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Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

- Tom Anderson—back surgery recuperation
- Paul Bishop—son of Peggy Eilrich—stage 3 lymphoma
- Sam Castleberry—strength
- AC Craig—health—positive for Covid
- Allen Cloud—home—health issues
- Shelley Cloud—strength
- Jerry Deathridge—Bill Harris's son-in-law, health
- Walter Goddard—home/strength
- Anita and Wayne Hendricks—quarantining
- J.R. Hill—health/appetite
- Connie's sister, Joy Hinnant, recovery back surgery
- Justine Hoel—continued strength
- Glenn Myrick—Stage 4 kidney disease/health issues
- Al Vass—continued improved health
- Clarence and Mitzi Warstler—health/strength
- Paul Whatley—for growing strength physically
- Rachel Whatley in Eureka Springs
- Hope Pregnancy Centers—safety for workers
- Supreme Court Justices—courage/safety

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—health
- Bob and Judy Barker—health
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Bette Fehrle—health
- Mark Handley's son & brother, Tracy & wife, mom—Joyce
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- Daughter of Debbie Hoel (Rob's wife)—health
- Julia Huntley—health
- Danny Imhoff—health
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
- Bob Sapp—health
- Paul Whatley's nephew (sister Michelle's son)
- Ben and Sue White—health

Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver

Our Homebound

- Willis Bottger (Norman VA)
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Crowley, TX)
- J. R. Hill (Brookdale South, Edmond)
- 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)

June

- 22 Harper Montgomery
- 25 Verda Holland
- 26 Kelly (Bradley) Witten
- 30 Mike Beardain



Wednesday Dinner
 June 22—Taco Salad

Back to School Baptist Children's Homes Event



For banquet tickets, please contact Connie Adams

Guess Who!

It must have been "Electricians Dress Alike Day" when this picture was taken of Scott Phillips and Bob Montgomery a couple of weeks ago.

Thanks to Mieka Pietzsch for this great picture of two of our faithful deacons who serve us in so many ways.



Stewardship for the week of	6/19/2022
Budget Receipts:	\$3,499.00
Weekly Budget Required:	3,609.52
Over/Under:	\$110.52
Children's camp food:	300.00
FC Food:	700.00
Baptist Children's Home:	60.00
T.A.B.:	20.00

Operation Christmas Child
 Suggested Gifts for June: 100
 new toothbrushes for hygiene kits

Work Day—June 25 This Saturday



Where to Now?



I saw an article online this weekend about an island in the Shetland Islands that is for sale for \$2 million. I had never heard of the Shetlands and knew nothing about them until Connie and I watched a TV show, *Shetland*, based there, last year. The islands (300 in the archipelago), once part of Norway, are now part of Scotland. The islands passed to Scotland when Christian I, acting as King of Norway (he was also king of Denmark, Sweden—which then included most of Finland—and Norway, an arrangement called the Kalmar Union) pledged the islands as a guarantee of the dowry of his daughter Margaret to James III of Scotland. The dowry was never paid; so the islands and the Orkney Islands became the possessions of the Scottish crown in 1470. Culturally, much Swedish and Viking influence still endures in the Shetland Islands. Legally, the islands are Scottish; culturally they are Nordic. The islands are northwest of Great Britain (106 miles from Scotland), and west of Norway (143 miles) in the North Sea on the European Continental Shelf.

The television show highlights the isolation and bleakness of the islands and its cool, cloudy climate. While it is north of St. Petersburg, Russia, the average low temperature is only about 42 degrees, and the average high temperature is 74 degrees, all made possible by the flow of the Gulf Stream across the Atlantic. Oklahoma outdoes the islands for trees by far due to the climate (49 inches/year on average—about the same as Oklahoma) and rocky geography, and its daily sunlight in winter (only about six hours at the winter solstice). The beauty of the rocky outcroppings against the sea provide scenic vistas that take your breath away.

The island for sale, the Isle of Vailla, is a ten-minute ride from the mainland, covers 757 acres and over 6.5 miles of coastland, according to *The Scottish Sun* newspaper (<https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/money/9040122/entire-scots-island-for-sale/>). It comes “with a three-bedroom farmhouse, a two-bedroom cottage and a watchtower” as well as Vailla Hall, “an Edwardian mansion which has stained glass windows and a baronial hall complete with a stone firelace.” All the furnishings are included in the sale of the Hall, which contains the great room, a conservatory, four first-floor bedrooms, and

two attic bedrooms with their own bathroom. It sounds delightful. The current owner wrote in his book about the island, “Vailla is a microcosm of all that is best about Shetland. Space, peace, natural beauty and wonderful light” (<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/shetland-island-complete-with-its-own-baronial-mansion-and-flock-of-sheep-is-on-the-market-3737170>). The only problem is that the sellers want \$2 million (£1.75 million). The realtor’s site provides more information: <https://search.savills.com/property-detail/gbedruedr210035>. When I saw the article, I emailed it to my brother and wrote, “I’ll kick in some money.” I can only imagine the costs of upkeep and utilities.

As I reflected on the unattainable dream of living on a private island in retirement, however, I realized I have so much more in store. I have a home in heaven where there will be no more tears, no more sorrows, no more sickness. Then I remembered a letter I read many years ago from the late Harry Rimmer, a great Bible teacher and defender of Creationism who died in 1952. Rimmer penned the epistle to the late Charles Fuller, founder of Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

I reproduce the letter here as you can find it many places online: “My dear Charlie: I believe you’re going to speak about Heaven next Sunday. I’m interested in that land because I’ve held a clear title to a bit of property there for about fifty years. I didn’t buy it, it was given to me without price, but the Donor purchased it for me at a tremendous sacrifice. I’m not holding it for speculation; it’s not a vacant lot.

For over half a century I’ve been sending materials up to the greatest Architect in the universe, who’s been building a home for me, which will never need re-modelling, because it will suit me perfectly and will never grow old. Termites can never undermine its foundations, for it rests on the Rock of Ages; fires can’t destroy it, floods can’t wash it away; no bolts will ever be placed upon the doors, for no vicious person will ever enter the land where my dwelling stands.

It’s almost completed and almost ready for me to enter in and abide in peace eternally without fear of being rejected. There’s a valley of deep shadow between this place where I live and that to which I shall journey in a short time. I can’t reach my home in that City without passing through this valley. But I’m not afraid because the best friend I ever had went through that same valley long, long ago, and drove away all its gloom. He’s stuck with me through thick and thin since we first became acquainted fifty-five years ago. And I own his promise in printed form, never to forsake me or leave me alone. He will be with me as I walk through the valley of the shadow. And I’ll not lose my way when he’s with me.

My ticket to Heaven has no date marked for the journey; no return coupon; no permit for baggage. I’m ready to go and I may not be here when you’re preaching next Sunday evening but I’ll meet you there someday.”

Rimmer did, indeed, go home before Fuller preached that message. Onward and upward.



Brother Gary