



# Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019

## Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

- David Beatty—friend of Scott Smith, cancer
- Paul Blair, pastor Fairview, Edmond—throat cancer
- Alberta Darks—continued recuperation
- Colleen Godsy—health
- Roger Hembree—hip replacement
- Mitzi Hembree—recuperation from hip replacement
- Ron Meek's brother, Danny
- Melton Smith—Shirley's son Melton, procedure Monday

## Ongoing Prayer Needs

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

## 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)*

## February Birthdays

- 6 Hershel Kuykendall
- 7 Aidan Allen
- Mackenna Vess
- 11 Angelina Rohling
- 12 Scott Phillips
- 13 Tina Imhoff
- Jill Justice
- Bill Long
- Don Lugafet
- Clarence Warstler
- 15 Alberta Darks
- 18 Peighton Newman
- 19 Lauren Lugafet
- 20 Tara VanWieren
- 21 Nevaeh Thomas
- 26 Christina Vass
- 27 Becca Rocco

## Nursery

- 10 Janie A
- Glenna L
- 17 Shirley M/Becca R
- Michelle V
- 24 Becca R
- Ginger M

## Open/Close

- 10 Adams
- 17 Holland
- 24 B. Montgomery

## February Suggestion:

Boys' and girls' socks  
 (child/youth small,  
 medium, and large)



## Stewardship for the week of 2/3/2018

Budget Receipts:	4,170.66
Required:	3,260.03
Over/Under:	910.63
T.A.B.:	60.00
Bridge repair:	50.00
Women's Bible Study Books:	39.00
Annie Armstrong Offering:	25.00
Edna McMillan Offering:	25.00

## Kelham Baptist Church Deacons and Pastor, early 1950s

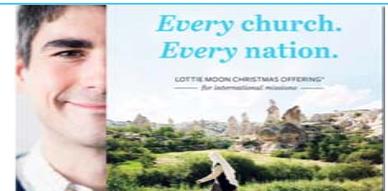


We haven't run an old, old picture in a long time. Can any of you identify any of the people in this picture from the early 1950s? Pastor Anson Justice is the shortest man on the front row. Who are the others?

According to the caption on the back of the photo, the individuals are—front row  
 from left: George Leach, Russell Singleton, R. C. Howard, Jr., Henderson, R. B. Cherry,  
 Freney, Anson Justice, Hill, Drannon, Rosser, Cox, Elvin Thomas.  
 Back row from left: J. D. Oliver, Haskell McClain, W. F. Myer, Gibson, Jim McRel,  
 Charles Litton, Homer Covington, Albert Perry.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Goal: \$1,500  
 Received: \$1,271  
 Total (with Jug): \$2,313.60



# Positives of Pastoring

**Years ago when I** worked as an editor for a Sunday School publishing company, I thought I had the best job in the world because I was paid to read and study the Bible every day. In reality the company paid me to read and study what others wrote and thought (and check their grammar, spelling, and theology). In that process, however, I learned much more of the Bible than I had known. A couple of years into that job, I got the opportunity to serve as interim pastor for a church. Frankly, preaching scared me to death. I had no desire to get in front of a congregation. I preferred staying the background, helping equip unseen pastors and church leaders with Bible knowledge to help them in their task of "perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12). Pastors and teachers equip Christians to do the work of service with the result that the body of Christ, the church, is built up.

**In that brief time, however, I found** that Christians with real names and faces hungered to know what God's Word said and how it applies rather than merely receive a weekly dose of devotionism that momentarily warmed their souls without giving them understanding of God through His Book. The interim position became a full-time position when the demands of serving as pastor conflicted with time and energy my work environment required. The church I served had a large auditorium built some years earlier, but church splits had reduced us to sitting on only one side of room. I still recall the young couple who began to attend and persisted in sitting on the opposite (vacant) side. When I asked why they didn't sit on the side with the crowd, the young man proudly said, "We're staking out our space for when the auditorium is full."

**As editors, no one ever encouraged us.** We never got letters (or if we got them never saw them) from real people who told us how much the material we worked on had blessed their lives. We got in raw copy from writers, worked our way through editing and proofreading it, and then got to read and edit it again when it came back as galley proofs. Then we would see the material again as paste-up pages (four pages to a sheet) of the copy would come back. Next we had to proofread Xerox™ copies of the actual individual pages after corrections had been made.

Finally we had to proofread once more in prepress "blue-line"—the final proof from the film from which the plate for printing occurred. After the whole process, the material was off to the printer and forgotten. We saw it again only if someone made a horrid error. **A dramatic difference occurred, however,** when I had to study, prepare, and present Bible truths to real people I came to know and love. I could understand the Apostle John's heart when he wrote, "I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth" (2 John 1:4). He reiterated that in 3 John: "I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (vss. 3-4). *The joy I receive as I see people come to know the Lord, grow in faith, and begin to serve cannot be measured.* And I still get paid to study the Bible every day!

**I thank you for the freedom** you give me to study God's Word without the distractions of having to earn a living in some other field. Added to that, however, is my thankfulness for the discipline imposed on me to seriously study God's Word to present three times a week. I recall talking with an older pastor years ago in Cleveland who said, "I thank God I have to preach three times a week. It keeps me in God's Word." I understood exactly what he meant. Reading a couple of verses in the Bible or even a chapter each day isn't enough. When you must understand a passage to teach it, God's Word searches and inspires more deeply.

**I always get more out of studying** for a message or lesson than I can possibly communicate. Studying becomes worship. I think every Sunday School teacher knows this truth as well. I thank God when people teach a class because I know they will have to study. Jesus told the woman at the well, "True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (John 4:23). Later, in the Lord's prayer for His disciples, He prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth" (17:17). God's Word, not human philosophy or advice, is His means to remake us. Paul told Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Thank you for letting me do that.

—Brother Gary

