

PRAYER REQUEST

JESS LITTLEFIELD-surgery scheduled Mar. 14th
SANDY BROYLES-broken arm
JIM BOB COODY
CONNIE ALLEN

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

PATTY AND KIM TRABON-health issues. Friends of Mike Colbert.
SUSAN AND MANCEL BOLTON-health issues. Friends of Mike Colbert.
RICHARD MITCHELL-scheduled for triple bypass, Mar. 9. Sue Lodor's brother
ALYCE MOSSER-in rehab after a stroke. Mary Edwards' mother.
JoNELL FULLER-in rehab after a car wreck.
COLEMAN VEALE-skiing accident in Colorado. Son of Ward Veale and Donna Veale.
BRENDA BRADFORD-Chelsey McClymond's mother. Diagnosed with Q fever.
HUGH STROUD-diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Friend of Sue Lodor.
DAVID FELKENBERGER-health issues/brain injury
LOUISE MILLER-Gabriel Miller's mom
CAROL KING-chemo treatment; sister of Mary Edwards
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
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- JAY WHITE-05
- SHARON WIMBERLEY-05
- LANCE ADAMS-06
- JUDY HART-06
- MARSHA GIPSON-08
- DANNY WILSON-08
- BLAKE POWER-09
- JANICE SMITH-11
- TERRY STRICKLAND-13
- FRANKIE SLOAN-14
- LINDA HARRIS-16
- RONALD McINTIRE-16
- JERRY TOLAND-16
- TERRY LANGFORD-19
- KYLEE WILLIS-19
- BABE CRIDER-20
- KRISTA BROWER-22
- BETH BYERLY-23
- SUTTON STREET-23
- SHANNON ROBERTS-24
- DON EPPERSON-27
- DIRK OWEN-27
- LEVI LECHNER-29
- ROSA LEVERIDGE-29
- BLAKE PATTERSON-30
- BOBBY CLEVELAND-31

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-cousin of Melissa Trammel.
ARIC HOLLEY-son of Sherry Strickland
ZACHARY KARL-deployed, South Korea, 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 David and Karen Duggan and family on the passing of their sister-in-law, Jana Duggan.

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Christian condolences are extended to Martye Underwood and family on the passing of her mother, Jackye Kinnard, on February 12, 2018.

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Christian condolences are extended to Juana Ash and family on the death of her cousin, Coby Meinzer.

EASTER LILIES

Lilies are available this year for \$15. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletins or call the church office.

SANCTUARY VIDEO TRAINING

Scheduled Mar. 11th
At 4:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary.

GOD, GIRLS AND GIGGLES

Scheduled for April 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. The featured speaker this year is Jill Hellwig. Includes dinner catered by Brenda Smock. Plan your tablescapes and invite your friends. There will be no judging of the tablescapes this year. If you don't plan to decorate your table, please let us know. Please plan to pick-up and have your tickets paid for by April 6th.

MEETING TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY

HELICOPTER AIR-LIFT SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE CLC.

First United Methodist Church
419 West Walker
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FROM THE PASTOR

MARCH, 2018

Just Checking In Today

A preacher was passing through his church in the middle of the day when he decided to pause by the altar to see if anyone came to pray. Just then the back door opened and a man came down the aisle. The preacher frowned as he saw the man, because he hadn't shaved in quite a while. His shirt was torn and shabby, and his coat was worn and frayed. The man knelt down and bowed his head, then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed, at precisely noon the preacher saw this chap come with a lunch pail and kneel for a moment to pray. Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear. So he decided to stop and ask the man, "What are you doing here?" The old man said he was a factory worker and lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time for finding strength and power. "I stay only a moment because the factory's far away, as I kneel here talking to the Lord. This is what I say: "I just came by to tell you, Lord, how happy I have been since we found each other's friendship, and you took away my sin. Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day. So Jesus, this is Ben, just checking in today."

The preacher, feeling foolish, told old Ben that it was fine. He told him he was welcome to come and pray there anytime. "It's time to go, and thanks," Ben said as he hurried to the door. Then the preacher knelt himself, which he had seldom done before. His cold heart melted, warm with love, as he met with Jesus there. The tears flowed down his red cheeks as he repeated old Ben's prayer.

Past noon one day, the preacher noticed that Ben hadn't come. As more days passed and still no Ben, he began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill.

The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill. The week that Ben was with them brought changes in the ward. His smiles and joy contagious, changed people were his reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Ben could be so glad, for no flowers, call, or cards came. Not a visitor he had.

The preacher stayed by Ben's bed. He voiced the nurse's concern. No friends had come to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up, and with a winsome smile, "The nurse is wrong. She couldn't know He's been here all the while. Every day at noon He comes here, a dear friend of mine, you see. He sits right down and takes my hand, leans over and says to me, "I just came by to tell you, Ben, how happy I have been since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin. I think about you always, and I love to hear you pray. And so, Ben, this is Jesus, just checking in today."

