

PRAYER CONCERNS

RONNIE & SUSAN PENDLETON
RICK & SHARON PENDLETON
SUE BARRIER-hospitalized with pneumonia
LINDA HARRIS
SUZI COODY & FAMILY
BARBARA GOODALL

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

GEORGIA HATFIELD-suffered a heart attack; friend of Terri Bradley
JACOB ACOSTA-beginning treatment soon for a brain tumor. Step-brother of Robert Hare.
JEANNINE HERRINGTON
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.
JUNIOR DURAN-hands burned in an oil field accident
DONNA SCHKADE-health issues, sister of Deedra Boaz
SANDRA KNADE-covid, friend of Sande Angus
DENNIS LODOR-son of Sue Lodor
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
HARTLEY HEARNE-3 yr. old with leukemia. Granddaughter of Ginger Dittmar's friend
JULIO VENEGAS-diagnosed with cancer, friend of James & Donna Wade
JACK ROGERS-great-great nephew of Sue Lodor

LEARNING TREE GRADUATES

MAY, 2021

Millie Cantrell
Cayden Creager
Jocce Dossey
Mia Duran
Kaisley Hawkins
Kinsley Kirk
Claudio Martinez
Colemyn McClymond
Elijah Mendoza
Marvin Moore
Scarlett Nieves
Jaxson Reyes
Nick Reyes
Swenson Shortes
Delilah Trammel



CONGRATULATIONS

Kylee Willis placed 3rd in High Jump in the 3A Division at the state track meet.
Kylee has now signed with Tarleton to be in their Track and Field Program.
Kylee, we at FUMC are so proud of you!
Best Wishes!!

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

DANNY FLATTERS-01
RACHELL BURCHETT-03
THOMAS EDEN-06
LINDA LEVERIDGE-06
KIRBY BROWN-09
WHITNEY FULGHAM-12
PATSY MEHAFFEY-15
CHRISTIAN LECHNER-17
CHRISTIE COPLAND-18
ROXZANN GLICK-18
EVELYN DEMSON-19
ERIC HUMPHREYS-20
CARDER McCLYMOND-20
LINDA CHANEY-21
CANTYN McCLYMOND-23
CONNIE MARTIN-24
SLOANE STREET-26
STEELE STREET-26
MISTY HASH-28
JOHN BROWER-29

CONGRATULATIONS

Channing LaNell was born May 17, 2021 to Kord and Kaylee Trammel. Channing's big brother is Truett Trammel. Grandparents are Gary and Kathy Trammel.

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

To the Church family Guyla and I deeply love I submit my resignation from music director position as of July 4th, 2021.

I feel like 53 years of blessings, dedication to our music service, wonderful friendships, working with so many great pastors, celebrations of many kinds, accompanists who really made my work easy, and congregations who showed me love, praise and forgiveness when I fell short has blessed my family beyond measure.

I love working with David Ferguson and admire his faith, guidance, understanding what God expects of us as a church and great compassion for each member. I hope he and Susan continue to serve our church for many years.

I know that we have a wonderful physical property but better than that is what God calls the Church and His Bride. I always feel the presence of Love for our neighbor that Jesus commands.

I must say that my helper Janice carried a huge load here and makes my job easy and is a wonderful friend to me and servant of our Lord.

My wonderful Guyla who I affectionately call S'wart will help me through this difficult change as she always does.

Sadly and sincerely,
Wayne White

CONDOLENCES

Christian condolences are extended to Suzi Coody, J.R. Coody and family, and Sunny Orr and family passing of their husband and father, Jim Bob on May 24, 2021.

Rev. Jim Abel, Rev. Johnny Miller and Pastor David Ferguson officiated at the service.

Burial was at Breckenridge Cemetery.

Thank you for awarding me the Margaret Hallauer scholarship. I really appreciate your generosity. This will be a huge help for college!

Kayla Wood

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JUNE IS FOR JUSTIFICATION

[Romans 3:24](#) and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

[Romans 4:25](#) He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

[Galatians 2:16](#) we know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. In the 1990's, George Barna released a survey of Christian Spiritual communities. Barna found that 70-80% of active members-from Methodists to Southern Baptists to Pentecostals did not know the core doctrines of their church. It is very important that our Christian world view be informed by core New Testament doctrines and the consideration and discussion of the Christian community over 2000 years. In April I shared with you the core Christian doctrine of atonement. Atonement means to make amends for something done wrong. It means to reconcile separated parties. Atonement is what Jesus Christ did for us. (1 John 4:10) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ-His act of atonement- leads to another core Christian doctrine: Justification. Justification can be defined as "the act of God whereby humankind is made or accounted just, or free from guilt or penalty of sin." John Wesley, founder of the Methodist tradition, said "The plain scriptural notion of justification is pardon, the forgiveness of sins. It is that act of God the Father, hereby, for the sake of the propitiation made by the blood of his Son, he "showeth forth his righteousness (or mercy) by the remission of the sins that are past." (John-Wesley-Sermons) According to M. F. Wiles, the Great Church Father Origin (185-245 AD) believed, justification by faith seems to consist in two parts. On one hand, by faith, one is reconciled to God through the blood of Christ. This eliminates all past sins from life of Christian. On the other hand, faith continually justifies a person before God as well. Saint Augustine (354-430 AD) believed this of Justification: "When St. Paul says, therefore, that man is justified by faith and not by observance of the Law, he does not mean that good works are not necessary or that it is enough to receive and to profess the faith and no more. What he means rather and what he wants us to understand is that man can be justified by faith even though he has not previously performed any works of the law." (Scholasticus) Martin Luther, the Pre-eminent figure of the Reformation, believed in the supreme importance of justification by grace *through faith alone* – not faith *plus* good works, which Luther said, " is the false belief of virtually every religion in the world apart from *genuine* Christianity." Luther believed all of these (works based) religions teach that, in the end, *our own works of obedience to God's law* are either wholly or partially the basis for our justification (i.e., being judged righteous in God's sight). Luther said, our own works have absolutely *nothing* to do with our justification before the bar of God's justice: "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith *apart from the deeds of the law.*" – Romans 3:27-28 (Theophily)

In the on-going Christian conversation about Justification there is a tension between those who believe that Justification is a fresh start through God's forgiveness of past sins ; lived out in the present and future through participation in what Wesley called "Sanctifying Grace", whereby we grow by faith, hope and love in personal holiness, and those who, while they affirm and promote personal holiness in our relationship with God and neighbor, believe Justification covers all human sin –past, present and future- in the believer for all time. The former believes the question is not whether we were saved (justified and sanctified) yesterday but are we saved today by living consciously in the Justifying and Sanctifying grace of God. The latter believes that once we are saved (justified) we are saved in the irresistible grace of God; whether or not we grow in personal holiness (Sanctification). This is the version of Justification called "Once saved always saved." I believe the preponderance of New Testament teaching about Christian salvation and living sides with Wesley but we must always heed Luther's warning that we not slide backward into a religion of works based salvation that forgets it is God who justifies(Romans 8:33) and we are justified by faith not by works lest any human being should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9) It is worth considering that God's grace - Justifying and Sanctifying - may not be simply experienced as static, chronological stages on a journey but as a continual and dynamic flowing opportunity, like continually refreshing wind, for us to experience God's love by faith in Jesus Christ; who is our "wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (1 Corinthians 1:30) Justification always begins by God's initiative of love (1 John 4:10). Paul Tillich tells us we experience justification when we accept ourselves as having been accepted in spite of being unacceptable. God's loving acceptance and forgiveness in Justification through the atonement of Jesus Christ can be renewed in our Christian experience anytime by grace through faith.

Bro. David

Paul Tillich "divine forgiveness, which facilitates "the courage to accept oneself as accepted in spite of being unacceptable".