEL-16
KELYN COLLINS- WORTH-18
KATHRYN HART-18
AUBREY RICHARDSON -21
KATIE RUSSELL-21
JOEY VENEKAMP-26
LINDA WALKER-26
APRIL LECHNER-27

PRAY FOR
OUR SERVICE MEN AND
WOMEN
AND THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

AUSTIN BURKHALTER-grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan
NICK CORDOVA-son of Ray and Merry Pendleton
GUY CRAIG-son of Bob Meason, grandson of Ruth and Bob Green, and nephew of Guyla and Wayne White
JASON GRAHAM-cousin of Melissa Trammel
ZACHARY KARL-Deployed to Tbilisi, Georgia (the country), son of Perry and Debbie Karl, grandson of Elaine Goswick.
JACKSON LEVERIDGE-Coast Guard, Duluth, Minnesota, grandson of Steve & Linda Leveridge
JOSH LEVERIDGE-Fort Bragg, NC, grandson of Steve & Linda Leveridge
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER

ALTER ROSE

The alter rose is dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Hank Archer Hare on October 27, 2020. His parents are Robert and Sara Hare. Grandparents are Roger and Sheila Tonne and great-grandmother, Dorothy (Nanny) Tonne.

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The alter rose is dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Daxton David Duggan on March 21, 2021. His parents are Harrison and Erin Duggan. Grandparents are David and Karen Duggan and Tracy Edwards.

ALTER ROSE

The alter rose is dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Solar Glick born on September 4, 2020. His parents are Jacob and Shailynn Glick. Grandparents are Gary and Roxzann Glick and Robert and Brandy Alexander. Great-grandparents are Rosalie Scheffer and Richard and Connie Jackson.

WE ARE PLANNING TO RESTART SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 18, 2021.

OUR CHURCH FINANCIAL BUDGET UPDATE

	January 2021	February 2021
Balance last Month (Dec 31,2020)	(\$48,368.90)	(\$7,821.71)
Budget Income this month	\$9,637.82	\$15,707.00
SF Transfer to Budget	\$48,368.29	\$554.54
Budget Expenses this month	\$17,458.92	\$23,655.99
Balance in Budget Account	\$7,821.71	(\$15,216.16)

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APRIL IS FOR ATONEMENT

“Make an altar....” “....Once a year Aaron shall make atonement on (the altar). This annual atonement must be made with the blood of the atoning sin offering for the generations to come. It is most holy to the Lord.” Exodus 30:1-2,7, 10

For this reason (Jesus) had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

“...the Atonement is the final and the most profound expression of the whole fact of Christ. That it had to happen, that such a ‘work’ was necessary, that it has ‘cost’ *this*, constitutes the final expression...of the breach between God and the world. ...the necessity for the expiatory sacrifice reveals to us the greatness of the gulf which lies between God and sinful humanity (and) the reality of the sacrifice also reveals, and not fully till then, what it means to say that ‘God is Love’... “

Emil Brunner “There's a bridge to cross the great divide. A way was made to reach the other side. The mercy of the Father, cost His son His life. His love is deep, His love is wide. There's a cross to bridge the great divide.” Point Of Grace.

There is something wrong with us. Saint Paul said that what we want to do with the best intentions and results, we fail to do and what we don't want to do –those things that hurt, harm and degrade- we wind up doing. (Romans 7). This is called, in the Christian community, “sin”. Sin can be described in many ways. God sets the ideals and goals for human attitude and behavior and so “sin” is “missing the mark”; being off target. Sin is disobedience to God. Sin is selfishness and is represented by the “I” in the middle of “sIn”. Regardless of how we view the human origin stories in Genesis –as literal or metaphorical, the truth is that when we look at human history and when we look at current events and when we look at ourselves and our neighbors, we see brokenness and fallibility woven into the very fabric of our attitudes and actions as human beings. Those who rely on the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments for our view of God and the world and ourselves and our relationships encounter the concept of sin frequently. Those of us who honestly reflect on our own fallibility and culpability in causing hurt and harm are able to easily identify with these words of Saint Paul, “All have sinned and all fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) and “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am the worst.” (1 Timothy 1:15) We need help. We need God's help. Paul shares with us, “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23a) and “Wretched man that I am; who shall deliver me from this body of death?” (Romans 7:24) And Paul shares the Gospel blessing: My deliverance comes, “Thanks be to God-through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 7:25) and “but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”. (Romans 6:23b). So, whatever is wrong with us as human beings, God has the solution and the recovery program and it begins with “Atonement.”

Atonement means to make amends for something done wrong. It means to reconcile separated parties. I have heard Christian Theologians break the English word Atonement into three words to explain the Christian concept “AT –ONE- MENT”; to bring separated parties together as one. To quote Paul again, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:17-20). So, in our understanding of God and His love, God acts to save us from ourselves. God acts to make amends for our disobedience. God acts to reconcile us to Himself. God builds the bridge that we can cross to a unity with God that we cannot earn on our own. God does this through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ and by enabling and empowering us to believe in and trust Jesus Christ for our atonement with God. Please consider and give God praise for the atoning sacrifice of Jesus for each one of us. Bro. David