

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

RICK PENDLETON  
GARY TRAMMEL  
J. WILLIAMS FELKENBERGER  
ERNIE UNDERWOOD  
JIM BOB COODY  
CONNIE ALLEN  
LINDSAY AND BLAKE JOHNSON & FAMILY

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

BRENDA RILEY-health issues. Friend of Susan Pendleton.  
JERRY GIBSON-health issues. Friend of Dickie and Sandy Rogers.  
BILLY PATTESON-husband of Kathy Duncan Patteson, brother-in-law of Charlette Duncan. Diagnosed with Stage 3 lung cancer.  
SHANE SHOCKLEY-dialysis  
JENNIFER BURNS-recovering from severe burns  
BONNIE ROBBINS-health issues, friend of Sue Lodor.  
DARLA DUCKWORTH BROWN-recuperating from surgery, friend of Steve and Linda Leveridge.  
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila and Roger Tonne.  
PATSY YORK-health issues  
JOSH ALLEN-health issues. Son of Sherry Copeland Duggan.  
CORDELIA REDMAN-recovery after surgery. Barbara Collinsworth's mother.  
NATALIE REPMAN-Melissa Trammel's sister  
JENNIFER BROWN-35 yr. old, step-daughter of Kathryn Hart's sister, Sheryl. Diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer.  
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland.  
MAVIS MITCHELL-dialysis. Sue Lodor's sister-in-law  
JACK ROGERS-great-great-nephew of Sue Lodor  
COBY MEINZER-cousin of Juana Ash. Diagnosed with ALS.  
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**FEBRUARY**

SANDY BROYLES-02  
NATHAN LECHNER-04  
JAY PATTERSON-06  
JIMMY POWER-08  
BILL ASH-10  
STEVE LEVERIDGE-10  
KORD TRAMMEL-12  
PARKS SLOAN-14  
CHAD TOWNSON-17  
GARY COLE-18  
SCOTT HARRIS-18  
LINDSAY JOHNSTON-18  
FREDDIE LEDBETTER-19  
CINDY BANNER-21  
DEBBIE KARL-21  
JUSTIN RENFRO-21  
JACK HARBISON-24  
AUSTON ROBERTS-24  
LASTON ROBERTS-24  
RODNEY RUSSELL-24  
LINDLEY BROWN STREET-26  
PERRY KARL-27  
ZACH PARKS-28

**OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

BRECK BATES-San Diego, son of Cheri Bates, grandson of Sandy Broyles.  
AUSTIN BURKHALTER-grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan  
MICAH CLAY- Cypress, Texas-son of J.R. and Julia Clay.  
NICK CORDOVA- Okinawa, son of Ray and Merry Pendleton.  
GUY CRAIG-Saudi Arabia, son of Connie and Bob Meason, grandson of Ruth and Bob Green and nephew of Guyla and Wayne White.  
JASON GRAHAM-Fort Hood, cousin of Melissa Trammel.  
ZACHARY KARL-Afganistan, son of Perry and Debbie Karl and grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.  
ADAM HAYWORTH-Hawaii, son of Patti Hayworth Reid. Grandson of Jean Hayworth.  
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER

**CONDOLENCES**

Christian condolences are extended to Lisa Langford, Jaclyn Morehart, Jay White and their families, on the death of their mother and grandmother, Iris Patterson, December 20, 2016. Burial was in Carthage, Texas.

**SAVE THE DATE**

for God, Girls and Giggles.  
Saturday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Dear Trustees:  
Thanks for the light. We, the Children's Chest workers are most grateful! Your concern for our endeavor to clothe the children is prayerfully appreciated.

Bernadette            Gena            Elaine  
Adele                 Ann             Sheila  
Anita

Our End of 2016 Budget Income and Expenses

Total Budget expenditures for 2016  
\$258,336.10  
Total Budget Funds Received for 2016  
\$168,665.25  
Total Deficit for 2016  
\$- **89,670.85**  
Total taken from Standing Funds  
\$ 89,670.85  
End of Budget \$        0.00

Elaine Goswick  
Financial Secretary

26 Pledge Cards have been received to date for a total of \$100,800.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN  
FEBRUARY, 2017

**FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL**

As I complete the year- end report for our church, I am pleased to report that we had 5 professions of faith including Sydney Garland, Colemyn McClymond, Kason and Rachel Burchett, and Zoey Toland. If there were any other baptisms, please let us know so that we may update our records. These baptisms are the visible fruit of all our prayers and ministry. We are faithful when we provide Christian education and worship for these folks. God calls every church to be both fruitful and faithful. One without the other is only half of our mission. I have noticed that some churches that have few professions of faith often try to justify their ineffectiveness by saying, "God has not called us to be successful. God has called us to be faithful." The crux of the matter may be how one defines successful and faithful. I define "successful" as fulfilling the Great Commission of going and making disciples of Jesus. So what is "faithfulness?"

Faithfulness is accomplishing as much as possible with the resources and talents God has given us. This is why comparing churches is often an erroneous way of measuring success. Success is not being larger than another church, but it is bearing as much fruit as possible given your gifts, God doesn't call us to produce more fruit than which we are capable, but God does call us to fulfill our potential for fruitfulness.

I have noticed that we often err by expecting too little from God, and we attempt too little for God. This is the exact mistake made by the "one talent" manager in the parable of the talents which Jesus told his disciples (Matthew 25: 14-30).

The "one talent" manager was too afraid to take any risk. His fear kept him from having faith. If our vision is too small and we don't take any risk, then we are not walking by faith as well. Making changes in our sanctuary and hiring a youth minister is very risky behavior, but I believe this is what God is calling us to do in order to grow in our faith, grow our church, and fulfill our mission of Christian discipleship. Our plans for growth are so big that we can't do it by ourselves. We need everyone's assistance and God's assistance as well. I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful way God honors our faith.

Pastor Cal