

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

ELAINE EVERS  
RICK PENDLETON & SHARON  
RAYMOND PENDLETON  
SUE BARRIER  
WAYNE EDWARDS-hospital in Fort Worth, Covid  
CONNIE ALLEN SUSAN PENDLETON  
LINDA HARRIS  
CORLEY WHITE  
JIM BOB & SUZI COODY

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

KAREN WOOD-health issues, mother of Bryan Wood and friend of Sandy Broyles  
ROB McCORMICK-major heart attack, brother-in-law of Sharon Rogers  
TAMI VICK STONE-now in rehab, from Covid.  
WENDY HUMPHREYS COLLIER-cancer, daughter of Pat & Rena Humphreys  
SUSAN ADDY-recovering from a broken leg, cousin of Mike Leveridge  
JOHNNIE MOSSER-fell from a deer blind, ruptured spleen & broken ribs, brother of Mary Edwards  
JEFF REGISTER-brother-in-law of Lisa Langford, husband of her sister, Jodie  
RUTH TAYLOR-health issues  
RANDY WHITLEY-cancer  
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila & Roger Tonne  
EASTON RILEY-9-yr-old boy with health issues, friend of Debbie & Jim Rummage  
SKEETER RAYBURN-cancer, friend of Jim & Debbie Rummage  
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-health issues  
JACK ROGERS-great-great nephew of Sue Lodor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**JANUARY, 2021**

THAD COLLINSWORTH-01  
BRENDA GRAY-01  
DYLAN TIDWELL-01  
DAMON MOSER-02  
JAMES WADE-03  
KASON BURCHETT-07  
JACOB GLICK-09  
TIM BYERLY-10  
ELMO PRATER-10  
ELYSSA GLICK-12  
MINNA ANN TONNE-15  
WAYNE WHITE-15  
JACQUELINE TRAMMEL-16  
CHERYL WILLIAMSON-17  
BARBARA POWER-18  
SHARON TOLAND-23  
BARBARA COLLINSWORTH-26  
ERIC VENEKAMP-26  
RANDY BOAZ-27  
SHALYN OWEN-27  
STEVEN SMOCK-27  
ASHLEY OWEN-29  
ERNE UNDERWOOD-29  
CLAY BOAZ-30  
ELAINE EVERS-30  
TYSON HOPE-30

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

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 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

**CONDOLENCES**

Christian Condolences are extended to the family of Patricia Renschler. Patricia passed away on December 5, 2020. Celebration of Life was held at Gunsight Baptist Church December 14, 2020.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, January 13th, 2021  
Adult Bible Study will resume at 6:00 p.m.  
This study will begin with Philippians.  
Please read the first chapter three times.  
Make notes about verses which mean the most to you and why.  
Please be prepared to share.

**CONDOLENCES**

Christian condolences are extended to Sue Lodor and family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Mavis Mitchell.

**CONDOLENCES**

Christian condolences are Extended to Becky McIntire and family on the passing of her mother, Rosemary Ferguson, on December 6, 2020. A memorial service was held December 10, 2020 at Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to  
Robert and Sara Hare  
on the birth of their  
son  
Hank Archer Hare  
on October 27, 2020 at  
11:42 a.m.  
His grandparents are  
Roger and Sheila Tonne.

**FUMC-**

Thank you for opening your hearts to our family. Your kindness of providing our family a meal after the service meant more than words could even say.

We hope the donation given to the church Thursday can be used in some small way to bless others within the church or community.

We are thankful for you all church family.

On behalf of the Phariss family- with love,

Lisa Wright

Bob Phariss, Danielle & Jay White, Kay Anna & Travis, Stephanie & Pedro Ramirez & the entire Phariss

**Christmas Shoeboxes and Gratitude.**

Our mission for Christmas Shoeboxes may seem complete but remember the most important element for these boxes is prayer for the child receiving these boxes. Please continue to pray.

Due to the generosity of this church, we shipped 60 boxes this year. Each box means one more child has the opportunity to hear about Jesus and one less child standing outside the door waiting. What has been done is remarkable and meaningful.

Some of our boxes have been shipped to Mexico, The Dominican Republic and Ecuador. Parts of these countries were devastated by hurricanes this year so these boxes are very special. You may learn about your specific boxes if you labeled with a Follow Your Box.

Thank you to each and everyone who participated with funds and boxes. Merry Christmas to all and to these children!

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## **THE PASTOR'S COLUMN**

### **JANUARY IS FOR JESUS**

It is important that we begin with Jesus Christ at the center of our thoughts and preparation for Christian living. Centering our thoughts, our attitudes and our actions on Jesus Christ will lead us toward living out Jesus' Lordship in our daily lives, choices and responsibilities. May it be so. Bro. David Ferguson

**WHO JESUS IS:** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. John 1:18

**WHO JESUS IS:** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 2:20-23

**WHAT JESUS DOES:** <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:9-11

**JESUS SAID,** <sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:43-48

**HOW JESUS ACTS:** <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord...." Philippians 2:5-11

**JESUS SAID,** <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

**JESUS SET THE EXAMPLE,** <sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him." Luke 5:12-13

**JESUS SET THE EXAMPLE,** <sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:12-17

**JESUS SAID AND SET THE EXAMPLE:** <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. Mark 10: 42-43

Jesus said and did more than these but, I believe, if we meditate on these passages and pray that God will use them in our Christian lives, we will be more and more like Jesus in our attitudes, words and actions in 2021. Certainly, as John the Apostle said, Jesus said and did many more things than are included in this short devotional exercise. But I am offering you a set of passages to consider and meditate on as you consider how to live out your life, choices and responsibilities as a believer in Jesus Christ. Consider the humble, outreaching, merciful, inclusive, gentle and kind servant heart of your Lord Jesus Christ and prayerfully seek to be like Him. In this way, be the light of your world in 2021!

Brother David