



# Kelham Korner

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## Prayer God is Faithful

### Newer Requests

Pastor's aunt and family—bereavement, passing of son Sandy

Tom Anderson—health/persistent infection

Glenda Anderson—carpal tunnel surgery

Allen Cloud—health (back to Mayo Clinic)

Gary Goree—chemo for multiple myeloma

Charles Harris's neighbors Terry and Poppy

Wanda Hixon and Michelle Vass—bereavement,

Ron Hixon, *Memorial service March 17, 10 AM*

at Southern Hills Baptist Church

Al Vass—foot amputation

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda Anderson—health

Bob Barker—health

Beverly Beardain—health

Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley

Sam Castleberry—strength

Shelley Cloud—strength

Bette Fehrle—health

Walter Goddard—strength

Mark Handley's son & brother, Tracy & wife, mom—Joyce

Handley's granddaughter, Olivia—celiac

Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health

Daughter of Debbie Hoel (Rob's wife)—health

Justine Hoel—strength

Heidi Hodge—health

Julia Huntley—rehab over doing well

Danny Imhoff—health

Ron Meek's cousin, Billy Ray—eyes

Bob Sapp—health

Scott Sapp—health

Ron Sherrod—continued healing/thanksgiving

Glenn Myrick—Stage 4 kidney disease/health issues

Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter

Paul Whatley—thanksgiving/increased strength

Ben and Sue White—health

President/Congress/Leaders/Courts

### Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver

### Our Homebound

Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Fort Worth, TX)

Billye Murrell (assisted living, Texas)

Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother

(Grace Living Center, Bethany)

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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

### March Birthdays

18 Alan Kimberlin

19 Olivia Thompson

21 Michael Macias

Takota Macias

31 Carole-Marie Nix

Jesse Green

Stewardship for Morning	3/12/2023
Budget Receipts:	\$2,207.70
Weekly Budget Required:	3,702.36
Over/Under:	\$1,494.66
Annie Armstrong:	\$940.00
TAB:	20.00

 **WMU**® Tuesday at 11 AM



Study followed by lunch

Sewing Circle at 1 PM



Our Goal: \$1500  
Received to date: \$1257 (2023)

Sunday Morning, March 19

## In Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers are with Michelle Vess and her family and Wanda Hixon and her family in the homegoing of Michelle's dad and Wanda's son Ron after a long battle with cancer. Services are Friday at 10 AM at Southern Hills Baptist.



## Guess Who

Colton Montgomery, who is working toward becoming an apprentice electrician, replaces a light fixture over the kitchen door. He is supervised by Scott and his grandfather, Bob. The LED fixture will provide more light and last longer. Good job, Colton!





### ***Ephemera or Eterna***

When I was studying Business Policy in college, our professor reminded us, “You can operate a business at loss for a time, but you cannot operate a business at loss forever.” That highlights the difference between short-run situations and long-run situations. “Ephemera” is the plural of the Latin word “ephemeron” and was originally a term used for a fever that lasted for only a day and refers to “things of transitory existence” (<https://www.etymonline.com/word/ephemera>). Many things with which we concern ourselves are actually *ephemera*. As Jesus reminded, “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they” (Matt. 6:25-26). He went on to detail the care the Father takes with the lilies of the field, pointing out “that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” (vs. 29). His point? “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (vs. 33).

**Jesus shifted the focus to *eterna***, which, according to *Etymologyonline.com* denotes things that are “permanent, everlasting, endless.” Eternal values, not values of this world or this age should be the focus of believers. It is all too easy to get caught up in the rat race of the events that seem to demand our attention. I came across some words from Vance Havner that challenge that preoccupation: “We are not here to turn out a quota of activities. We are here to glorify God.” Most of us have busy schedules, filled with all kind of activities. Havner’s counsel? “It is high time we learned that in this nerve-wrecking, maddening modern rush, we have let the spirit of the times rob us utterly of meditation, devotion, rest, the passive side of our Christian experience without which we cannot be truly active to the glory of God.”

**Havner was raised** in the western North Carolina mountain community of Jugtown, some twelve miles from Hickory. The town got its name from its main product, pottery jugs. The area was covered with clay beds, making it perfect for the purpose. It was there Havner gained his love of solitude. Tim Wilkins explained, “Havner loathed busyness and noise—two vices that drove him to solitude and simplicity. Virtually

every sermon and book included a grievance about the pace of life and his craving for solitude” (<https://www.preaching.com/articles/past-masters/past-masters-vance-havner-an-unbeaten-path/>). Wilkins continued: “We err if we view the passive side of our Christian experience as laziness or leisure. Havner said he was the last man he knew who had the ability to meditate, a discipline neither transcendental or accidental. As a boy, Havner ‘tramped the woods’ for solitude and continued to do so all his life. After checking into a hotel for a week of preaching, he immediately went looking for a wooded area, a place to restore his soul daily. Havner defined meditating as ‘not so much praying, but just thinking about the things of God.’ He rose early in the morning and went strolling in the woods with God.” The full fruit of that meditation can be known only in eternity, but a couple of quotations from Havner suggest it is vast.

**“It is one of the ironies of the ministry** that the very man who works in God’s name is often hardest put to find time for God. The parents of Jesus lost Him at church, and they were not the last ones to lose Him there.” “God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

**Most of us have daily schedules** that provide for such things as hygiene, food, travel, and work. But do our daily schedules have a time block for meditation? Do we schedule time alone with God and His Word? Do we tend to skimp on that when the events of life crowd into our lives? When I got the daily newspaper, I had to fight to put reading it behind reading God’s Word. I wanted to focus on the *ephemera*, not the *eterna*. When I surrendered to preach in a revival at McLean Baptist Church in Memphis, it was exam week. I was a mess and had just spent the weekend with friends in Clarksdale, MS, where I had been able to do some reflection. I got back on Sunday afternoon, and immediately went to the evening service at the church I had visited maybe twice during four years of college. Little did I know they were having evangelistic services. The preacher, Roy McClain, who preceded Charles Stanley at First Baptist, Atlanta, referred to a famous painting of a peasant farmer kneeling in an art gallery in Madrid, Spain. It depicts a farmer kneeling in a fresh-plowed furrow for prayer. While he was kneeling, an angel had picked up the plow and finished the row at the far end of the field without the farmer knowing and was beginning the next furrow. Underneath is the caption: “No Time Lost.” He made the point, “When we worship God, there is no time lost.” Though it was exam week, I committed myself to attending every night of the revival services. I lost no time at all worshiping with God’s people. That was the only term I got a 4.0 grade point. That’s *eterna*.



Brother Gary