

# Prayer List

*On a daily basis, ask the*

*Lord for direction.*

## Our 249 Family

**Leroy Flowers** has been diagnosed with cancer and began radiation treatments last week.

**Sherlyn Cartwright** is awaiting biopsy results.

**Bill Cartwright** is still having difficulty with his breathing.

**Jessica Harold** and family need prayers.

**Alcadio Gonzales** is having migraine headaches.

**Pam Woodley** is having difficulties from a foot infection.

**Stella Hamontree** has completed chemotherapy and radiation treatment for lung cancer and returned to work.

**Janet Barnwell** had another round of chemotherapy for her cancer treatment and needs our prayers.

**Robert Winston** has had his surgical procedure re-scheduled due to an infection and needs our prayers.

## Also Remember

Ruth Powers & Family, Larry & Jessica Harold & Family, Jackie Crawford, Carolyn Moon, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Willie Collins, Ira Goode and Daniel Williams

## Friends and Family

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Allen Bradley had tests run for severe stomach pain.

Tony Mendoza, nephew of Lydia Walden is sick.

Ben Moon (Son of Mike & Carolyn) is temp. paralyzed.

Van Webb (Brother-in-law of Mike Moon) is very sick.

Daniel Williams' friend, Randy Thompson died.

O.D. Marsh (Wanda Edward's nephew) has been diagnosed with bone cancer and is better.

Richard Ross (Sandra Collins brother), Odell Ross

(Sandra Collins brother), Mrs. White (Sandra's friend) son

has throat cancer, Darlene Hodges (Sandra's aunt)-rehab

Dot, Jerry, Leon & Morris Allee, Stephen Gillespie, Willie

Jean Jones, Andre White, (Debbie White's son), Jessie

White, Joe Tippit, Amy (Jane Moody's niece), Stephanie

Cain (Jackie Crawford's friend), Baby Carolyn daughter of

Karen (friend of Mary's), Johnny & Maria Atkinson

(cousins of Shannon Cobb, Mrs. George, Shannon Cobb's

grandmother, Doris Dromgoole, Baby Mia (Alex Graves

baby, friend of the Cobb's), Howard (Dixie's husband)

Doris Peavler's sister, Gladys Horton, Ruth Power's mom,

Debbie Bachmeyer Doris Dromgoole's daughter, Willie

Gentry, Janet Barnwell's nephew, Owen Cobb great

grandson of Linda Cobb's, Nathan Rockett, Janie

Rockett's son, Mike Howsley, Doris Peavler's great

nephew, Mike Ringenberg, Shannon Cobb's dad,

Shelby Murry, Murry's daughter in law,

Ashly Ross, Vernon Cartwright

## Shut-Ins

Thomas Bailey, Joyce Bradley, and Debbie Goode

## WELCOME VISITORS

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

**SINGING:** Non-instrumental music plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

**LORD'S SUPPER:** Each Sunday we observe the Lord's Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

**CONTRIBUTION:** During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God's Word. (I Cor. 16:2)



Sundays-7:00 a.m.

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## Upcoming Topics

**January 8 – "Not Too Hard"**

**January 15 – "Prepare Your Heart"**

## Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Study-----9:00 a.m.

Worship-----10:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-----6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class (September-May)----9:00 a.m.

Wednesday-----7:00 p.m.

**Preacher**-----Keith Bradley

**Song Leaders**-----Keith Bradley & Jamie Cobb

**Elders:** Keith Bradley & Jamie Cobb



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## FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

**AS MOST OF YOU KNOW DALE RESIGNED** to take over the India work from Dean Crutchfield (due to his failing health) under the direction of the Jersey Village elders. He is off and running and is going to India (1/10/2017) to check on all the preachers (400), widows and orphans (200) that 249 and other congregations are helping to support. Please pray for his success in this work and safety in travels.

**UPON DALE ANNOUNCING HIS RESIGNATION,** I laid out our plans for replacing him. In the interim, the elders decided for me to do most of the Sunday preaching. Sometimes my schedule requires me to be away and I will have others to fill in on Sundays. We are fortunate to have several capable men to help in this capacity. They are brother Dukes, Bennett and Powers. Besides these men, there are others in our brotherhood I can call on to help in my absence. It is our plan to take a preference poll of the members at the end of the first quarter to see how all of you feel about these plans. This will help to guide the elders as we lead the church in 2017. Please pray for Jamie and I as shepherds to lead the flock here at 249.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will be taught this quarter by brother Jamie Cobb, our newly ordained elder. The plan is to rotate this among others with a change quarterly. We will be using the Gospel Advocate Foundations Study Guide. For the current quarter we will be studying Ephesians. If you plan to attend the Sunday Morning Bible Class (I hope all of you will) ask for a study book and it will be furnished to you. Please plan on reading it throughout the week. This way you will be prepared for the Sunday class and it will be more meaningful. Please pray for Jamie as he teaches this study.

**THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS** will be taught by brother Gerald Bennett. Last Wednesday, he began teaching the book of Hebrews. It was an outstanding introduction. He is preparing a Worksheet handout to pick up and study prior to the class. They will be located on the foyer table. Please pray for Gerald as he leads us in this study.

**Keith**

## Loved Ones Serving To Protect

Drew Girton – Navy - Hawaii  
John Girton-Army-N. Carolina  
Carl Higgs-Army-California  
Jared Jensen-Air Force-Iraq  
Travis Little-Air Force-Ellington  
Scott Middleton –Marines-California  
James Thomas-National Guard  
James Williams-Navy-California  
James Boribourn-Navy-Boot camp  
Crystal Stallings Drake-El Paso Texas  
Aaron Abel-Army-Dangerous Location?

### Sermons for Sunday

#### THIS WEEK

AM—"Reconciliation" (1 Corinthians 5:12-21)

PM--"Stand Fast in the Lord" (1 Thess 3:1-13)

#### NEXT WEEK

AM— "Repentance" (Luke 24:46-48)

PM—"Walking the Walk" (1 Thess 4:1-12)

## Scripture for Today

### 2 Corinthians 5: 16-19

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup>Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup>that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

### The Ladies Bible Class

Will begin meeting Tuesday 1/10/2017 at 9:00 a.m..

## Wednesday Devotional

**Tyrone Powers** brought the devotional. His lesson was on the subject:

### To the Work as Servants of God

(Text: Matthew 5:14-16)

**We are told by Jesus in the above passage:**

Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Then he shared with us a story entitled:

#### The Lifeboat Station by Theodore Wedel

In this story Wedel told of a lifeboat station on the coast that was founded to be a rescue station to help mariners that were in trouble. Over time the members grew into a club, fixed up their building and met regularly as a social club. Some were unhappy with the newfound direction of the club and after a vote decided to go down the coast and start their own lifeboat station. The original club decided they would no longer help mariners in trouble and leave it to the new club while they socialized. They forgot the original purpose of the lifeboat station.

#### Summary:

If we are not careful, the local church can be like this lifeboat station forgetting our primary purpose is to save and edify the souls of men. Instead, we can end up like a social club. Let this story be a reminder to all of us of the high calling of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to preach the gospel.

Next Wednesday (1/11/2017) – Russell Dukes, Sr.

## Socks for the Homeless

249 Ladies are requesting socks to be given to the Homeless/Needy at the Impact Church of Christ. There is a large box in the foyer to put them in. With cooler weather upon us, this is needed. Any color is fine.



## Proofs of our Love

Week of January 1, 2017

Bible Class-----	26
Morning Worship-----	70
Evening Worship-----	51
Wednesday Bible Class-----	23
Contribution-----	\$1,802.00
Budget-----	\$1,871.00
Under Budget for Week-----	\$69.00

## 249 Pantry Items Needed



### Peanut Butter Crackers & Individual Servings of Peanut Butter

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE FOR ANNUAL INDIA-WORK CONTRIBUTION

TOTAL=\$1685

### Elder's Corner

Beginning in the New Year

Brother Jamie Cobb will teach  
Ephesians for the Sunday Bible Class

Brother Gerald Bennett will teach  
Hebrews for the Wednesday Evening

Bible Class

Plan to Attend

## BE THOU MY VISION

This song, #70 in our hymnal, was written 750 A.D. as an old Irish Folk Hymn. No composer is given credit for it, therefore it is listed as by an anonymous composer.

Man from the beginning of time has always had a need for a heavenly vision and to experience God's care and personal presence throughout his life here on earth.

Proverbs 29:18 warns us, "Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

The author's high regard for God is evidenced by the various titles ascribed to Him throughout the song: Vision, Lord, Best Thought, Wisdom, Word, Great Father, High King, Buckler or Breastplate, Power, Inheritance, Treasure, Sun, Ruler and Heart.

This Irish poem was translated into an English poem by Mary Byrne and later into verse form by Eleanor Hull. The tune, "Slane", is an old traditional Irish air. Like many of our tunes, it was written for a secular text but then later used in a spiritual text application.

The tune is named for a hill, ten miles from Tara, in County Meath where St. Patrick is said to have challenged King Loegaire and the Druid priests by lighting the Paschal fire on Easter eve.

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible." – Jonathan Swift-Thoughts on various Subjects.

"Give us a clear vision that we many know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything." – Peter Marshall – Mr. Jones, Meet the Master.

Adapted from "101 More Hymn Stories"

Keith Bradley