



Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Prayer God Is Faithful

Newer Requests

Hurricane Victims—Florida/NC/SC
Oklahoma Disaster Relief Teams in North Carolina
Steve Daniel (Justine Hoel's son-in-law)—*cancer*
Toni Goldberg—*unspoken*
Floyd & Twila Howard—*rest and recuperation*
Ron Meek's Aunt Auleen—*health*
Littleton family—*unspoken*
Chris, brother of Ginger Montgomery—*health*
Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—*health*
Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—*health*

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Glenda Anderson—*health*
Beverly Beardain—*health*; Chad Beardain
Allen Cloud—*health*
Bette Fehrle—*health*
Walter Goddard—*strength*
Gary & Judy Goree—*health*
Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
Mitzi and Roger Hembree—*health*
Brady Hurd—*nephew of Julia Huntley, stage 4 cancer*
Danny Imhoff—*health*
Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—*terminal cancer*
David Smith—*friend of Mark Handley, kidney issues*
Amy Valentine—*breast cancer*
Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
Our leaders and representatives

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Pastor's nephew; Heather Riggins; Floyd Howard's grandson

Our Homebound

Sam Castleberry
Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burlson, TX)
Billie Murrell (*assisted living, Texas*)
Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother
(*Grace Living Center, 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—*Oklahoma Baptist University*

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

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

October Birthdays

29 Carol Handley
31 Bill Rohling



Stewardship for Morning	10/20/2024
Budget Receipts:	\$608.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,773.56
Over/Under:	\$3,165.56
T.A.B.:	\$20.00

**Wednesday— October
30, 6:00 PM
We Need Candy.
Please donate.**

OCC Final Packing Party—
Saturday, November 2, 1 PM to 4 PM

OCC COLLECTION

National Collection Week November 18th - 25th

Our shoeboxes will be collected and taken to a local drop-off for transportation to Dallas for processing.



Guess Who and Where

This mission church was first called the East Reno Mission, the 23rd Kelham mission. It was in the Meadowview subdivision in Midwest City. R. C. Howard, Sr., bought the property for the mission. The name was changed to Meadowview Baptist and then later to Howard Memorial Baptist, and Orval Ray served as pastor. The photo was taken in July 1955. Later, the City of Oklahoma City named a senior complex for Ray, the Orval Ray Towers to honor his service to the elderly.



Orval Ray

<https://gateway.okhistory.org/ark:/67531/metadc1304003/m1/1/>



<https://gateway.okhistory.org/ark:/67531/metadc1304003/m1/1/?q=Howard%20Memorial>; accessed October 21, 2024).

Jesus and Illegal Immigration?

Were Joseph, Mary, and the Baby Jesus illegal immigrants when they fled to Egypt (Matt. 2:14)? You have probably heard people rehearse the argument that our nation should welcome illegal immigrants with open arms and closed eyes. Ryan Eller, a graduate of Wake Forest Divinity School, claimed, “Jesus was an undocumented immigrant himself when he fled to Egypt” (<https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2015/sep/03/ryan-eller/jesus-was-undocumented-immigrant-ordained-minister/>). Politifact noted the claim does not hold up because “the world in which Jesus lived was all a part of the Roman Empire, not necessarily a collection of separate sovereign nations. That makes it hard to call baby Jesus an illegal anything.... Anyone who lived in the empire could pretty much go wherever they wanted.”

“Clifford Ando, professor of classics, history and law at the University of Chicago, said, ‘We can say the empire did not restrict movement comparable to requiring paperwork to cross provinces.’” Politifact ruled “Eller’s statement False.”

Markus Zehnder of Talbot School of Theology wrote, “Jesus and his parents would not fall into the category of ‘illegal immigrants,’ since there is no hint in the biblical report that they went into Egypt and stayed there without the consent of the authorities” (<https://www.biola.edu/blogs/good-book-blog/2021/jesus-as-a-migrant>).

“There is nothing in the story and its broader use in the Gospel of Matthew that would suggest that it functions as a generic model encouraging migration of any kind or supporting (near-) open border immigration policies.... The flight of Jesus and his parents is an expression of the temporary political exile of an individual, not related to questions of escaping poverty nor to situations in which large-scale immigration takes place... Jesus and his family would not have been economically supported by what we would call today ‘the government,’ but either (in part) by donations of the large Jewish diaspora in Egypt, and perhaps more importantly by income generated by Joseph himself.” The expensive gifts the wise men brought (Matt. 2:11) in addition to being prophetic of the identity of the Child (King, Deity and Sacrifice, as John Henry Hopkins’s Christmas carol explains) would have been more than sufficient, if sold, to support the family in their exile. Zehnder offers more on this subject in *The Bible and Immigration* and the distinction the Bible makes between the “sojourner,” who came to survive and integrate fully into the life of Israel, and the “foreigner,” who never intended to become an Israelite (<https://www.biola.edu/blogs/think-biblically/2021/immigration-and-the-bible>).

My own family, along with most Americans, were immigrants. One group came from Wales under Lord Baltimore’s brother to settle in Maryland; the other group came to upstate South Carolina from Ireland as Ulster Scots. The Welsh group were Catholics; the Scots-Irish clan were Presbyterians. Both groups came to the New World to escape religious persecution and were legal immigrants, sponsored by the governments in the places they settled. In the 1960s, the church my family belonged to in New Jersey sponsored

two Cuban families who had fled the Castro regime, the Mardomingos and the Sotos. I greatly sympathize with immigrants. Yet sympathizing with legal immigrants must be balanced against the national interests of security and financial responsibility. The legal immigration process in this country is long and tedious to establish the bona fides of applicants and their ability to be supported by family.

The history of legal immigration in the United States is a checkerboard patchwork. Jefferson had explained the Founders’ philosophy on immigration in *Notes on the State of Virginia* in 1781: “The present desire of America is to produce rapid population, by as great importations of foreigners as possible. But is this founded in good policy?” he asked (<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Hamilton/01-25-02-0280>). As President, Jefferson had changed horses, advocating in his first Message to Congress in 1801 (a State of the Union address) elimination of the fourteen-year residence requirement for immigrants to become naturalized citizens. Alexander Hamilton (having himself been born in the West Indies and thus an immigrant), writing as Lucius Crassus, responded, reminding what Jefferson had written twenty years prior: “Suppose 20 millions of republican Americans, thrown all of a sudden into France, what would be the condition of that kingdom? If it would be more turbulent, less happy, less strong, we may believe that the addition of half a million of foreigners, to our present numbers, would produce a similar effect here.”

Jefferson had observed then, “They will bring with them the principles of the governments they leave, imbibed in their early youth; or if able to throw them off, it will be in exchange for an unbounded licentiousness, passing as is usual, from one extreme to another. It would be a miracle were they to stop precisely at the point of temperate liberty. Their principles with their language, they will transmit to their children. In proportion to their numbers, they will share with us in the legislation. They will infuse into it their spirit, warp and bias its direction, and render it a heterogeneous, incoherent, distracted mass.” Hamilton drove home his opposition to Jefferson’s plan: “It is known, that hardly any thing contributed more to the downfall of Rome, than her precipitate communication of the privileges of citizenship to the inhabitants of Italy at large.... Not only does ancient but modern, and even domestic history furnish evidence of what may be expected from the dispositions of foreigners, when they get too early footing in a country.” History does not repeat, but as Mark Twain supposedly said, it sometimes rhymes.

Cissie Graham Lynch reminded, “Our priority is living out the Gospel. This is why we must fearlessly share God’s Word and faithfully meet the physical and spiritual needs around us. It’s critical Kingdom work for our churches and our families, and if we want to do this in a place of stability, security, and safety, then we need to prayerfully vote for candidates this election who, in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 14:33, will help bring peace and not disorder” (<https://billygraham.org/story/a-look-at-immigration-from-a-biblical-perspective/>).

Brother Gary

