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Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

- Ian Howard—continued recovery
- Carothers family—bereavement
- Lamb family—bereavement
- Ruth Greene—continued recuperation
- Mike and Beverly Beardain's neighbor, Mary Lou—job
- Firefighters and survivors in CA wildfires
- Pastor's cousins, Sandy and Gini, surgery recovery
- Walter Goddard—thanksgiving

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—continued recuperation
- Larry and Lana Bradley's grandson Quinn—health
- Mark Lamb, Ed's youngest son, stage-four cancer
- Daphne Cross (Huong's granddaughter)—health
- Delores & Sam Castleberry—vision/health
- Mark Handley's son
- Jake Justice, cousin of Jill Justice, salvation
- Ann Langham
- Ron Meek's cousin, Lisa
- Bob Sapp—cancer treatment
- Joni Sapp—health
- Shirley Smith—health/well-being
- Michelle, Rachel Whatley's aunt—cancer
- 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
- 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

Lottie Moon Offering

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

Birthdays—December

- 5 Allison Lindsey
- 8 Lawrence Carothers
- 9 Charlie Webster
- Mark Handley
- 10 Al Vass
- 14 Charlye McMichael
- 16 Carole Kuykendall
- 17 Kaleb Cole
- 18 Shannan Magden
- 20 Heather McEver
- 20 Star Mackey
- 24 Linda May

Nursery

- 9 AM Sheena I
- PM Michelle V
- 16 AM Janie A
- PM Glenna L
- 23 AM Shirley M, Linda P
- PM Ginger M
- 30 AM Ginger M
- PM Scott P

Open/Close

- 9 G. Adams
- 16 C. Holland
- 23 B. Montgomery
- 30 T. Montgomery

Calendar

- 8 Adult 3 Christmas Party, 6 PM
- 1608 W. Wilshire, OKC
- 9 Deacons & Finance, 5 PM
- Women on Mission
- 11 Deacon/Staff Christmas Party, 6 PM
- 12 Business meeting, 6:45 PM
- 24 Christmas Eve service, 5 PM

In Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers are with the family of Ed Lamb in his passing last week. Services were Saturday at the church building.

Our love and deepest Christian sympathy are with Imogene Carothers and her family in Lawrence's homegoing last Friday. Services were Tuesday at Kelham.

Stewardship for the week of 12/2/2018

Budget Receipts:	\$2,780.00
Required:	3,260.03
Over/Under:	\$480.03
T.A.B.:	95.00
Lottie Moon Offering:	250.00
Falls Creek:	500.00
Benevolence:	100.00



The Baptist Mission Center has a Christmas Store where families can receive presents for children at Christmas. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for this needed ministry.

December
2-9
Week of Prayer
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Antidote to Anti-semitism: Christmas Carols

Sunday morning as we sang "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," the plea for Emmanuel to "ransom captive Israel" jumped out at me. At the time I thought, one reason antisemitism has grown in our modern world comes from failure to sing Christmas carols. Militant antisemitism is on the march. Fueled by college campus Leftists that prey on historical ignorance, and haters of the United States and Israel in the United Nations, Israel has been vilified for a litany of offenses. Student bodies at colleges and universities (Bowdoin, DePaul, Loyola, Marquette, Northwestern, Stanford, and UCLA, among others) pressed by activists, have adopted BDS (*Boycott, Divest, Sanctions*) resolutions calling for Israel to meet its "obligations under international law," defined as withdrawing from occupied territories, removing the wall in the West Bank, full equality for Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel and the absolute right of return for Palestinian Refugees. They seek the schools' endowment funds to cease investment in any Israeli company.

Meanwhile on an international scale, the PLO, weakened since the death of Arafat, still calls for the destruction of Israel, couched in terms describing it as "Zionism" (Article 22). Hamas, the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, has eclipsed the PLO and never rescinded its 1988 decree calling for the destruction of Israel. Growing radical majority-Muslim communities in major European cities, ironically the result of migrants fleeing oppressive governments in their Islamic homelands, have agitated and pressured national governments against Israel, the freest, most democratic nation in the Middle East.

Since the Supreme Court banned prayer, Bible reading in public school in the early 1960s, (and by extension Christian-themed Christmas songs and celebrations), Christmas carols and Christmas celebrations have faded from the public square in our schools. While I doubt the evangelistic power of a Christmas carol or play, the resulting ignorance of the heritage and faith of our nation's founders has left intellectually impoverished students with little or no knowledge of this nation and its genesis. Left to the vacuous anti-American narrative Howard Zinn spins in his footnoteless *A People's History of the United States* (a book read in many American high schools and colleges), what more could we expect but ignorance? With that ignorance comes antisemitism.

Christmas carols tell the good news of Jesus Christ as almost no other songs do. They tell of God's promises; they speak of heavenly rejoicing; they refer to Israel's hope, like "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" reminds us Jesus came "to set Thy people free." The second stanza picks up the theme: "Born Thy people to deliver." "Thy people" are the nation of Israel, God's ancient chosen people. Our Savior is a *Jewish* Messiah. "Angels from the Realms of Glory" calls us to "seek the great desire of nations," a reference to Haggai 2:7, a messianic prophecy promising "the desire of nations shall come." "The First Noel" mentions wise men who came to "seek for a king was their intent." Recall the question of the Magi to Herod: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Matt. 2:2). **Christmas carol after Christmas carol** implicitly ground themselves in Israel's history and speak of Christ, the Hebrew "Messiah," the Anointed One of Israel. "There's a Song in the Air" references Isaiah 7:14, mentioning "the virgin's sweet Boy." "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" draws on Malachi 4:2's designation of the Jewish Messiah as "the Sun of Righteousness" as well as Isaiah 9:6's designation of the Heir of the throne of David as the "Prince of Peace." Song by song, carol by carol, lyrics root Christian faith in Judaism and the history of Israel. They are almost endless and their breadth staggering.

Ignorance of the great carols of Christian faith keeps us from knowing history and cuts us off from the historic roots of our faith in Judaism. Refusal by some pastors to preach from the Old Testament and the great prophetic Scriptures about the first and second comings of Jesus leaves Christians in theological limbo with no rhyme or reason to appreciate God's patient faithfulness in bringing to pass His plan for salvation. At the same time, that deprives us from the foundational testimony of the witnesses Hebrews 11 describes so that we can be encouraged in running "the race that is set before us" (12:1). God was faithful and God will be faithful: "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (13:5).

Antisemitism is antithetical to Christian faith. We have a thoroughly Jewish Savior. Sing the carols. God worked and is working through His plan. Hallelujah! (That's Hebrew, by the way.)



—Brother Gary