



# Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, November 7, 2018

## Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Ian Howard—continued recovery  
Goddard family—bereavement, daughter-in-law  
Twila Howard family—bereavement, sister  
Ruth Greene—recuperation  
Mike and Beverly Beardain's neighbor, Mary Lou—job

## Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda Anderson—continued recuperation  
Larry and Lana Bradley's grandson Quinn—health  
Ed Lamb—recuperation  
Mark Lamb, Ed's youngest son, stage-four cancer  
Daphne Cross (Huong's granddaughter)—health  
Delores & Sam Castleberry—vision/health  
Mark Handley's son  
Claud Holland's friend, Jack  
Jake Justice, cousin of Jill Justice, salvation  
Hershel & Carole Kuykendall—travel safety  
Ron Meek's cousin, Lisa  
Bob Sapp—cancer treatment  
Joni Sapp—health  
Shirley Smith—health/well-being  
Clarence Warstler's sister-in-law Janie, hospice  
Michelle, Rachel Whatley's aunt—cancer  
Pastor's cousin and husband, Jeff and Gini  
Schoonover, daughter Kristina  
Pastor's cousin Neal—health  
Bob Barker—Claudia's brother-in-law, health  
Alberta Darks—health  
Lloyd Dickerson—health  
Arlene Goddard's son Kevin and Walter Goddard's son Dale  
Joyce Handley—health  
J.R. Hill—strength/grace  
Twila Howard cousin, Virginia—health  
Jean Johnson, friend of Beardains  
Ed Lamb's niece—metastatic cancer  
Eddy Jane McElvany—Tuscany Village—Hospice  
Billye Murrell—strength  
Dareck Smith—well-being

## Persecuted/Imprisoned Christians

### Our Military

Pastor's nephew, Edward and family; Heather McEver

### Our Shut-ins

Willis Bottger (VA retirement, Norman)  
Delores and Sam Castleberry  
Pat Clark (Brookdale south)  
Alberta Darks (Town Village, Tulsa)  
Ruth Greene (Bill Long's aunt)  
Bill and Betty Harris—wisdom, and grace

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

## Birthdays—November

8 Scott Sapp  
12 Hayley Nash  
13 Arlene Goddard  
15 Walter Goddard  
16 Joni Sapp  
18 Michelle Vess  
20 Wanda Hixon  
21 Ron Meek  
23 Lana Bradley  
25 Megan James  
28 Tony Montgomery

## Nursery

11 AM Sheena I  
PM Michelle V  
18 AM Janie A  
PM Glenna L  
25 AM Shirley M  
Linda P  
PM Ginger M

## Operation Christmas Child

Packing/Shipping Night  
November 9

## Open/Close

11 J. Hoel  
18 D. Littleton  
25 B. Long



## November Events Calendar

9 Family Activity night  
OCC Packing Night  
11 Veterans' Day  
5:00 PM Deacons & Finance  
14 Business meeting  
15 OCC Sewing Day, 1 PM  
20 All-church Thanksgiving dinner  
21 No services or meal



## Community Thanksgiving Food Drive Bring a canned good

### Stewardship for the week of 11/04/2018

Budget Receipts:	\$4,029.00
Required:	3,260.03
Over/Under:	\$768.97
OCC Postage:	\$200.00
Piano Lessons:	\$300.00



*Some of the kids lined up for the Operation Christmas Child Style Show this past Sunday morning. The boys and some girls are wearing knit hats that were made, and the girls are modeling dresses. Hats off to our ladies!*

*Thanks to Scott Phillips for the picture. Robbie Macias was too shy (imagine that) for the group photo.*

**The all-church Thanksgiving dinner is free.** We ask that you bring canned goods or nonperishable grocery items, which we donate to the Baptist Mission Center on Exchange Avenue. Each month various churches in our association contribute groceries for the food pantry. December is our month.

The Baptist Mission Center provides a medical clinic, a pharmacy, a food pantry, and a clothes closet for people in need. At Christmas, we donate new gifts for a Christmas Store that helps provide presents to about a hundred families to give their children.



## What Does the World Think of You?

**Most Christians have had the experience** of having people look at them askance or thinking them a bit eccentric because of Christian faith. Their reactions may not overtly mock us and they may not question our intelligence or sanity openly, but we should not experience surprise. Jesus warned His disciples in the upper room, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18). The Apostle John, who sat in that upper room when Jesus issued that statement, reiterated it: "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." "Marvel not" translates a present imperative and means "cease wondering" (Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*, Vol. VI, p. 224). It indicates John's readers were surprised at the world's reactions to them. Stop wondering, he said. People may conceal their hatred with awkward smiles, eye-rolling, or by simply ignoring you. "Hatred" is a strong word, but the Bible indicates that is the reality.

**F. F. Bruce noted**, "The 'world' is the godless world, the world organized in opposition to God, and therefore opposed to his people" (*The Gospel of John*, p. 313). He went on to point out, "It is an odd fact that the world soon justified its hostility to them by imputing to them the initiative in hatred. The earliest extant reference to Christians in pagan literature [Tacitus, *Annals*, 15.44.5] charges them with 'hatred of the human race.'" It is nothing new in the world for unbelievers to call Christians "haters" as so many in our culture do today.

**G. Campbell Morgan observed**, "So long as the world is of the world, conditioning life wholly within the earthly, the materialistic order, it loves its own, its own people, its own ways, its own self-satisfaction. The world, so mastered, is bound to hate Jesus Christ Who comes crashing across everything in His first requirement, 'If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.' Therefore the world hates Christ's people, that is, if they can see Christ in them. The measure in which the world agrees with us and says we are really a fine type of Christian, we are so entirely broad, is the measure in which we are unlike Jesus Christ." Jesus had a specific blessing for believers who reflect Him: "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake" (Luke 6:22).

**The world's attitude toward Christians** says as much about the world as it does Christians. Paul explained, "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). "Foolishness" translates the Greek word *μωρία*, from which we get "moronic." Mare noted that "by *μωρία* ... Paul means that the message does not make any sense to those who are perishing" (*The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, Vol. 10, edit., Gaebelien, p. 195). "The present tense ... emphasizes the progressive state of those concerned: those who think the message foolish are now on the way to a final lostness in hell; those who respond are in the process of being saved by God's power." A. T. Robertson pointed out, "Salvation is described by Paul as a thing done in the past, 'we were saved' (Ro 8:24), as a present state, 'ye have been saved' (Ep 2:5), as a process, 'ye are being saved' (1Co 15:2), as a future result, 'thou shalt be saved' (Ro 10:9)" (*Word Pictures in the New Testament*, Vol. IV, p. 77).

**In 1 Corinthians 4, Paul said he himself** was regarded as "the filth of the world, ...the offscouring of all things" (vs. 13). "Scum of the earth" would be a good translation. That's a pretty low position. Earlier in the chapter, Paul gave the proper perspective on public opinion: "It is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment" (vs. 3). "Man's judgment" literally is "by human day." Man's judgment, public opinion, is not what matters. Man's judgment does not endure. What matters is God's judgment, which is eternal. Gordon Fee observed, "His personal evaluations of his own performance are irrelevant; what his master thinks is what counts" (*The First Epistle to the Corinthians*, p. 161).

**What the world thinks of us does not matter**, except in the sense Morgan observed, which bears repeating, "The measure in which the world agrees with us and says we are really a fine type of Christian, we are so entirely broad, is the measure in which we are unlike Jesus Christ." G. K. Chesterton wrote, "A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it" (*The Everlasting Man*). As Christians we are going against the stream of the world.

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

—Brother Gary

