

PRAYER CONCERNS

MICAH MOREHART
RICK & SHARON PENDLETON
J. WILLIAMS FELKENBERGER
DORIS KENDRICK
CONNIE ALLEN
LINDSAY AND BLAKE JOHNSON & FAMILY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

BO ASHER-recovering from surgery
LINDA SCOGGINS-Susan Pendleton's cousin who had a Massive stroke.
DEBRA WILLIAMSON-heart issues. Cousin of Susan Pendleton.
JOHN HIMES-heart issues
JAMES ASHER-Jane Asher's husband
MARIAN JARVIS
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 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

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

RANDY BOAZ, CAPTAIN
DON EPPERSON
LUKE McCLYMOND
TODD TIDWELL

2017 PLEDGES TO DATE

\$113,000.00
31 CARDS

Dear Reverend Hoffman,

Thank you for blessing our ministry with a gift!
We are grateful for your support, which enables us to offer hope to the children and families in our care.

Sarah Alvez
Methodist Children's Home

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7:00 P.M.
MARCH 1, 2017

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017
WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF GREETERS AND
ACOLYTES.
THANKS.

8TH ANNUAL GOD, GIRLS & GIGGLES

is coming Saturday, April 8th, 2017
at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC

Our speaker will be LORI DeVILLEZ of Round Rock, Texas, founder and executive director of the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center and author, among other activities, who will be speaking on SEEING GOD IN THE MOMENT.



PLAN NOW to decorate a table and invite your friends and family to enjoy a fun-filled ladies' night out! You may have as many as 6 to 8 people at your table. There will be a great dinner catered by Brenda Smock, door prizes, a table contest, and lots of fun. We are hoping to have a style show during dinner of area clothing stores.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and the speaker around 7:00 to 7:15 pm. Ticket prices will be \$15 per person and will be available from Elaine in the church office. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, March 26th. Tables may be decorated beginning on Friday, April 7th all day and in the morning of Saturday, April 8th.

LADIES, DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENT!

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-Fort Hood, 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



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PASTOR'S COLUMN
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

“The land of a rich man brought forth plentiful; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’” Matthew 12: 16-18

As of last Sunday, we have received 31 stewardship commitments totaling \$113,000.00 towards our 2017 plan for making Christian Disciples. Notice that I didn’t say, “toward our 2017 Budget.” The word, “Budget” falls way short of our vision and our faith. Jesus never called a church to raise money to fund a budget. Jesus does call us to be good stewards in using the resources God entrusts to us to make Christian disciples.

The rich man in the parable of the Rich Fool was merely working with figures and numbers. He thought he had a storage problem, when he really had a problem with his spiritual vision and his purpose in life. The Rich Fool was “poor” in his vision and “blind” to his call to stewardship. Bigger barns didn’t solve any of his spiritual problems or the pain and suffering of the people around him. Thus, the rich man was truly a fool, and he paid for his foolishness.

So, what will we do with the \$113,000.00 which we believe God will give to us this year? Will we keep doing the same old things with dwindling results and less effectiveness? We have said a resounding, “NO!” We hear God calling us to step out on faith and make our worship more effective for a wider range of people. We are broadening the scope of our music including more contemporary music to make our worship more enjoyable for younger people. We want to improve our place of worship to include video capabilities in order to make our worship more effective and creative. We want to hire a person who can help us improve our ministry to children and youth and young families.

We are not just building bigger barns. This is not just asking you for money to pay the light bill. We have a new vision for Christian discipleship, and we are putting our faith to the test. What an exciting and challenging time for our church to have a great vision, to be good stewards, and to grow in our discipling ministries. See you Sunday,

Pastor Cal