

ON THE PRAYER LIST

Our Family

Diane Pryor—bleeding ulcer, doing better; Ruby Edwards—doing good from her procedures; John Horvath—bone spur; Robert Dennis—doing fair after a fall, still have trouble with his sciatic nerve; Anna Faulkner—surgery on knee, doing fair (1075 Kathryn Dr, Mt. Juliet, 37122); George Etheridge—at home, doing better (320 Lake Chateau Dr. Hermitage, 37076); Dawn Sledge—knee replacement, doing good; Teresa Flatt—doing OK; Joyce Malone—McKendree Manor, Room 320. Diane Motley—health issues; Burbon & Barbara Lewis—ongoing health issues; *Serving Our Country*—Samantha Stiles Rivers; *Long Term Illness*: James Brown, Francis Kemp.

Friends & Family

Shandra Reid—gallbladder surgery, doing ok, daughter of *Anita Coursey*; Mike Brown—health issues, brother of *Diane Motley*; Daniel & Melissa Garcia, birth of *Agigail Joyce*, niece of *John Horvath*; Jimmy, Terry, Glenn Gagnon—prayers, brothers of *Diane Gagnon*; Jean Alexander—knee replacement, friend of *Sherry Whittenberg*; Barbara Perkins—recovering from back surgery & infection, friend of *Diane Gagnon*; Dean Hunt—stomach issues, son-in-law of *Sue Pryor*; Ann Carter—heart issues, friend of *Dottie Hicks*; Veronica Stout—breast cancer; co-worker of *John Horvath*; James Allen—health problems; friend of *Sherry Whittenberg*; Cathy Nash—broken leg & toe from a fall, friend of *Sherry*; Denise McGregor—mass on her leg, sister of *John Horvath*; Bill Worth—cancer, friend & co-worker of *Diane Pryor*; Bobby Foster—friend of *Helen Wright*, health issues; Jeff Horvath—health issues, brother of *John Horvath*; Danice Scott Martin—stage 4 bone & lung cancer, aunt of *Bradley Scott*; Asia Hilton—cancer returned, friend of *John Horvath*; Sherrie McCormack—health issues, friend of *Carole Newman*; Latrina Holmes—friend of *Tyrus & Leesa Fort*, cancer; David Hicks—back problems, son of *Dottie Hicks*, Margorie O'malley, health issues, *Dottie Hicks'* sister, Betty & Joe Henderson, health issues, friends of *Dottie Hicks*; Frank Alexander—health issues, friend of *Sherry Whittenberg*; Tracy Scantland—serious vertigo, friend of *Sherry Whittenberg*; Kaylee Nelson—brain tumor, friend of *Barbara Dennis*; Steve Ferguson—ongoing health problems; brother of *Teresa Flatt*; Emily Wholford—doing good, *Robert Dennis sister's granddaughter*.

Continue To Pray For:

*New Christian/**Rededications/#Placed Membership/##Prayers for Strength

##Leesa Fort (11/26); ##Charles & Kathy Mitchell (11/26)*Jada Griffin & *Dee Bond (11/19) 826 Netherlands Dr., Hermitage, 37076 *Oriyana Holmes (10/29) 303 Q Burning Tree Dr., Hermitage, 37076; *Diane Gagnon (10/15) 704 Berkshire Drive, Old Hickory 37138; **William Smallwood (10/15) 5120 Lana Renee Court, Hermitage 37076; *Micah Dixon (10/1) 3940 Bell Road, Apt 1526, Hermitage, 37076; **Tyrus Fort (8/13) **Kathy Mitchell (8/13) 522 Buffalo Trail, Mt. Juliet, 37122; *Demarius Shields (7/30), 213 Tulip Grove Rd, Hermitage Manor, Hermitage, TN, 37076; *Xz'avier Page (7/23) *Eli Norman (6/21) 1016 Jacksons Valley Road, Hermitage, 37076; *Tatiana DePriest (6/4) 3110 Elm Hill Pike #910, Nashville, TN 37214; *Alexa & Dylan Grass (4/30); ##Tyrus & Leesa Fort (3/12), *Tyshawn Bradley (1/15/17) Q303 Burning Tree Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076.

Christmas

Most of the religious world will celebrate the birth of Christ this week. In commenting on this subject, Reuel Lemmons said in an editorial in the Firm Foundation:

We are again at that time on the calendar when the Western world pauses to acknowledge that Jesus Christ was born in the world. The date makes little difference. And we heartily agree that some other time of the year suits the occasion best, but that makes little actual difference. We also agree that the celebration of a special religious holiday has no foundation in scripture, and that it had its sources in pagan rites and apostate festivals. This will acknowledge in advance all those letters differing with us in what we are about to say here.

Personally, we are glad that the world, bent on carnage and drunk on hedonism takes time out to acknowledge that God has sent His Son into the world. Even atheists, like the stones of the ground, cry out. We deplore the fact that men make merchandise of the occasion—as the moneychangers took advantage of the opportunity in the temple—but even they help the world to stop and take note of God's gift to man. In a world of war they talk about peace; in a world of hate they talk about love; in a world of sorrow they talk about joy. All the advertising, all the decorations, all the plans for family gatherings call attention to the fact that there is something better in the world than the rat race."

We are grateful that there is something better. In the midst of a world that often appears to be groping in darkness, having lost its way, we are thankful for the light and hope that entered our world when Jesus came. And may we rejoice in His birth, life, death, and resurrection—both now and throughout the year.

Larry Locke
Lebanon, TN



Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
See Paul & Michelle Norman with any questions.

Coming Up

Sunday, December 24th
No Bible classes or evening service
December 25th & 26th
Church office closed for holidays
Friday, December 29th
Singles
Sunday, December 31st
5th Sunday Giving
Lock-in for Youth



December 24, 2017

BOOST our Bible School

We are excited that you chose to worship with us today! In order to better serve you, we invite you to fill out the Welcome card and put in the collection plate. Thank You for worshipping with us today.

(PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING/WELCOME

Song Leader: Paul Norman

SONG: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (997)
 SONG: BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM (1005)
 SONG: HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT (611)
 SONG: TEN THOUSAND ANGELS (349)

COMMUNION

**Charles Mitchell/Charlie Moore
 Bill Hardaway/Eli Norman**

GIVING

SONG: JOY TO THE WORLD (1018)
 SONG: BE STILL AND KNOW (31)

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

**John Horvath
 John 1:1-5; 14**

SONG: SILENT NIGHT (1003)

SERMON:

"The Word Became Flesh!"

SONG: LORD REIGN IN ME
 SONG: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE (202)

FAMILY NEWS/CLOSING PRAYER

David Smallwood

Nursery Attendants:

Jamie Scott/Teresa Flatt

The Word Became Flesh!

John 1:1-5; 14

Jesus:

He is _____! 1:1; Genesis 1:1

He was with _____! 1:1

He was _____! 1:1; Hebrews 1:3

He was _____! 1:3

He became _____! 1:14

What Does It Mean For Us:

He is the _____ begotten _____!

He fulfilled the words of the _____!
 Isaiah 7:14; 9:6ff

He is the _____! Luke 2:52

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 ☆ *We Gather Together* ☆
 ☆ Sunday Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. ☆
 ☆ Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. ☆
 ☆ Wednesday 7:00 p.m. ☆
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<u>Statistics</u>	
Sunday Worship	80
Sunday Bible Class	37
Sunday Evening	61
Wednesday	65
Contribution	1,963
Weekly Budget	2,761

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