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Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Pastor's cousin, Sandy Pfoutz, stage-four stomach cancer, prognosis Christmas

Pastor's aunt (mother of Sandy)

Connie Adams's brother Paul—recuperation/rehab

Peggy Eilrich's son Steve—heart issues

Sam Castleberry—strength

Jerry Deathridge—Bill Harris's son-in-law, health

Walter Goddard—strength

Scott Howard, grandson of Floyd & Twila—broken leg

Norma Littleton—recuperation/strength

Deb Meek—ankle fusion surgery recuperation

Ron Meek's cousin—eye issues.

Nominating Committee

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda Anderson—health

Tom Anderson—health

Bob and Judy Barker—health

Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley

Allen & Shelley Cloud—strength & continuing health

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

Justine Hoel—strength

Julia Huntley—health

Danny Imhoff—health

Glenn Myrick—Stage 4 kidney disease/health issues

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

Bob Sapp—health

Clarence and Mitzi Warstler—health/strength

Paul Whatley—physical strength

Hope Pregnancy Centers—safety for workers

Paul Whatley's nephew (sister Michelle's son)

Ben and Sue White—health

President/Congress/Leaders

Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver

Our Homebound

Willis Bottger (Norman VA)

Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Crowley, 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)

Birthdays

22 Billye Murrell
(98 years young)

Wednesday Dinner



King Ranch Chicken

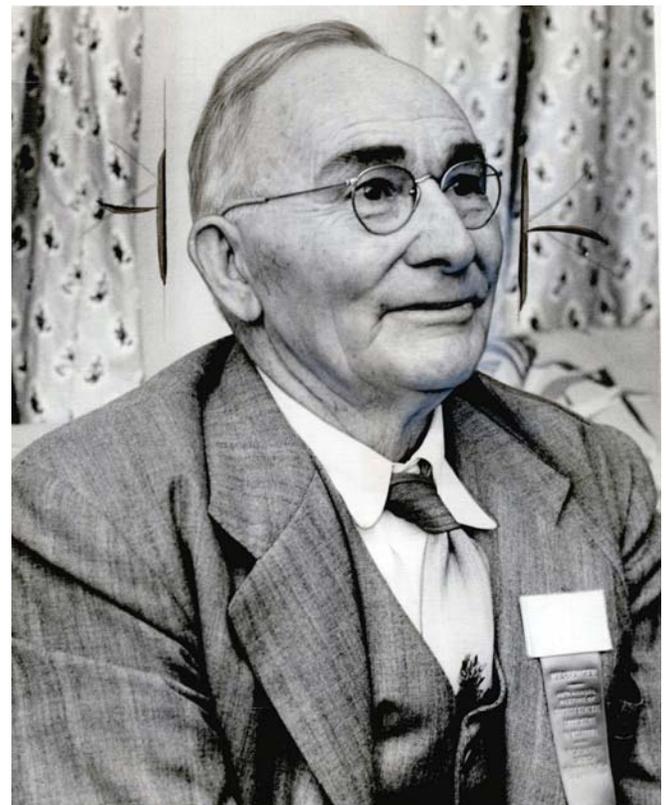


Operation Christmas Child

Suggested Gifts for September: Flip-flops, toys, WOW gifts: Yo-yos, picture books, cars, marbles, jacks, playing cards (simple is best)

Guess Who

That is L. L. Scott, AKA "Scottie the Baptist" after his conversion and "the drunken bricklayer" prior to salvation. He was an early Oklahoma Baptist pioneer. He served as pastor of many churches in Oklahoma and physically built many church buildings. He held the first revival Kelham had in December of 1914 and led the Sunday School at Immanuel Baptist and Kelham. Scott was known for his colorful illustrations and his willingness to fight those who would prevent him from holding services.



(Photo from The Daily Oklahoman, Oct. 30, 1971)

Stewardship for the week of	9/18/2022
Budget Receipts:	\$2,646.00
Weekly Budget Required:	3,609.52
Over/Under:	\$963.35
Youth:	100.00
Deacon Benevolence:	50.00
T.A.B. (tuck a buck):	40.00



PERSECUTION

Jesus was persecuted again this past month in Uganda. According to Elizabeth Johnston, “Five Ugandan evangelists died recently after being thrown off a boat for refusing to denounce their faith” (<https://elizabethjohnston.org/five-christians-drown-after-being-thrown-off-boat-for-refusing-to-denounce-their-faith/>). The Christians, members of End Times Ministry church “were traveling on a commercial transportation boat... when they encountered a group of about 10 Muslims” in Islamic dress. The evangelists began proclaiming Jesus to the Muslims, “who became irate and began making threats.” *Morning Star News* reported the five were headed to the Akudu area “with plans to plant a church” (<https://thebaptistpaper.org/five-christians-thrown-off-boat-and-drowned-in-uganda/>). A survivor, Amos Kyakulaga, “a deacon at a church in Namutumba who was acting as a guide,” said one of the Muslims began threatening the believers saying, “If you continue insisting that Jesus is the Son of God, then Allah will kill all of you.” The missionaries continued with their assertions and one of the Muslims said, “We are giving you one last minute to stop your blasphemy and to convert by confessing the *shahada* (Islamic creed), or else your lives are at risk.” The Christians continued and were pushed overboard in central Uganda’s Lake Kyoga, a large body of water that averages 16 feet deep (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Kyoga). The boat, however, was over two football fields from shore, and all five drowned.

Uganda’s constitution “provides for religious freedom, including the right to propagate one’s faith and convert from one faith to another,” something rare in Islamic states. Uganda, however, is only about 14% Islamic (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_Uganda). Christian persecution in Islamic-majority countries is common. Fuller Studio, a ministry of Fuller Theological Seminary, reported that there are “forty-four Muslim majority countries in the world” with a combined Muslim population of over 1 billion (<https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/minority-report-christian-persecution-muslim-majority-countries/>). Seventy-two percent of Muslims live in countries in which they are the majority. “The average adherence in a Muslim majority country is 90.4%.”

When ISIS (“the Islamic State”) took over Mosul, Iraq, a Christian husband of twenty-eight years, attempted to take his wife to the hospital to continue treatment for breast cancer. “When they arrived at the hospital, an IS guard refused entrance because they were Christian. They were told that medical treatment was contingent upon conversion to Islam. The wife responded, ‘I am not going to leave the cross of Christ. I will not abandon it. For me, a love of life is not as important as the faith.’ The couple—a construction worker and his wife—returned to their small village about

sixteen miles away. Ten days later, she passed away with her husband and nineteen year old and eight year old sons at her bedside. According to the husband, her last words were, ‘I am going to hold onto the cross of Christ. I refuse to convert. I prefer death. I prefer death to abandoning my religion and my faith.’ When she passed away she was forty-five.”

This is but one of many examples of Christian persecution in the world today. This is passive persecution, but many other things, such as interference during religious worship services, limitation or prohibition of public preaching, evangelism, and conversion as well as prohibition of publication and distribution of Christian literature also occur. Foreign missionaries are excluded. Different court systems exist for Christians and Muslims, different tax obligations are imposed, and many more structural barriers to Christian faith are built into governmental structure, according to the Pew Research’s 2015 “Latest Trends in Religious Restrictions and Hostilities” (<https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2015/02/26/religious-hostilities/>).

When Jesus spoke to Saul, on his way to Damascus to imprison Christian believers, He asked him, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Acts 9:4). To persecute Christians is to persecute Jesus Himself because of our intimate union with Him. Jesus told the disciples in the upper room before He went to the cross: “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you” (John 15:18). He continued, “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” (vs. 19). The world hates us to the degree we are like Jesus. In Philippians 1:24 Paul spoke of filling up “that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ.” Note that the word “afflictions” is never used in the New Testament for the “sufferings of Christ on the cross” (Vaughan, *Colossians: A Study Guide*, p. 56). “That which is behind” translates a Greek term that means “leftovers.” Wiersbe described what Paul meant: “The sacrificial sufferings of Christ are over, but His body, the church, experiences suffering because of its stand for the faith. The Head of the church in heaven feels the sufferings that His people endure” (*Be Complete*, p. 65). Vaughan explained, “Christ did not exhaust all suffering but left some for His people. The sufferings they endure in the building up of the body of Christ are a continuation of what He endured, and in that sense they supplement or complete His afflictions.”

Hebrews 13:3 tells us to “Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.” Pray for Christians all over the world who are doing the work of Christ by suffering for their faith. They will surely be in the heavenly hall of fame of faith, like the unnamed “others” of Hebrews 11:36-39. We may not know them, but God does. That is enough.



Brother Gary