

# Prayer Requests and Announcements

4 December 2022

Sermon Title: Why The Church Matters

Scripture: Colossians 1:17-19

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Susan Flurry:** She needs our earnest prayers regarding challenges related to cancer.

**Mike Kenney:** Recovering well at home, sleeping well. Awaiting grafts, also 2 appointments tomorrow.

**Carla Clayton:** She is recovering from CoVid-19. She will see her doctor today to determine if all clear.

**Jackie Stallings:** She passed recently. This was Wayne and Lanette's former Daughter-in-Law (Chris).

**Alex Patton and Family:** Alex has asked for prayers for himself and his family while he is deployed.

**Many families** of those affected by the recent storms in Mississippi last week need our prayers.

### Ongoing Prayers

Earl and Linda Kenney

Heath Smith

Ingelise Myrick

Naomi Waitrous

Maxine Robinson

Pete Hankins

Sue Watley

Frieda Wilson

Darlene Hannah

Ashley McGriff

Darrell McCormick

Charlotte Rashun

Paul Myrick

Maxine Robinson

Gerardo Ranario

Jesse and Sharon Owens

Mike Inabinette

### **A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead**

*What a friend we have in Jesus! All our sins and griefs to bear! – adapted, Joseph Scriven, 1855*

“I have called you friends...” John 15:15, NKJV

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER**

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“I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

**Psalms 4:8, NKJV**

## Some Unusual Things For Which To Be Thankful

(Adapted, [www.housetohouse.com](http://www.housetohouse.com) VOLUME 24 NUMBER 10)

“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Ephesians 5:20, KJV

Even though we recently celebrated Thanksgiving as a nation, the following thoughts are certainly not “dated.” Of the many things that ought to characterize God’s church, gratitude should be among the most important.

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- Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
  - Be thankful when you don’t know; it gives you the opportunity to learn.
  - Be thankful for the difficult times; during those times, you grow.
  - Be thankful for your own limitations; they give opportunities for improvement.
  - Be thankful for a new challenge; it will build strength and character.
  - Be thankful for your mistakes; they will teach valuable lessons.
  - Be thankful when you’re weary from work; it means you’ve made a difference.
  - Be thankful for the mess after a party; it means you have friends.
  - Be thankful for the income taxes you pay; it means you are employed.
  - Be thankful for clothes that fit a little snugly; it means you have plenty to eat.
  - Be thankful for a shadow while you work; it means you are out in the sunshine.
  - Be thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing; it means you have a house.
  - Be thankful for all the complaining you hear about our government; it means we have freedom of speech.
  - Be thankful for a huge heating bill; it means you are warm.
  - Be thankful for the lady behind you in church service who sings off key; it means that you can hear.
  - Be thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing; it means your loved ones are nearby.
  - Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours; it means that you’re alive.
  - Be thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day; it means you have been productive.

It’s easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

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### *A Note from your Preacher*

We hear every year about looking *back* on the previous year and looking *forward* to the coming one. Perhaps we might add to this by saying we ought to look *up* the Lord who gives us strength to live this very day! I am thankful for your encouragement in this good ministry – let’s share it with others!