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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

- Family of Peggy Bradford—bereavement
- Alberta Darks—bowel obstruction
- Roger Hembree—hip replacement
- Mitzi Hembree—recuperation from hip replacement
- Reese Philips—surgery and recuperation
- Son of friend of April Webster—persistent coma after MRI

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—continued recuperation
- Larry and Lana Bradley's grandson Quinn—health
- Dee Buckmier
- Imogene Carothers
- Mark Lamb, Ed's youngest son, stage-four cancer
- Daphne Cross (Huong's granddaughter)—health
- Delores & Sam Castleberry—vision/health
- Mark Handley's son
- Jake Justice, cousin of Jill Justice, salvation
- Ann Langham
- Bob Sapp—cancer treatment
- Joni Sapp—health
- Shirley Smith—health/well-being
- Michelle, Rachel Whatley's aunt—cancer
- Pastor's cousin Neal—health
- Pastor's cousin Sandy—health, recuperation
- Bob Barker—Claudia's brother-in-law, health
- Lloyd Dickerson—health
- Arlene Goddard's son Kevin and Walter Goddard's son Dale
- Joyce Handley—health/sinus infection
- J.R. Hill—strength/grace
- Twila Howard cousin, Virginia—health
- Jean Johnson, friend of Beardains
- Eddy Jane McElvany—Tuscany Village—Hospice
- Billye Murrell—strength
- Dareck Smith—well-being

Persecuted/Imprisoned Christians

China:

- Early Rain Covenant Church Members
- Pastor Wang Yi and Wife, Jiang Rong

Our Military

- Pastor's nephew, Edward and family; Heather McEver

Our Shut-ins

- Willis Bottger (VA retirement, Norman)
- Delores and Sam Castleberry
- Pat Clark (Brookdale south)
- Alberta Darks (Town Village, Tulsa)
- Ruth Greene (Bill Long's aunt)
- Bill and Betty Harris—wisdom, and grace
- Perry Neel—Ginger Montgomery's grandfather

Lottie Moon Offering

- Missionaries serving on foreign fields

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

Birthdays

- 9 Jay Mayfield
- 13 Danielle Kuykendall
- 14 Verla McKissack
- 16 Colleen Godsy
- 18 Charles Harris Ed Kimberlin
- 19 Bob Sapp
- 21 Melody Beard Josh Webster
- 23 Leonard Curtis
- 25 Betty Harris Quinn Kuykendall
- 30 Bob Montgomery
- 31 Pat Clark

Open/Close

- 13 J. Hoel
- 20 D. Littleton
- 27 W. Long
- 13 Janie A Glenna L
- 20 Shirley M/Becca R Michelle V
- 27 Ginger M Scott P

Nursery

Stewardship for the week of 1/06/2018

Budget Receipts:	6,475.00
Required:	3,260.03
Over/Under:	3,214.97
T.A.B.:	45.00
Lottie Moon Offering:	75.00
Annie Armstrong Offering:	25.00

Suggested gift for January

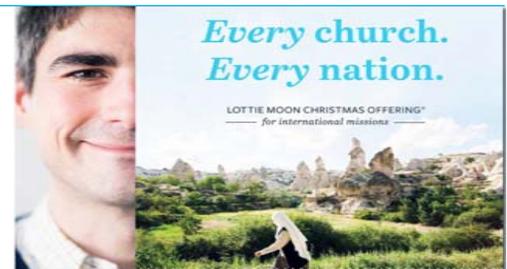
WOW! gifts for boys
 Boys' and girls' gloves
 (child, youth small,
 medium, and large)



The pastor and his wife with the kids who first participated in the State Bible Drill making silly faces. The picture was taken two years ago at Quail Springs. Can you identify the kids? They have changed a lot!

Lottie Moon Christmas
 Offering for International Missions

Goal: \$1,500
 Received: \$1,081



Are You on the Way?

I have texted those words to my son and daughter-in-law and they have texted similar words to me. Those words came to mind this morning during my prayer time for my family and my church family. Christianity is called "the way" numerous places in the New Testament. Luke speaks of Apollos having been instructed in "the way" of the Lord and Aquila and Priscilla explaining "the way" of God to him more accurately (Acts 18:25-26). In chapter 19, Luke recorded opposition to "that way" at Ephesus. Paul confessed to Felix that he worshiped God according to "the way" which the Jewish leaders called heresy (24:24). Peter warned of false prophets whose followers would cause "the way" of truth to be maligned (2 Pet. 2:2). Later, he wrote of "the way" of righteousness (vs. 21).

All those references to "the way" derive from a statement Jesus made to Thomas. Jesus had told the disciples He was going away to "prepare a place" (John 14:2) for them and said, "Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know" (vs. 4). Thomas, thinking literally, as he tended to do (cf. 10:7-8, 16), assumed Jesus referred to a physical place on earth and complained the disciples did not know where Jesus was going, "How can we know the way?" (14:5). It was at that point that Jesus uttered those words many Christians know by heart: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (vs. 6). Matthew recorded that the Pharisees had approached Jesus with a question, flattering Him as teaching "the way" of God in truth (Matt. 22:16; cf. Mark 12:14; Luke 20:21). Allen noted the word in that context had the meaning of "manner of life" (*A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel of S. Matthew*, T & T Clark, p. 227).

This takes us back to Psalm 1, which details the only two ways by which we as human beings can live, the way of life or the way of death. In a very real sense all of us are "on the way." The question is, Which way?—the way of God, the way of life, or the way of death, the way of self? When you're traveling, there are usually evidences you are on the right way—road signs, towns, states. If you're on an airplane, however, those evidences are more difficult to see and not as clear. Flying from Orlando, FL, to Houston, TX, I expect to see the Gulf of Mexico. Most

flights cut time and miles that way. Years ago I was flying back to Oklahoma City from Orlando and had to change planes in Denver. As we approached Denver, the weather got rough and the pilot came on the intercom to say we were in a holding pattern because of hail at the Denver airport. After circling for a while, we started down, and as I looked out I saw a strange, barren landscape. I saw no sign of the Denver skyline—no evidence we were on the way to the destination. The flight attendant may have said, "Welcome to Denver," but I am not certain. After landing, we were told to remain in our seats. Suspicious person that I tend to be, I pulled out my Blackberry and opened a map. The flashing dot on the map glowed solidly over Colorado Springs, not Denver. We had had to divert for fuel at the airbase.

What evidence do we see that we're on the way of life? We won't see street signs, and our map app won't show a flashing dot halfway or more to heaven. We should, however, see changing character, fruit of the Spirit. We should see growing love for God, His Word, worship with His people. I've taken wrong turns while traveling. Once, headed to Florida, I missed my turn south of Mt. Pleasant, TX, and realized I did not recognize the scenery; I knew I was on the wrong road. My GPS got me turned around and on the right road. In Isaiah 30:21, God told His people, "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it." The Word, that Voice we hear directing us, is God's Spirit.

When you don't recognize the scenery you ought to see in life, realize you're likely on the wrong road and ought to listen for the voice of God telling you how to turn around and get "on the way" again.

We can be "on the way" but stuck by the side of the road, sidelined by some road hazard or other. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Pray as David did, "rescue my soul" (Ps. 35:1).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed—nego put it plainly: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us" (Dan. 3:1).

Get back "on the way" if you've turned off. God misses you. His people do, too.

—Brother Gary

