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Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

David Beatty—friend of Scott Smith, cancer
 Sam Beatty—Dee Buckmier's daughter—hospital
 Cass Christian's Family—bereavement (son of Willie
 Brewington)
 Shirley Craig and family—bereavement, brother
 Daphne Cross and Huong Ho (bereavement, loss of baby)
 Bill and Betty Harris—health
 Robert Huntley (son of Julia)—knee replacement surgery
 (Monday)
 Wanda McClung, Jill Justice's mother-in-law—health
 Ron Meek's brother, Danny, nephew Pat
 Melton Smith—Shirley's son Melton, cancer in kidneys

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda Anderson—health
 Friend of Beardain's—Mary Lou Ryan
 Rick Bradford—friend of Beardain's
 Larry and Lana Bradley's grandson Quinn—health
 Dee Buckmier
 Imogene Carothers
 Delores & Sam Castleberry—vision/health
 Bob Barker—Claudia's brother-in-law, health
 Alberta Darks—grace and strength
 Lloyd Dickerson—health
 Arlene Goddard's son Kevin and Walter Goddard's son Dale
 Mark Handley's son
 J.R. Hill—strength/grace
 Jake Justice, nephew of Jill Justice, salvation
 Mark Lamb, Ed's youngest son, cancer
 Ann Langham
 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—colon reattachment surgery
 Eddy Jane McElvany—Tuscany Village—Hospice
 Billye Murrell—recuperation
 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

Nation and State

Our SBC Missionaries

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

Nursery

17 Glenna
 Janie
 24 Michelle
 Carol K
 31 Linda
 Ginger

March Birthdays

8 Alan Kimberlin
 19 Olivia Thompson
 29 J. R. Hill
 31 Carole-Marie Nix
 Jesse Green

Open/Close

17 J. Hoel
 24 D. Littleton
 31 B. Long

Stewardship for the week of 3/10/2019

Budget Receipts:	\$3,564.00
Required:	3,260.03
Over/Under:	303.97
T.A.B.:	25.00
Annie Armstrong Offering:	300.00



March Suggestion: Bar soap, toothbrushes, washcloths

How Your Gifts Equip North American Missionaries

- \$5** Bus fare for travel in the local community
- \$25** Meal with an unreached person
- \$85** Subscriptions for training resources
- \$100** Anniversary gift for a missionary couple
- \$175** Laundromat fees for a family of four
- \$300** Training and conferences for a church planter's wife
- \$500** Food and supplies for a neighborhood outreach event
- \$1,000** Emergency travel assistance for a missionary family
- \$1,200** Bibles, gospel tracts, discipleship materials
- \$1,400** Monthly worship facility rent

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Our Goal: \$1000



Autographed Books

This morning I started thinking about autographed books. I am not big on autographed books, but I have a few. I have a book my brother wrote about five years ago, autographed by him, *Langland and the Rokele Family: the Gentry Background of Piers Plowman*. I have several autographed books I have stumbled across in bookstores, mostly fiction. I have an autographed history of Thomas Watson of IBM that I received from the author after writing to tell him how I had enjoyed his book. I used to have an autographed copy of *Baptists and the Bible* by Russ Bush and Tom Nettles (I think I loaned it out and it never came home). I do not, however, have any autographed copies of the Bible. Now, you may think, "Well, of course, you don't. That's silly. God doesn't sign Bibles." What I am referring to, however, is copies of the Bible autographed by preachers, theologians, or public figures.

I think I signed a Bible for a church member many years ago, with great reservation, which I expressed to her. (She explained to me she liked to collect preachers' autographs.) I have great respect for the Bible. When I was an editor, we printed text blocks (the Scripture the lesson covered) in each of our quarterlies, like most publishers. To eliminate the possibility of typographical errors in days before computer Bibles and cut-and-paste functions, the managing editor required that we take old Bibles and physically cut out particular Scripture passages and tape them to the copy sent to the typesetter. That eliminated the possibility of editors like me mistyping something. All of us editors performed the task as assigned, but we did it with great trepidation because of our respect for the Bible.

President Trump was asked to sign Bibles by people he visited in Smiths Station, Alabama, this weekend when he toured the area of devastation that saw the death of more than a score. FoxNews surveyed religious leaders for their thoughts on that. The dean at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville), Hershael York, "said he didn't have a problem with Trump signing Bibles, like former presidents have, because he was asked and because it was important to the people who were asking" (<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/was-it-ok-for-trump-to-sign-bibles-in-alabama-visit-religious-leaders-weigh-in>).

The executive minister of Rhode Island's State Council of Churches, Donnie Anderson, "said she was offended by the way Trump scrawled his signature." "She viewed it, she said, as a 'calculated political move' by the Republican president to court his evangelical voting base. Unstated in the article is what I think is a material fact: "The Rev. Dr. Donald Anderson" began a sabbatical in June of 2018 to transition from a man to a woman, according to the Rhode Island State Council of Churches (<https://turnto10.com/news/local/reverend-transitioning-from-man-to-woman-risc-cc-president-says>). *The Providence Journal* indicated Anderson changed her name and took hormone therapy but "has not undergone surgery" (Sept. 4, 2018). FoxNews went on to quote Anderson: "For me, the Bible is a very important part of my faith, and I don't think it should be used as a political ploy. I saw it being used just as something out there to symbolize his support for the evangelical community... people should have more respect for Scripture." Kevin Cassidy-Maloney, pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fargo, North Dakota, said, "It just felt like hubris. It almost felt like a desecration of the holy book to put his signature on the front writ large, literally" (www.newser.com/article/9c69a148ea934dbb9d42549a490c6215/trump-signed-bibles-heresy-many-religious-leaders-say-no.html).

I believe treating the Bible as Donnie Anderson (an ordained American Baptist) and Kevin Cassidy-Maloney (UCC) and do is *much more disrespectful* than merely scrawling a signature on the cover. Why? Anderson and Maloney apparently venerate the *physical object* while *dismissing its truth*. In 2017, UCC General Minister and President, John Dorhauer, responded to the evangelical Nashville Statement rejecting gay marriage and homosexuality and transgenderism (to read the Nashville Statement, go to: <http://cbmw.org/nashville-statement>): "I am proud to say that neither gender identify nor sexual orientation impede God's ability and willingness to love us just the way She created us. I honor Her when I do the same" (www.ucc.org/news_ucc_leaders_respond_with_a_message_of_love_inclusiveness_to_nashville_statement_08_302017). Michael Schuenemeyer, UCC advocate for health and wholeness advocacy, said the Nashville Statement is "an affront to the Still-speaking God who will not be contained by the narrow-mindedness of God's people."

"The gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life" (Matt. 7:14).

—Brother Gary

