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Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Prayer God is Faithful Newer Requests

- Shelley Cloud—Knee replacement therapy
- Joan Cox—second-degree burns on leg
- Steve Daniel (Justine Hoel's son-in-law)—*cancer*
- Gary Goree—hospitalized with double pneumonia flu
- Baby of friend of Glenn Goddard—Maximus Jensen
- Toni Goldberg—cracked rib
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health (cancer of tongue)
- Floyd & Twila Howard—health
- Julia Huntley (RSV and hematoma—hospitalized)
- Kay Jones—*ulcer/Grandson Robert—infection*
- Littleton family—*unspoken*
- David May, Linda's husband—health
- Chris McEver

Ron Meek's neighbor

- Chris, brother of Ginger Montgomery—*health*
- Billye Murrell—*hip replacement recuperation*
- Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—*declining health*

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—health
- Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory; Chad
- Allen Cloud—*health—upcoming trip to Mayo*
- Bette Fehrle—health
- Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
- Brady Hurd—nephew of Julia Huntley, *stage 4 cancer*
- Danny Imhoff—*health*
- Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—*radiation*
- David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, heart issues
- Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
- New leaders and representatives

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd Howard's grandson

Our Homebound

- Sam Castleberry
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burlson, TX)
- Billye Murrell (assisted living, Texas)
- Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace, Bethany)
- Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)

Our College Students

- Hallie Benedict—Southwest Baptist
- Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
- Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
- Mieka Pietzsch—University of Oklahoma
- Makenna Vess—OCCC

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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

February Birthdays

- 6** Hershel Kuykendall
- 7** Aidan Allen
Makenna Vess
- 11** Angelina Rohling
- 12** Scott Phillips
- 13** Tina Imhoff
Bill Long
Don Lugafer
- 18** Peighton Newman
Dick Clark
- 19** Lauren Lugafer
Wheeler
- 20** Tara VanWieren
Layla Pietzsch
- 21** Nevaeh Thomas
- 25** Carys Adams
Konnor Myers
- 26** Christina Vass
- 27** Becca Rocco

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Received: \$5,230!
Lottie Moon Jug: \$629.45!

Stewardship for Morning	2/02/2025
Budget Receipts:	\$2,983.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Over/Under:	\$911.57
Lottie Moon:	\$20.35
T.A.B.	\$20.00
O.C.C.:	\$320.00
Annie Armstrong:	\$50.00
Edna McMillan:	\$20.00

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Guess Who!

Can you identify the man holding his Bible as he enters a jail cell in Oklahoma City in September of 1955?

What do you think his occupation is?

He is Walter ("Waldo") Nevil, pastor of the Hudson Avenue Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, now closed.



CONVICTIONS

This past week, simply out of curiosity, I was searching the *Gateway to Oklahoma History* photographic archives with a keyword search for “pastor.” The photograph that interested me most was of a man named Waldo Nevil. The reason it interested me is Nevil (whose name was misspelled “Nevill”) went to jail for preaching on the streets of Oklahoma City in 1955, refusing to pay the \$12 fine imposed for the offence (about \$150 in 2024 dollars). It took a bit of digging but I discovered Nevil became pastor of the Hudson Avenue Baptist Church at 4th and Hudson in 1948. In 1936, according to associational records of the Oklahoma County Baptist Association (in our library), C. P. Stealey, the first editor of the *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger* (which he personally owned before selling it to the state Baptist Convention) was pastor of the church. By 1937, the church disappears from associational records. Likely, this was due to a rise in what is called the Landmark movement among Baptist churches. Hudson Avenue would have withdrawn from the association, and other records speak of Stealey in connection with the Orthodox Baptist Fellowship. The Landmark movement began in the mid-1800s, led primarily by J.R. Graves, who was editor of the Tennessee Baptist state paper.

Landmarkism, according to Robert Johnson in *A Global Introduction to Baptist Churches*, had several characteristics: “One was its belief that the Baptist Church was the only true church. Because only the Baptist Church was an authentically biblical church, all other so-called churches were merely human societies. ... Pastors of other denominations could not be true pastors because their churches were not true churches. Therefore, such pastors should never be allowed to speak or preach from Baptist pulpits. Landmarkism also placed great emphasis on Baptist secessionism [*sic*: he means “successionism,” the idea that Baptists go all the way back to the time of Jesus in a line of unbroken succession. James M. Carroll’s book *The Trail of Blood* argues this. Carroll, younger brother of B. H. Carroll, one of the founders of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the founding president of Oklahoma Baptist University]... Graves was against mission societies, boards, or any other extrachurch organizations. This did not mean he opposed mission activity, but such work was to be directly under the authority of the local church” (p. 148). This movement produced the American Baptist Association.

Nevil was likely a Landmark Baptist, though he attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, ten years after having been licensed to preach by the Baptist Church of Christ in Bradford, TN. He married Rosemary Walters of Shawnee, OK, while he was at the seminary in September of 1929, at the age of 30. A newspaper reported the wedding took place in the apartment of Dr. I. E. Reynolds, founder of the School of Sacred Music at the seminary, less than a decade earlier. Old Testament professor and scholar, B. A. Copass presided over the ceremony. Afterwards, Nevil and

his new bride went back to the area in which he was born to do missionary work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, where he later served as associational missionary.

Nearly a decade later, the family was back in Oklahoma when Nevil served as pastor of Hudson Avenue Baptist Church. His wife,

Rosemary, died at the age of 59 in a car accident in May of 1969. She had been a teacher in Bethany public schools for eighteen years, where she taught in the Title One Remedial Program from its inception four years earlier, according to a newspaper article on *Find-a-grave*. Waldo apparently returned to Tennessee, becoming associational missionary and remarrying two years later. He outlived his second wife as well, and married again a few years later to a third wife, whom he also outlived. He died at the age of 87.

The Oklahoma Times newspaper article that pictured Nevil’s entering a jail cell with his Bible, noted Nevil “said he applied for a permit and was told none was needed” and then “was arrested ‘solely’ because of denouncing Catholicism as ‘a threat to American freedoms’” (September 8, 1955, p. 13). Who would have guessed this would have happened in Oklahoma City in 1955? Looking at Nevil, you might conclude he was a harsh man, but you can at least give him credit for having the courage of his convictions. How many of us would face jail for what he did, whether you agree with him or not?



—Times Staff Photo by George Tapscott

Jailed Minister Clings to Bible

Holding his Bible close, Rev. Waldo Clay Nevill, 54-year-old Baptist minister, starts serving a 12-day jail sentence because his “conscience won’t let me” pay a \$12 fine for preaching on the street. Mr. Nevill, who said he applied for a permit and was told none was needed, charged he was arrested “solely” because of denouncing Catholicism as “a menace to American freedoms” on a downtown street.



Brother Gary