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Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Sue Brockman—church neighbor, well-being
 Toni Huntley—new job in Austin
 Carol Kimberlin—rehab and recovery
 Shirley McEver—rehab—Mercy Rehab Hospital
 Ron Meek's Aunt Aileen—health & well-being
 Ron Meek's neighbor
 Tom Montgomery & wife (Bob's brother)
 Montgomery family (travel)
 Katie Myers (Konnor's mom)—health
 Lawrence Shipley—move to Colorado

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom Anderson—health & well-being
 Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory;
 Shelley & Allen Cloud—health
 Bette Fehrle—health
 Gary Goree—well-being—vision/upcoming move
 Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
 Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
 Danny Imhoff—health
 Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—radiation
 Littleton family—unspoken
 Chris McEver
 Pam & Ron Sherrod
 David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, heart issues
 Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
 Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
 Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—declining health
 Government leaders
 The People of Iran—to hear/believe the gospel
 The People of Israel

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd & Twila Howard's grandson

Our Homebound

Sam Castleberry (Legends at Jefferson Gardens,
 Edmond)
 Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burlison, TX)
 Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace, Bethany)
 Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)

Our College Students & Graduates

Hallie Benedict—Wichita State University
 Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
 Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
 Mieka Pietzsch—University of Oklahoma
 Kaylie & Mikah Rocco, Harper Montgomery,
 NE Oklahoma State, Friends University

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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

June Birthdays

26 Kelly Witten
30 Mike Beardain



Falls Creek Youth camp is July 7.

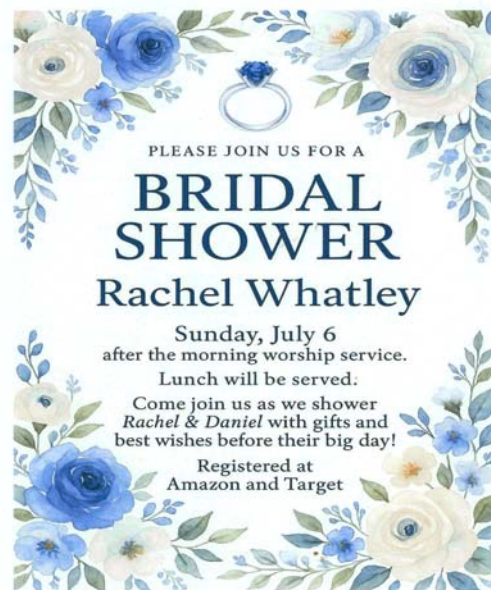
**Cost: \$115 for church members
 \$135 for nonmembers.**

Guess Who and When

We found this old
 Polaroid photograph from
 years past. The custom at
 the time was to take a
 Polaroid picture when
 new members joined.
 Can you identify this
 handsome young man?
 The discoloration is due
 to its being a Polaroid. It's
 Cecil Elliott.



Stewardship for Morning	6/22/2025
Budget Receipts:	\$2,785.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Over/Under:	\$1,109.57
Operation Christma Child:	\$300.00



Please mark your calendars
 for Rachel & Daniel's

Wedding Shower, July 6.

There is a sign-up list in Fellowship Hall.
 We need to have a count for the number for lunch.
 This will be Rachel's final Sunday with us.

Israel Is **NOT** Israel

Did you know that Israel is not Israel? What am I talking about? In recent years a new and yet old theology has come forward in some circles of Christians. It's known by several names, among them supersessionism (*What a technical sounding word!*) and replacement theology. It's new in that it has a new name. It's old in that some earlier theologians, among them St. Augustine and Martin Luther (who was an Augustinian monk), espoused this theology. What exactly is it? It's the view that the church has superseded (thus, "supersessionism") Israel in the promises of God. Plainly stated, replacement theology says all the promises of Israel in the Old Testament have been transferred to the church because of Israel's disobedience to God in breaking the covenant He made. Michael Vlach aptly described it: "the view that the church is the new or true Israel that has permanently replaced or superseded Israel as the people of God" ("The Church as Replacement of Israel: An Analysis of Supersessionism," SEBTS PhD Dissertation).

Replacement theology usually goes hand in hand with "amillennialism," a word formed from the Greek letter "a," meaning "no" (as in "atheist") and "millennium," referring to the thousand-year reign of Christ to which the Book of Revelation refers six times (Rev. 20:4-7). Those who hold this view believe the "thousand years" are *not literal but symbolic* of Christ's current *spiritual* reign. I believe there are a few problems with this view. First, it does not take "one thousand" literally. Abraham Kuyper, despite being an amillennialist, aptly observed, "In every other writing ... chapter 20 would require a literal interpretation" (*The Revelation of St. John*, p. 277). Kuyper then went on to write that it is *never* taken literally in Revelation and "merely expresses the exceeding fullness of divine action." That's a little weak. Augustine believed the "thousand years fall in the interadvent period and will terminate with the second advent" (Walvoord, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, p. 284).

A second problem is that Revelation 20:2-3 portrays Satan as being bound during that period so "that he should deceive the nations no more." Those who believe Satan is currently bound suggest the binding refers to Christ's victory over Satan on the cross. Personally, I think that's grossly inadequate to explain Revelation's description of binding and imprisonment in the bottomless pit with a seal. If it were so, I would have expected the Apostle Paul to mention that in the many passages in which he mentions Satan (1 Cor. 5:5; 7:7; 2 Cor. 11:14; 12:7; 1 Thess. 2:18; 2 Thess. 2:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:20; 5:15; Eph. 4:27; 6:11; 1 Tim. 3:7; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Rom. 16:20). If we are already in this spiritual millennium in which Satan is bound, why did Paul not write, "Don't worry about the devil; he's bound and cannot bother you"? Yet he did not. He persistently warned of the "prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2).

Why would he do that if Satan were bound? It's nonsensical. **Some commentators take the weak position** that Satan's binding and imprisonment in the bottomless pit only prevent him from *deceiving the nations as nations*. Walvoord noted that others have advanced almost silly interpretations, like J.G. Encell, who saw the chain with which Satan is bound as "the chain of evidence that has been coming to life for nearly a hundred years past, but mostly within the last half century, and is still coming to life, corroborating the truths of the Bible" (*The Exiled Prophet*, p. 20). He was referring to archaeological proofs of the truth of Scripture. After careful consideration and dismissal of suggestions as to when the thousand years could have begun, Baptist John Gill (1697—1771) wrote, "No man in his senses can ever think that Satan is bound; nor indeed will be bound, or these thousand years begin, till after the conversion of the Jews, and the bringing in the fulness of the Gentiles" (*Commentary on the Whole Bible*, Rev. 20:2).

Early church fathers, like Marcion (a heretic in the mid-Second Century AD who believed the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament were two different gods, a god of vengeance and a god of grace), rejected any hope for the nation of Israel, eliminating "all parts of what would become the New Testament that seemed too Jewish" (<https://themarginaliareview.com/christianity-shadow-founder-marcion-anti-judaism-and-the-birth-of-liberal-protestantism/>) from his version of the Bible. We would expect Paul's great treatise on God's plan for Israel in Romans 9—11 to be excised. Irenaeus, who lived a little later than Marcion, wrote, "The Jews have rejected the Son of God and cast Him out of the vineyard ... Therefore, God has justly rejected them and has given to the Gentiles outside the vineyard and the fruits of its cultivation" (*The Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 1, p. 493). Through the centuries replacement theology was institutionalized in and by the Roman Catholic Church, primarily through its allegorical treatment of Scripture.

Messianic Scholar Arnold Fruchtenbaum summarized: "The view of Replacement Theology, particularly Amillennialism, sees the modern Jewish State as purely an accident of history, totally unrelated to any type of Bible prophecy. This view believes that when Israel rejected the Messiahship of Yeshua (Jesus), God was through with the Jewish people. Therefore, there are no unfulfilled prophecies for the Jewish people and there is no future final restoration. ... [N]othing happening with Israel today is in any way related to prophecy. There is no future prophecy for Israel either, and so again the modern Jewish State is nothing but an accident of history" (<https://ariel.org.au/blogs/israel-in-the-bible/how-do-those-who-hold-to-replacement-theology-view-the-modern-jewish-state>). Fruchtenbaum noted, "While the church is said to be a partaker in Israel's promises in the New Testament, nowhere is she said to be a taker over of Israel's promises." Paul asked in Romans 11:1-2, "Hath God cast away his people? God forbid... God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew." "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps. 122:6).

Brother Gary

