

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

CONNIE ALLEN      JIM BOB COODY  
ROGER TONNE      LINDA HARRIS  
SUSAN PENDLETON      SUZI COODY  
CORLEY WHITE      ROXZANN GLICK

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

KARAN McCLURE-treatments for leukemia  
TEX KARL-doing well, son of Derek and Shayna Karl  
BOBBY ANDERSON-health issues  
JOHN WINKER-friend of Terri Bradley  
JASON FISCHER-covid 19, pneumonia, nephew of Jean Hayworth  
COREY FISCHER-tonsil cancer, nephew of Jean Hayworth  
CHERYL MATSON-health issues requiring surgery. Sue Lodor's niece  
VIVIAN PALACHEK-resuming chemo for her leukemia. Friend of Linda and Steve Leveridge.  
MICKEY TAYLOR-health issues, friend of Langfords  
RUTH VANDERBARK-Jill Flinchum's mother  
RUTH TAYLOR-health issues  
DENNIS LODOR-physical therapy for his leg after surgery  
GLENDA WALKER-health issues, mother of Jackie Ensey  
RANDY THOMAS-broken leg.  
ROSALIE SCHEFFER-Roxzann Glick's mother  
JAMES SCHEFFER-cancer; Roxzann Glick's brother  
CHERYL FOSTER-cancer, Gary Glick's sister  
RANDY WHITLEY-cancer  
DENNIS STEPHENS-health issues  
ROBERT PATTERSON-health issues, brother of Lisa Langford  
GARY VICK  
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

**CONDOLENCES**

Christian condolences are extended to Kathryn Hart and family on the death of her father, Bill Hollis, on September 16, 2020. He was buried in Abilene at the Texas State Veteran's Cementery September 22, 2020.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**OCTOBER, 2020**

LANDI ANDERSON-01  
DORENE PARRACK-02  
JOAN COUGER-02  
SHELBY ROGERS-02  
KAYCE UNDERWOOD-03  
SHELBY LIPPS-05  
TAMARA RUSSELL-07  
CLIFF HAMILTON-08  
JACK BROWN-09  
GEORGE PERRY-09  
GARY SUBLETT-14  
SUE LODER-17  
RONNIE PENDLETON-17  
SARA BROWNING-18  
STEPHANIE RENFRO-19  
JESS LITTLEFIELD-21  
LUKE McCLYMOND-21  
BETH MORRIS-23  
GARY BROWN-24  
HOLLYN FULGHAM-25  
KALEB BROWER-27  
DANA MCKENZIE-28  
LAUREN VICKERS-29  
ZACH WILLIS-31

**CONTRIBUTION**  
**STATEMENTS**

through September will be mailed out the first week of October.

**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-Fort Hood, 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

Think for just a moment about your child or grandchild not receiving any gifts for Christmas – or for that matter any gift at all, throughout their childhood. We all rejoice that we have in abundance and delight as gifts are exchanged at Christmas. There are millions of children in our world today that do not receive any gift.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. The mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Shoebox gifts are a way to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider participating in this mission project this year. Shoeboxes and a list of appropriate items for the boxes will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Leveridge at 817 600 3756.

Trustees Meeting  
Oct. 8th  
5:30 p.m.



Finance/Admin. Board Meeting  
Oct. 15th  
5:30 p.m.



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## **THE PASTOR'S COLUMN**

OCTOBER, 2020

**WE DO THE WORD BY OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS,  
SERVICE AND WITNESS** “Be doers of the word and not hearers only.”

James 1:22 “Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

“Jesus went to the Synagogue every Sabbath as was His custom.” Luke 4:16

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind....” 2 Corinthians 9:7

“For the Son of Man has come...to serve.” Matthew 20:28

“As the Father sent me (to serve), so I am sending you.” John 20:21

“You will be my witnesses.” Acts 1:8

This month we are looking at the FIVE VOWS United Methodists agree to when we join a United Methodist Congregation. Many years ago the VOWS did not include WITNESS but, when United Methodists recognized their decline, we added WITNESS. The FIVE VOWS are, I will support my Church by my PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE and WITNESS. We could call these Vows BASIC CHRISTIANITY. We “DO THE WORD” by acting in these ways.

PRAYER is the beginning and sustaining resource of all our Christian endeavors. It is our “grand connection with God.” (John Wesley) Through PRAYER, we invite God to participate in our lives, the lives of our congregation and community.

PRESENCE is BEING THERE, SHOWING UP, PARTICIPATING. We follow Jesus and Jesus, even when He disagreed, was there, showing up and participating with His fellow Jewish worshippers in the Synagogue; where believers gathered. While individuals have their own relationship with Christ, Christian community is NOT optional.

GIFTS is primarily the ministry and service of MONEY; though it also refers to our talents and aptitudes for specific roles that contribute to the life and ministries of the congregation. Christians pool together our resources and talents to shine our light and give glory to God through our Good Works.

SERVICE is serving. It is using our talents and aptitudes to do specific activities. This is witnessing, disciple making, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, running the Audio Visual, taking care of the property, leading music etc.

WITNESSING is sharing our personal stories of Jesus and His presence, power, comfort and guidance in our lives. It is inviting people to invite Jesus into their lives; so they can have the same blessing and shine the same light.

Like Baseball players do batting practice, fielding fly and ground balls and running the bases in order to play the game well, we Christians do these practices in order to follow Jesus Christ well.

Pastor David