



# Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, May 8, 2024

## Prayer God Is Faithful Newer Requests

Brother-in-law of Connie Adams, Donald—*heart*  
Connie Adams's nephew Matthew, kidney disease  
Deniece Gordon's sister—blood clot  
Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend Steve Keillor—*terminal cancer diagnosed. Pray for her family*  
Larry Bradley—*recuperation--broken hip*  
Gary & Judy Goree— *health*  
Family of Mike Bellamy (Bill Long's nephew)—*bereavement*  
Brady Hurd—nephew of Julia Huntley, *stage 4 cancer*  
Julia Huntley—*upcoming surgery*  
Christian (friend of Tom & Bette Fehrle)—*cancer*  
Sam Castleberry—*moved to assisted living*  
Allen Cloud—*health, retirement end of month*  
Ron Meek's cousins—*health issues*  
David Smith—*friend of Mark Handley, kidney issues*  
Amy Valentine—*breast cancer*  
Al Vass—*rehab*

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

## PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

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

## Our Homebound

Sam Castleberry  
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)

## May Birthdays

12 Karstin Fipps  
13 Austin McClung  
Raelyn Rocco (*Sweet Sixteen*)  
15 Ron Sherrod  
18 Seth Barker  
Billy Tuter  
20 Allen Cloud  
30 Claud Holland

## Mother's Day No Evening Service



Fill a Baby Bottle  
for Hope Crisis Pregnancy  
Center.  
Take a bottle and fill it with  
loose change.

# Thank You

## Dear Church Family—

Thank you so much for the  
flowers for BJ. They were lovely  
and meant a lot to us. We  
appreciate the love offering  
which was so generous and  
helpful.

Your love and affection has  
ministered to us and strength-  
ened us during this time. Your  
deep care and love for BJ was  
such a blessing to us to witness.  
It blessed us so much in so  
many ways to watch. We thank  
God for each of you and for  
being part of you!

Wayne & Anita

Stewardship for Morning	5/6/2024
Budget Receipts:	\$2,553.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,773.56
Over/Under:	\$1,220.56
T.A.B.:	\$20.00
Hope Pregnancy Center:	\$41.97



## Offering for OBHC and Baptist Villages

## MIEKA PIETZSCH BETHANY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024



MIEKA PLANS ON ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY  
OF OKLAHOMA AND MAJOR IN PRE-NURSING.

JOIN US FOR A COME AND GO CELEBRATION  
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024 FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
CHICKASAW NATION COMMUNITY CENTER  
4001 NW 39TH ST, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112

# Created Equal

**The Declaration of Independence** proclaims that “all Men are created equal” is a self-evident truth. It does not need proof. Does it mean that every person is created with equal opportunities and equal abilities? Does it mean each person is born into equal circumstances? Certainly, none of those things is true, and the Founders did not believe any of those things. They believed in the Creator who endowed each person with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, among other unstated rights. In short, they believed, as Milton Friedman explained, “equality meant equality before God” (<https://www.hoover.org/research/what-does-created-equal-mean>). “When Thomas Jefferson, at the age of thirty-three, wrote 'all men are created equal,' he and his contemporaries did not take these words literally. They did not regard men—or as we would say today, persons—as equal in physical characteristics, emotional reactions, mechanical and intellectual abilities.” “Men,” Friedman explained, “were equal before God. Each person is precious in and of himself. He has unalienable rights, rights that no one else is entitled to invade. He is entitled to serve his own purposes and not to be treated simply as an instrument to promote someone else’s purposes.”

**Friedman went on to observe**, “Literal equality of opportunity—in the sense of identity—is impossible. One child is born blind, another with sight. One child has parents deeply concerned about his welfare who provide a background of culture and understanding; another has dissolute, improvident parents. One child is born in the United States, another in India or China or Russia. They clearly do not have identical opportunities open to them at birth, and there is no way that their opportunities can be made identical.”

**What is the Christian perspective** to this obvious injustice, this blatant (and in fact realistic) observation that some people have less ability and opportunity than others? Our society has, of late, taken the course of Dodo in *Alice in Wonderland*: “Everybody has won, and all must have prizes” (Carroll, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, chapter 3). Diversity, equity, and inclusion philosophy (D.E.I., which *Dilbert* cartoonist Scott Adams aptly said stands for “Did not Earn It”) follows this line of reasoning. Friedman remarked, “The drive for equality of outcomes comes from the widespread belief that it is not fair that some children should have a great advantage over others simply because they happen to have wealthy parents. Of course it is not fair. However, unfairness can take many forms. It can take the form of the inheritance of property—bonds and stocks, houses, factories; it can also take the form of the inheritance of talent—musical ability, strength, mathematical genius. The inheritance of property can be interfered with more readily than the inheritance of talent. But from an ethical point of view, is there any difference between the two? Yet many people resent the inheritance of property but not the inheritance of talent.”

**From a divine perspective**, the Bible realistically deals with inequalities such as these. Since God, the Creator, endowed each of us with certain gifts, strengths, and abilities, it is to Him that we are accountable. He is the One who will judge our stewardship of what He has entrusted to us. Witness the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. One of the “servants” (vs. 14) was given five talents, another two, and to a third one, “to every man according to his several ability” (vs. 15). That, in itself, is an interesting and telling phrase. Howard Voss noted that the phrase describes “capacity to function by virtue of natural endowments, educational opportunities, and the like. The sovereign Lord bestows on each what he should be able to handle” (*Matthew, A Study Guide Commentary*, p. 169). Robertson observed, “Each had all that he was capable of handling. The use that one makes of his opportunities is the measure of his capacity for more” (*Word Pictures in the New Testament*, Vol. II, pps. 198-199). Voss pointed out, “On His return the Master will judge the faithfulness of His servants and reward on that basis, not according to how many talents one possesses” (pps. 169-170). Another parable in Matthew 20:1-15 addresses the issue of unfairness. Workers were hired at different times during the day and paid the same wage at the end of the day. Vos observed, “God is sovereign and will retain His rights in the matter of rewards. He will reward the work done, but He will reward according to His sovereign will” (p. 139). Don't be one of the first who comes in last.

**Yes, some people have privilege**, but that is in the hands of Almighty God, and He will judge: “Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required” (Luke 12:48). God alone has the knowledge of the opportunities and privileges with which each of us has been entrusted, and He alone has the ability to judge justly and reward accordingly.

**Each morning as I pray** for my son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, I pray that God would enable them to maximize the talents and abilities with which He has gifted them for His glory. In 1798, Abigail Adams wrote to her son John Quincy when he was the thirty-one-year-old Ambassador to Prussia: “You have arrived at years capable of improving under the advantages you will be like to have if you do but properly attend to them. They are talents put into your hands of which an account will be required of you hereafter, and being possessed of one, two, or four, see to it that you double your numbers”

(<https://clickamericana.com/media/letters-postcards/mothers-letter-to-john-quincy-adams-age-11-1840>). She reminded him, “Remember that you are accountable to your maker for all your words and actions.”

**As we approach Mother’s Day**, what better advantage, what better privilege, could children have than a wise and godly mother or grandmother who challenges, encourages, and prays for her children? Give your children and grandchildren that great privilege. You will not regret that in eternity.

Brother Gary

