

PRAYER LIST

BERNADETTE LITTLEFIELD
STEPHEN BUSE-transferred to a rehab in Waco

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

LOUISE MILLER-mother of Gabriel Miller
DR. JAKE WELLS-recovering from quadruple bypass, brother Sandy Broyles.
JOHN COTTON-Harris Hospital
LINDA & BRIAN SMITH-from Fort Worth. She is having serious health issues.
JUDY WILLIAMS-still very weak and hasn't been able to go back to work at this time. Friend of Sharon Rogers.
SHANE SPEER-health issues
CAROL KING-chemo treatment; sister of Mary Edwards
JACKYE KINNARD-Martys Underwood's mom is back in Eastland.
TOMMY WIMBERLEY
TAMARA MITCHELL- cancer, friend of Gary Trammel.
RAY BLACK-cancer
CYNTHIA HAYWORTH-health issues
CRYSTAL GARCIA-cancer, friend of Lynn Richardson.
DOLORES EVERS-dialysis, 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
COBY MEINZER-cousin of Juana Ash, diagnosed with ALS. The family thanks you for all the prayers and please continue to pray for him.
BONNIE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland

NEW MEMBERS BILL & ALLISON BASSLER AND MARY AND WAYNE EDWARDS



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FOLLOWED BY

A POTLUCK LUNCHEON IN THE CLC AFTER MORNING WORSHIP.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH OF MEAT, VEGGIE, SALAD, DESSERT AND BREAD.

CAFÉ LOVE

The Café of Love would like to "THANK" all the people who have donated blankets, heaters, clothes, water, their time and their money to help feed and clothe those in this community, who for circumstances beyond their control, have needed help that only a loving, compassionate church could provide. May God continue to bless you as you have shown God's love to a hurting group of people. A special "Thank You" to WinGS for their continued support. It just reinforces that this church is truly blessed to have Women in God's Service.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



TYSON HOPE-JAN. 30TH

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

SANDY BROYLES-02
NATHAN LECHNER-04
JIMMY POWER-08
BILL ASH-10
STEVE LEVERIDGE-10
REAGAN LODOR-10
KORD TRAMMEL-12
PEGGY DONNELL-14
PARKS SLOAN-14
SHANNON NICKLAS-17
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 STREET-26
PERRY KARL-27
ZACH PARKS-28
KAREN SQUYRES-28

THANKS

Buddy, our girls, and I want to thank everyone at First United Methodist Church for all of the prayers that went out for Buddy while he was sick and in the hospital. He is doing so much better now. We are so blessed to have such good people in our corner. Thanks again,
The Buddy Blackburn family
Thanks be to God.

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-Fort Hood, cousin of Melissa Trammel.
ARIC HOLLEY-son of Sherry Strickland
ZACHARY KARL-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

CONDOLENCES

Christian condolences are extended to Lisa Patterson and family on the death of her mother, Bennie Hughes.

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Christian condolences are extended to Elaine and Bobby Goswick on the death of her uncle, James Boyd.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our "Undie Sunday" drive for socks and underwear! Through your outpouring of generosity we collected 102 pairs of socks and 86 pair of underwear. These items were taken to North Elementary to be shared with Breckenridge ISD students in need.
Thanks again-



Sunday School Attendance pins were presented Sunday, January 14, 2018 for the Sept—Nov 2017, 3 month quarter to Nathan Lechner, Levi Lechner and Christian Lechner. The next quarter will be December 2017—February 2018. Reminder: You can have 1 missed Sunday

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FROM THE PASTOR

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“And Jesus called to him his 12 disciples...The names of the 12 apostles were these: Simon, who is called Peter,...and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” Matthew 10: 1-4.

The man came to church one Sunday morning to worship with us I guess because earlier that week I had met him on the parking lot where he had asked me for some assistance. He said that his wife had divorced him and “kicked him out of his house.” I bought him lunch and let him take a shower at the church. The long story short is that he eventually became active in the church, and he seemed like he was getting back to what we would call “normal.” He was baptized, and his appearance and demeanor improved greatly. I discovered that he was a veteran of the Korean War, and he was a severe Bipolar. He began to take his medications again on a regular basis. I considered him a discipleship success story of the loving, Christian outreach of our congregation.

One Sunday, he didn't show up. That week I received a call from the local hospital that he was a patient, and he had asked if I would come see him. I did, and as we talked he told me that he was grateful for all that I and the church had done for him, but he wouldn't be coming back to church because he couldn't face the people and all their questions. I never saw the man again. To this day, I don't know what happened to him.

This experience left me somewhat discouraged from reaching out and trying to help people who were homeless or addicts. It seemed so hopeless and disappointing. Since then, however, I have learned that working with people who are down and out is particularly challenging. Recovering from an addiction or a mental illness, like Depression or anxiety attacks, or being Bipolar, isn't like getting over the flu. These people don't recover all the way back to the good health they had before their addiction or episode. Recovery is more like daily managing the problem that never completely goes away. Usually there are times during which the person may function well, but eventually something happens that triggers a relapse of some kind. Rare is the person who can manage their mental illness consistently over a long period without the support of a family, a church, a good counselor, and medications.

Even Jesus didn't have a perfect discipleship record. One of the twelve whom Jesus groomed and trained for 3 years disappointed him greatly. The rest of the 11 he had chosen and put in so much time and effort into experienced failures in their discipleship. But through it all, they did a lot of effective ministry and built a strong, vibrant church.

I still look for people to help. I ask God to lead me to folks who are hurting and may want a friend. I make a list of people who are often rough around the edges and don't go to church even though some of my discipleship efforts ended up in disappointment. Why do I do this? I do this because Jesus took a chance on 12 ordinary people who had potential. I do this because I have had some discipleship success as well. I do this because the Good Shepherd would leave the 99 sheep he already had in order to go and search for the one that was lost. I invite you to make your 2018 lost sheep list and start praying for them today.

