

Vancleave Church of Christ

Prayer Requests and Announcements

26 February 2023

Sermon Title: **Distracted Doing Good**

Scripture: **Matthew 6:26, 27**

Lisa Jenkins: Has been diagnosed as having cancer. She to receive treatments every other week.

Lanette Girod's cousin's grandson, David had neck surgery recently. He needs our prayers.

Tara Forte: Is in great need of our prayers especially at this time.

Linda Kenney: She is home but still having some issues. Please remember Linda and Earl.

Dr. Don Boone: Suffered a heart attack and is in ICU at Providence and on a ventilator as of last evening.

Bren Pavlovich: Has been taken to the hospital in Pascagoula (Room 3010); emergency appendectomy.

*Ongoing Prayers (Please see earlier Prayer Requests for details) **Please be sure to update at:***

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Mike Inabinette	Ingelise Myrick	Naomi Waitrous	Rick Bedwell
Murray Davidson	Susan Flurry	Frank Sentelle	Maxine Robinson
Pete Hankins	Frieda Wilson	Darlene Hannah	Paul Myrick
Ashley McGriff	Darrell McCormick	Charlotte Rashun	Zenie George
Gerardo Ranario	Dot Catchot	Sue Whatley	Andi Barrett
Virginia Dickerson	Sandra Roberson	Gary Mitchell	Mike Kenney
Suzette Saucier	David Bosarge	David Robinson	Jesse & Sharon Owens

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

True and lasting peace on earth is found when men discover peace in Christ.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

(John 14:27, ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER

- **George Allen Hudson** is to be married soon. His wife is expecting twins!
- There will be a wedding shower for **Brennen and Maci Perry** on March 1st (this is the same date as our traditional fellowship meal). They are registered at Amazon.com
- As always, we are grateful to our **guests and visitors** with us on the Lord's day! We are glad you came here to worship together with us!

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Philippians 4:13, KJV)

Born in the House of Bread

Christ was born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem means “The House of Bread.” Jesus was not born in the house of royalty, the house of riches, or the house of celebrity.

Jesus was not born in Jerusalem, Rome, Athens, or Alexandria. He was not born in any political, commercial, cultural, educational, or socially significant city. When the Old Testament prophet Micah foretold of His birth, he emphasized its lack of significance. “You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2).

Bread is one of life’s most common things; without it man would not survive. God’s Son is common in the sense that He is available to all. Without Him, there is no life. He said, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).

The Infinite came to earth as an infant; He who spans the heavens and holds the ocean in the hollow of His hand condescended to be nourished by a woman’s breast. There was no way to save us but by stooping to us. To bring earth up to heaven, He had to bring heaven down to earth.

In the incarnation, He had compassion, for He took upon himself our infirmities, and was made like unto ourselves. —*Brian Atwood, via House to House Heart to Heart, Volume 28, No. 2*

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes [i]n Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. (John 6:47-51a, NKJV)



A Note from Your Preacher

I believe that Jesus Christ wants us to become more like Him in our everyday life. Of course, this is always a real challenge since He is the embodiment of absolute perfection in every sense that matters to God; yet, His perfection is what should draw us toward Him in spite of our imperfections. - DP