



# Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

## Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

- Connie Adams—decisions, tests, and upcoming surgery
- Beardains' neighbors—health
- Dick Clark—great granddaughter, radiation
- Family of Pat Clark—bereavement
- Family of Shirley Craig—bereavement
- Lloyd & Joan Dickerson—continuing health issues
- Family of Colleen Gody—bereavement
- Gary Goree's stepson, Tracy (Covid)
- Gary Goree's daughter-in-law, hospitalized
- Verda Holland—pain
- Carole & Hershel Kuykendall—strength/encouragement
- Bill Long and family—bereavement, Aunt Ruth
- Family of Shirley McEver's brother-in-law—bereavement
- Don Rogers and family—continued strength
- Billy Tuter—prostate cancer treatments

## Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda & Tom Anderson—health
- Bob and Judy Barker—health
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Dee Buckmier—health
- Imogene Carothers—well-being
- Delores & Sam Castleberry—health/strength
- Bette Fehrle—lung condition
- Maddy Frieden, friend of Claudia
- Mark Handley's son & brother, Tracy & wife, mom—Joyce
- Charles Harris's daughter—second knee surgery, June 3
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- J. R. Hill—strength
- Julia Huntley—health
- Danny Imhoff—health
- Chris McEver—well-being
- Ron Meek's cousin—health
- Glenn Myrick—health issues
- Sheila Noble—unspoken
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter—bile-duct cancer
- Becca Rocco—work
- Mitzi & Clarence Warstler—health/strength
- Paul Whatley's nephew (sister Michelle's son)
- The Peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6)

## Military

Pastor's nephew (move); Heather McEver

## Our Homebound

- Willis Bottger (Norman VA)
- Imogene Carothers, (Purcell)
- Sam & Delores Castleberry (home)
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Crowley, TX)
- Bill Harris (son's home, El Reno)
- J. R. Hill (home)
- Billye Murrell—assisted living, Texas
- Perry Neel—Ginger Montgomery's grandfather
- Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace Living Center, Bethany)
- Shirley Smith—home

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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

## May Birthdays

- 20 Allen Cloud
- 30 Claud Holland

## May OCC items:

fishing supplies,  
flashlights, AA & AAA  
batteries, toys



## Thank You!

Pastor Gary Adams and the entire  
Kelham Family—

Thank you so much for the beautiful  
hydrangea plant sent to Mom's funeral.  
And thank you for once again sharing  
in the celebration of her life. She loved  
you and Kelham Baptist Church.  
Kelham was her life for 75 yrs.  
Thanks to all for loving her.

Respectfully,  
Marcus Gody



Stewardship for the week of	5/16/2021
Budget Receipts:	\$2,270.00
Required:	\$3,383.36
Over/Under:	1,113.36
Mother's Day Offering:	20.00
Bereavement Dinner:	60.00

## Services for Pat Clark

Wednesday, May 19, 2 PM  
Bill Merritt Funeral Home, Bethany.

*Our prayers are with Pat's sister Vera and  
with Pat's nieces and nephews.  
Pat was 86. She joined Kelham in 1991.*

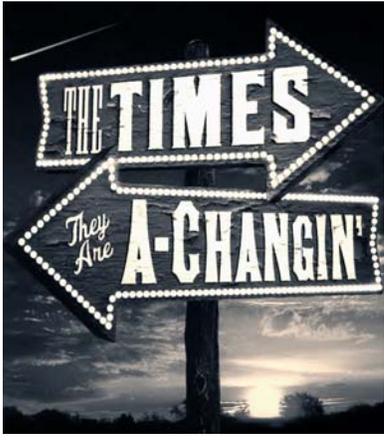


**Ginger Montgomery** and Caira Adams  
clean carpet prior to a funeral service.

**Bernice Carter** celebrated her 100th birthday  
August 16 at First Baptist Rhea, near Leedey, OK.  
She is putting 100 pennies into the metal church  
box for the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Chil-  
dren. Bernice was baptized at Kelham during  
World War II, when she was living in Oklahoma  
City before her marriage. The picture is from the  
*Oklahoma Baptist Messenger*.

**The Harvey Sparks Family**, serving  
in Mozambique, will be with us in  
the evening service this coming  
Sunday, May 23. Harvey is the great  
nephew of long-time Kelham  
member Willis Bottger. Harvey  
grew up in Portland Avenue Baptist  
Church. His wife lived across the  
street from Bob and Claudia  
Montgomery. The Sparkses are on  
furlough until August.





**In 1963 singer-songwriter** Bob Dylan penned a song that cataloged a cultural watershed, “The Times They Are A-Changing.” In 2020, Jeffrey Salkin wrote a piece for Religion News Service “What religion is Dylan now?” in which he traced Dylan’s odyssey from Judaism to Christianity to who-knows-what. The

song itself predicted changing times, and they certainly have.

**George Barna has long eyed** change among American Christians. His most recent survey, *The American Worldview Inventory 2021*, found, among other things, that “younger Americans are significantly more likely than the two previous generations (55 and over) to embrace horoscopes as a guide and Karma as a life principle, to see ‘getting even’ with others as defensible, to accept evolution over creation, and to view owning property as fostering economic injustice. On spiritual matters, Americans under 55 are far more likely to distrust the Bible and to believe God is uninvolved in people’s lives” ([https://www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CRC\\_AWVI2021\\_Release03\\_Digital\\_01\\_20210512-.pdf](https://www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CRC_AWVI2021_Release03_Digital_01_20210512-.pdf)). Those 18 to 36 “are significantly more likely than older Americans to define success in terms of personal happiness, condone abortion if pregnancy could inhibit personal happiness, see premarital sex as morally acceptable, view reincarnation as possible, and embrace liberal positions on social and fiscal issues, as well as liberal theology. They are significantly less likely to embrace key traditional biblical teachings, including the nature of God, ‘original sin’, salvation, creation, life after death, human purpose, and biblical morality.”

**This should deeply concern Bible-believing** Christians. Barna observed that far more young Americans “are more likely to embrace a counterfeit version of Christianity known as Moralistic Therapeutic Deism.” In their 2005 book *Soul Searching*, Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton, identified certain core beliefs: “belief in a God who remains distant from people’s lives,” “people are supposed to be good to each other (i.e., moral),” a “universal purpose of life of being happy and feeling good about oneself,” “no absolute moral truths,” “God allows ‘good people’ into Heaven,” “God places very limited demands on people” ([https://www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CRC\\_AWVI2021\\_Release02\\_Digital\\_01\\_20210427.pdf](https://www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CRC_AWVI2021_Release02_Digital_01_20210427.pdf)).

**The American Worldview Inventory 2021** found that “three out of four people (74%) who embrace MTD consider themselves to be Christians.” “Only one-sixth (16%) qualify as born-again based on their theology.” They do not believe people are sinful and need salvation in Jesus Christ (91%). They trust resources other than the Bible for moral guidance (88%). They believe “good people get to Heaven through

good behavior” (76%). They do not believe the Bible is “true and reliable communication from God” (71%). Thirteen percent of people drawn to MTD read their Bibles, pray and worship God, confess personal sins, and pursue God’s will for their lives. “Less than 1% typically endorse biblical teaching and follow through on those matters.” Barna sees the change beginning with Baby Boomers, “the most aggressive initiators of spiritual change.” They were involved in actively “embracing dramatically different beliefs and behaviors than their predecessors.” When asked to describe the kind of world Millennials are seeking, Barna listed seven things: “Government should continue to expand in reach, authority, power, and spending, in order to facilitate a more desirable way of living.” “Public policies and programs should be more flexible and fluid.” “More episodes of violence and combativeness across the nation, attributable to the self-righteousness and sense of personal sovereignty... causing them to be unwilling to compromise and to feel that not getting their way is a personal threat or challenge.” He predicted increased “political tensions ... due to the divergent views of core perspectives related to national vision, disdain for compromise, national moral recalibrations, and the revision of U. S. history.” “A redefined Christian community ...small in numbers, less influential, and less economically robust.... fewer people and less money designated to global Christian missions, and existing privileges, received by churches, such as tax exemptions and land-use exceptions, being withdrawn.” “Interpersonal relation will be more difficult to sustain due to declining levels of trust, diminished willingness to compromise, heightened reliance of technology for communication, and disappointments produced by the lack of moral consensus.” “Reshaped family units given fewer formal marriages, increased levels of divorce and separation, liberalized sexual morality, and the reduced appeal of raising children. □

**Barna lamented, “The Millennial generation** in particular, seems committed to living without God, without the Bible, and without Christian churches as foundations in either their personal life or within American society... Millennials are emulating the aggressiveness of the Boomers in their attempt to reshape culture according to their preferences.” He concluded, “If Christian churches, pastors, schools, and individuals believe that a biblical Christian faith is important—not just for themselves but also for our nation and the world beyond it—time is running out to aggressively and strategically act on that belief, before those who so vehemently disagree succeed in destroying the freedom and opportunity to preserve the ways of God.”

**We were forewarned:** “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come” (2 Tim. 3:1). “Perilous” means violent, dangerous, hard. The times are changing. Pray, speak, and stand. If we do not, who will?

Brother Gary

