



Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

Don Allen, brother of Dale, recuperation
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Beverly Beardain's friend—Waterford Assisted Living
Wanda Hixon's daughter, Linda—heart
Deb Meek's brother, Dave, recuperation
Pastor Ezra Jin Mingri, China (persecution)
Persecuted believers in Nigeria
Claudia Montgomery—Treatment
Bob Sapp family—bereavement
Al Vass—continued recuperation

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda & Tom Anderson—health & well-being
Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory
Shelley & Allen Cloud—health
Joan Cox—health, feet
Bette Fehrle—health
Gary Goree & Judy—health
Mark Handley's son Joshua & his brother, Tracy
Wayne Hendricks—strength and healing
Mitzi Hembree—Hospice care
Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—cancer
Littleton family—unspoken
Chris McEver
Tom Montgomery & wife in FL (Bob's brother)
Pam & Ron Sherrod
Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—declining health

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Persecuted Christians around the world Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd & Twila Howard's grandson;
Colton Montgomery; Takoda Macias

Our Homebound

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

Our College Students & Graduates

Kids at school

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)

December Birthdays

5 Jeremy Allen
Allison Lindsey
7 Leon Rocco
9 Mark Handley
10 Al Vass
14 Julia Huntley
Charlye K. McMichael
18 Shannan Magden
20 Heather McEver Riggins
24 Linda May
28 Wayne Hendricks

Week of Prayer for International Missions

TOGETHER

Lottie Moon Offering
Church Goal: \$5,000

Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child

YOUR \$10 DONATION HELPS COVER

SENDING

YOUR SHOEBOX AROUND THE WORLD

Collection Costs
Processing Costs
Training Local Churches
Shipping to Over 100 Countries
Gospel Materials
THE GREATEST GIFT

Stewardship for Morning	11/30/2025
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Budget Receipts:	\$3,710.00
Over/Under:	\$184.57
T.A.B.:	\$20.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:	\$50.00
OCC Postage:	\$101.00
Shred-It Refund:	\$94.52

With Sympathy

Our prayers and deepest Christian sympathy are with Scott Sapp and his sister Kelli Metz and their families in their father Bob's homegoing.

We will have a memorial service at
Kelham, Wednesday,
December 10, at 10 AM.

Ron demonstrates a point with his hands in Sunday School this past week as Charles listens.



Salvation Can Change Lives

Most Christians have heard the story of Stuart Hamblen, radio's first singing cowboy and author of "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)" and "This Ole House." Raised as an itinerant Methodist preacher's son, Hamblen traveled the state with his father and was exposed to the folk music of "black field hands and cowboys working on area farms and ranches" near Abilene (<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/hamblen-carl-stuart>). He gained success singing at rodeos and landed a spot "on KFYO in Abilene." After winning a talent contest he cut several records and headed to Los Angeles, where he was hired by KFI as "Cowboy Joe." He transitioned after a decade or so to B-Western films, "usually cast as a villain" alongside stars like Gene Autry, John Wayne, Roy Rogers and others. He was flying high, in more ways than one. As pressures built from his career, he began gambling and became addicted to alcohol. He ended up in jail more than once over "brawling and shooting out streetlights." Sponsors bailed him out, but his vices increasingly affected his career. All the while, he turned out hit songs as a composer.

Hamblen's wife, Veeva Ellen "Suzy" Daniels Hamblen, an Oklahoma girl born in Gage, urged him to attend a Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles. The couple had met Graham when he was a guest on Hamblen's radio program. Graham wrote of her, "Suzy Hamblen was one of the most outstanding Christian women of her time. Her influence extended far beyond Stuart. She helped with so many great songs he wrote, and together they reared a wonderful family" (<https://www.identitynetwork.net/apps/articles/default.asp?articleid=46907>). The day after Hamblen attended the meeting, he gave a testimony on his radio program, professing faith in Christ. "True to his word, Hamblen swore off alcohol and tobacco, sold his racehorses, and dedicated his life to Christ" (<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/hamblen-carl-stuart>).

"In the early 1950s Hamblen's new radio show, *The Cowboy Church of the Air*, was syndicated nationwide." Hamblen refused to run a beer commercial, and his "sponsors pulled the plug" on the show, ending his national exposure but not Hamblen's career. He and his wife hosted a local tv show and made tours of prisons, reformatories, and youth groups presenting the gospel through songs and cowboy stories. He received numerous awards for songwriting and received a star on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame.

Stuart Hamblen never entered rehab; he got saved. Today, we read of many famous people entering rehab for drug or alcohol issues, but we seldom hear of them being saved. As a culture we have become so *psychologized* that salvation by faith in Jesus Christ has been diminished in our eyes. David Wilkerson's *Cross and Switchblade* and Freddie Gage's autobiography *Pulpit in the Shadows* remind us of the power of the gospel to transform lives. I don't doubt that rehabilitation can be a tool to retrain and reform habits and

attitudes, but there is no substitute for the power of the cross in changing lives forever.

Rehabilitation alone can be like the story Jesus told in Luke 11:24-26. Gaebelein explained, "Outward reformation without true conversion and the reception of the nature from above, but brings Satan back with seven other spirits. Self-reformation cannot save" (*Gaebelein's Annotated Bible*). William Kelly noted in his *Major Work Commentary*, "The mere absence of outward evil will never bring a soul to God. God Himself must be known, and Jesus Himself received, not merely the unclean spirit be gone out. ... It is the presence of God in possession of a soul - it is the having a new nature, and not merely the absence of this or that evil - that determines the matter. The unclean spirit can return to the house unless it is already occupied by the power of God's Spirit, which alone effectually shuts Satan out."

Christian discipleship provides the tools new believers need in retraining and reforming thinking and behavior. Paul's epistles all begin with great spiritual truths of what God has done for us in Christ. He then explains how we should live on the basis of that. Keep in mind Paul often was sharing the gospel with plain old pagans with no Biblical or moral understanding at all. Herbert at livingwithfaith.org noted, "When we look at Paul's epistles closely, we find that he frequently divides his material so that the first half of his letter stresses theological issues and the second half of the letter stresses their practical application. We can see this quite clearly in Romans, Galatians, Ephesians and Colossians, but the principle applies to most of his epistles. [Usually the application begins with "therefore."] In Ephesians, for example, the doctrinal portion of the letter (chapters 1-3) is followed by an ethical or Christian living section (chapters 4-6), and the whole epistle is structured around this balance.... In one half of his statements Paul often presents a theological fact, and in the other half we are given the application of that fact. ...Paul actually often balances two different forms of the same verb - first the 'indicative' form stressing a fact, then the 'imperative' form telling us what we must do about that fact" (<http://www.livingwithfaith.org/blog/seeing-the-practical-side-of-paul>).

Discipleship takes the great facts of the gospel—what God has done—and applies them to our lives. "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do" (Phil. 4:9). As Hamblen put it in song,

*"The chimes of times ring out the news, another day is through.
Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you? You may
have longed for added strength your courage to renew.
Do not be disheartened. I have news for you.
It is no secret what God can do.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you.
With arms wide open, He'll pardon you.
It is no secret what God can do."*



Brother Gary