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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

- Brother-in-law of Connie Adams, Donald—heart
- Connie Adams's sister Joy—home, continued rehab
- Connie Adams's nephew Matthew, stage-four kidney disease
- Deniece Gordon's sister—blood clot
- Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend Steve Keillor—terminal cancer diagnosed. Pray for her family.
- Gary & Judy Goree—respiratory issues
- Bereavement—family of Betty (BJ) Hendricks
- Mike Bellamy (Bill Long's nephew)—cancer
- Brady Hurd—nephew of Julia Huntley, stage 4 cancer
- Christian (friend of Tom & Bette Fehrle)—cancer
- Sam Castleberry—strength
- Allen Cloud—recuperation/health
- Justine Hoel—strength
- David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, kidney issues
- Amy Valentine—breast cancer—lymph nodes
- Al Vass—foot surgery, Wednesday
- Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson

Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Wanda Hixon's sister, health—assisted living
- Beverly Beardain—health
- Quinn Bradley—grandson of Larry and Lana Bradley
- Bette Fehrle—health
- Walter Goddard—strength
- Glenn and Kathy Goddard
- Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health
- Danny Imhoff—health
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
- President/Congress/Leaders/Courts
- Persecuted Christians worldwide

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather McEver; Floyd Howard's grandson (thanksgiving—home from Africa)

Our Homebound

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

Our College Students

- Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
- Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
- Makenna Vess—Oklahoma Baptist University

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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

April Birthdays

29 Shirley McEver
 May

3 Liam Lindsey

7 Kash Van Cleave

12 Karstin Fipps

13 Austin McClung

Raelyn Rocco (Sweet Sixteen)

15 Ron Sherrod

18 Seth Barker
 Billy Tuter

20 Allen Cloud

30 Claud Holland

Stewardship for Morning	4/21/2024
Budget Receipts:	\$3,871.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,773.56
Over/Under:	\$97.44
T.A.B.:	\$20.00
Operation Christmas Child:	\$280.00
Children's Camp:	\$85.00
Hope Pregnancy Center:	\$40.00



Fill a Baby Bottle
 for Hope Crisis Pregnancy
 Center.

Take a bottle and fill it with loose
 change.

Guess What!

Can you identify the church educational building and the man standing at the steps? Here's a hint: the picture was taken May 5, 1954, by George Tapscott, a photographer for the Oklahoma Times newspaper. This is the new educational building for Capitol Baptist Church, 2801 N. Phillips, in Oklahoma City. (The location is currently a vacant lot.) The man is Pastor W. A. Squyres, father of former Kelham member, Ray Squyres. (https://gateway.okhistory.org/search/?q=squyres&t=fulltext&sort=&fq=dc_type%3Aimage_photo*).

Weyman Alvin Squyres was also pastor of Calvary Baptist in Lawton, First Baptist in Rockwall, TX, and Reed Baptist in Reed, OK, where he was pastor to Claudia Montgomery's mother and dad. He served as a chaplain in World War II. Former Kelham Minister of Music, Trent Blackley, is current Minister of Music at First Baptist Rockwall, TX. Small world. W. A. filled out his draft card in Rockwall.



Missionary and Ambassador

Every Monday Wednesday, and Friday (except for holidays), one of my brothers-in-law makes a more-than-fifty-mile roundtrip from his home to the hospital for dialysis. Donald, raised on a farm with a large family in southwestern Ohio, has kidney disease and minimal heart function, and the thrice-weekly trips are to remove the impurities and excess fluids his body accumulates because his kidneys do not filter and remove them. I remember him and his wife in prayer especially on those three days, knowing the trip they will be making. Donald is in his late eighties, and you might think the weekly ordeal would discourage him. He is always weak after his sessions, but he never seems to be discouraged.

Donald retired some years ago as a butcher and meat cutter from Winn-Dixie grocery, and he has always enjoyed meeting and greeting people. He can tell some funny stories about the people he met in the store. He continues to do the same thing in his dialysis sessions. The nature of dialysis is that pretty much the same people and their families are there every time he goes in for treatment. Instead of stewing about the unending treatments (a kidney transplant is not possible at his age and with his health), Donald rejoices that God has kept him alive and enjoying life. He is a deacon and trustee in the church in which Connie grew up, and when he is feeling good, he's in church. One of his primary reasons for attendance is a handicapped young man there who just loves Donald and the encouragement he brings.

Donald is a missionary. No, he doesn't go door-to-door sharing his faith. He hasn't ever traveled overseas to share his faith. He shares it every day with whomever the Lord brings into his presence. Isn't that the heart of what we call the great commission? The King James translates Matthew 28:18-19 as if the command is to "go," but the main verb is "make disciples." *Young's Literal Translation* brings this out in its rendering of the verse: "Having gone, then, disciple all the nations." Hendriksen, in his commentary on Matthew, noted that "the participle ["having gone"] as well as the verb that follows it can be—in the present case must be—interpreted as having imperative force" (*Exposition of the Gospel According to Matthew*, p. 999). "Make disciples" is "a brisk command, an order." The assumption of the great commission is that all of us as Christians are "going." *Green's Literal Translation* (sometimes called "King James 3"), or the *Literal Translation of the Holy Bible*, translates the force of this: "Going then, disciple all nations" (<https://textusreceptusbibles.com/JPGreen>). All believers, not just the apostles, are to be missionaries. We have a mission, and it is a *co*-mission, a mission together with the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I was driving into work this morning, I was reminded that this was a Monday, a day on which Donald travels for his dialysis. I saw perhaps a hundred vehicles on my eight-mile trip, and I wondered how many of those people were Christians, how many realized that whether they knew it or not they were on a mission. Or were most of them just thinking, "It's another Monday; time to start the weekly

grind again; time to chase the other rats in the rat race"?

Paul explained in Second Corinthians that "we are ambassadors for Christ" (5:20). Not only are we missionaries, wherever we are, whatever we're doing; we're also "ambassadors." The word "ambassadors" is from the Greek word for an old man. It referred to an older experienced individual who represented a government in its dealings. Deissmann, a scholar of first century Greek, noted that the word "was the regular word in the Greek East for the Emperor's legate" (Moulton and Milligan, *The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament*, p. 534). It means Christians are official representatives of Christ in foreign territory with a specific message.

Our mission, Paul explained, is to offer the message of God to men: "Get reconciled to God." The believer stands in the place of Christ, "as though God did beseech," telling lost humanity that God had done all that is necessary for them to have fellowship with God. "Beseech" is a very strong word. It's the word used of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Note Paul says we speak "in Christ's stead," or in the place of Jesus Himself. That is what it means to be an ambassador. We speak God's message of peace to a world at war with Him, saying the war is over because Jesus died on the cross for all sin. Verse 18 says that God "gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation." As ambassadors we must carry the message that the finished work of Christ on the cross paid the penalty for sin in full and no barriers exist except trust in Jesus' finished work on the cross. "Reconciled" is a powerful word that means to exchange one thing for another. God's absolute justice had to be satisfied. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek 18:4, 20) and He provided, or exchanged, His Son as the satisfaction for the debt and offence our sin had incurred: "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (vs. 21). The exchange is our sin for the righteousness of God—that righteousness that is God's and the righteousness that comes only from God.

Christians, no matter our age, our situation, our vocation, or lack thereof, we have a mission as God's ambassadors to a lost world. Whether we are sitting at a desk, working on top of a building, in a computer room, or just sitting at home, we are missionaries and ambassadors. Don't get lost in the details of daily life. Don't let Satan deceive you into thinking you have no point or purpose other than the sometimes trivial details of daily life. Whether our mission field is strangers or our own families, we have a Divine commission from Almighty God to represent Him. Whether it's in your work place, sports activities, or even in assisted living, our mission is where God has placed us. Look up and see the fields. They're all around each of us.



Brother Gary