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KELHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

- Dale Allen—recuperation/therapy; Janie Bob and Judy Barker—Covid
- Bev Beardain—bereavement, cousins
- Bette Fehrle—vertigo/dizziness
- Justine Hoel—recuperation & therapy/Integris
- Julia Huntley—ongoing heart issues
- Robert Lisle (Karen Lamb's husband)—bypass recuperation
- Donnie Lugafet—bypass recuperation
- Glenn Myrick—health issues
- Joni Sapp—health & well-being
- Samantha—Covid nurse
- Youth and leaders—large group
- President, leaders, and representatives, mayor and council, law enforcement—health, wisdom, courage, humility

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—health
- Tom Anderson—full recuperation
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Friend of Larry Bradley, Jerry Wright, health
- Imogene Carothers—well-being
- Delores Castleberry—health
- Dick Clark—well-being
- Dee Buckmier—health/fall
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (in Texas)—health
- Maddy Frieden, friend of Claudia
- Mark Handley's son & brother, Tracy & wife, mom—Joyce
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- J. R. Hill—strength
- Danny Imhoff—health
- Chris McEver—well-being
- Sheila Noble—unspoken
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter—bile-duct cancer
- Shirley Smith—health
- Mitzi & Clarence Warstler—health/strength
- Paul Whatley's nephew (sister Michelle's son)

Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver

Our Homebound

- Willis Bottger (Norman VA)
 - Imogene Carothers, (Purcell)
 - Sam & Delores Castleberry (home)
 - Pat Clark (Brookdale South)
 - Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Crowley, TX)
 - Ruth Greene (Bill Long's aunt, assisted living)
 - Bill Harris (son's home, El Reno)
 - J. R. Hill (home)
 - Billye Murrell—assisted living, Texas
 - Perry Neel—Ginger Montgomery's grandfather
- For addresses and phone numbers for our homebound, call the office.*

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

October Birthdays

- 14 Debra Meek
- 18 Delores Castleberry
- 19 Wayne Fitzpatrick
- 22 Tran Cross
- 25 Shirley Craig
- 27 Ricky Webster
- 29 Carol Handley
- 31 Bill Rohling



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PREGNANCY CENTER

Baby Bottle Campaign

Your change saves lives and transforms families!

Remember to fill your bottles and invest in LIFE!

We will collect baby bottles the last Sunday of the month!



October—cooking utensils (spatulas, slotted spoons, etc.), flatware, sewing kits, nail kits.

Stewardship for the week of 10/11/2020

Weekly required: \$3,383.36
No count available this week.

The good news is we are ahead of our budget for the year in receipts.
Praise the Lord.

Online Giving

<http://www.bfok.org/give-kelham>



embracing brokenness to advance the Gospel.

Our Goal: \$1,000
Received: \$415

Guess what?

They began pouring the concrete for the bridge this morning. Work should be concluded by Friday. Pray for safety and good weather.





Are We Adjusted or Adjusters?

Several years ago, I discovered a song I had never heard before that really spoke to me. The song came from the pen of Sanford Jesse Massengale, who is buried in Wetumka, OK. Massengale was born in what is now Marble Falls, AR, in 1904, and attended the Stamps-Baxter Music School in Dallas, graduating in 1929. I did not grow up hearing Stamps-Baxter music, and I honestly cannot remember singing “Victory in Jesus” until I reached seminary. I guess we were high-church Baptists. Having said that, I fell in love with the plainspoken words and catchy tunes and rhythms of Stamps-Baxter music when I first heard it.

I came across Massengale’s song “I Don’t Want to Get Adjusted” when I bought a CD of the music of Iris Dement, who sang “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” used in the remake of True Grit” a decade ago. Dement’s 2004 album, *Lifeline*, contains gospel songs Dement’s mother used to sing growing up in rural Paragould, AR, and in their Pentecostal church. Her mother had dreamed of a career in Nashville but raising fourteen children (six from her husband’s previous marriage and eight of their own) made that impossible. Dement’s father had once been a rabid fiddle player but abandoned the fiddle after his conversion, claiming it was an instrument of the devil. Pat Dement was later persuaded to play his fiddle for church services.

“I Don’t Want to Get Adjusted” builds on the theme of Romans 12:2: “Be not conformed to this world.”

In this world we have our trials sometimes lonesome, sometimes blue but the hope of life eternal Makes all old hopes brand new.

And I don’t want to get adjusted to this world, to this world I’ve got a home so much better and I’m gonna go there sooner or later. And I don’t want to get adjusted to this world, to this world.

“Adjusted” pictures how we can slowly and inexorably move from living by the patterns of God’s Word to patterns of the world. J. B. Phillips translated Romans 12:2, “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould.” “Adjusted” is a gradual process. We can see it in the life of Lot. In his journey to conformity to the world, Lot began by choosing by sight rather than by faith (Gen. 13:10-11). Next, he “pitched his

tent toward Sodom” (vs. 13). When Sodom and Gomorrah were besieged, Lot, “who dwelt in Sodom” (14:12), was captured as well. Later, when the two angels inspected Sodom, “Lot sat in the gate” (19:1), a term for functioning as a civic official, likely a “judge” (vs. 9). Peter described Lot as “just” (or righteous) in 2 Peter 2:7, speaking of “his righteous soul” in verse 8. Lot was a believer in God, but he had *adjusted* himself to the world. Peter told us Lot “vexed” himself “with the filthy conversation of the wicked... from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds.” “Vexed” comes from a word meaning to work down, exhaust with labor, distress. Daily Lot adjusted himself until he was outwardly indistinguishable from the residents of Sodom. It reminds me of the ancient Chinese custom of footbinding to produce lotus-shaped petite feet. It involved an extended process of folding the toes under to touch the sole of the foot and binding the feet tightly. The toes were broken and bandaged, rebroken and rebandaged, tightening the bindings at each repetition. The incredibly painful process took years and was impossible to reverse once it began. That is “adjusted.”

If we look at our culture and much of professing Christianity, we will discover the same process of adjusting. Back in the 1950s, mainstream Methodists, Presbyterians, and even the Disciples of Christ and Episcopalians held beliefs today’s religionists would call conservative. Go back to the early 1900s, and those groups would be categorized as Fundamentalists (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Fundamentals).

What happened? We got “adjusted” to this world. We adapted to a changed and changing culture by allowing ourselves to be pressed into the mold of the world around us instead of pushing back with the truth of God’s Word. We accepted practices, like unrestricted abortion, that would have been unthinkable among people of faith fifty years ago. We have closed our eyes to the destruction of the family, hurried on its way by badly designed government programs. Some ignorant well-meaning Christian groups have publicly supported a group (BLM) that unabashedly claims the abolition of the nuclear family as one of its goals. We have winked at filth and corruption on television, film, and social media.

Lot had to be snatched from destruction when God judged Sodom. The word “delivered” (2 Pet. 2:7) appears also in the Lord’s prayer (Matt. 6:13: “deliver us from evil”). It is equivalent for “saved,” according to Kasch (*TDNT*, Vol. VI, p. 1002). Many see the rescue of Lot as a type of the rapture, when Christ returns for His own. Our times fit the description Paul gave Timothy, “Perilous times” (1 Tim. 3:1). Read the description in verses 2-5. Paul reminded, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (vs. 12). Should we fear? No, for “God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Tim. 1:7). **Don’t get adjusted. Be an adjuster.**

Brother Gary

