

# Vancleave Church of Christ

**Sermon Title:** Challenges to Our Faith

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:6-9

## Prayer Requests and Announcements

**April 30, 2023**

**George Fain:** Brother Fain passed away last week. Let's remember his family in our prayers.

**Gregory Cooley:** Nephew of sister Lowery, must have stint put in his heart on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Elizabeth (Liz) Logan:** Sister Logan passed away last week. Let's remember the family in prayer.

**Elisa Hesselrode:** Her surgery went well, pathology report sometime later this week.

**Lanette Girod:** She has been suffering with UTI. She needs our prayers.

**Linda Ruffin:** She is not doing very well at this time, and she needs our prayers.

**Kim Adkins:** She is having serious stomach issues requiring surgery. Prayers are welcome.

**Tommy Webb:** He needs our prayers as he faces possible amputation of the feet.

**Earl Kenney:** He recently fell and broke his hip. He is dealing with other issues also.

**Elsie Ashcraft:** She was involved in an auto accident last week. Let's remember sister Elsie in prayer.

### Ongoing Prayers

***Please be sure to update at: [vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org](mailto:vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org)***

Jackie Roach	Cheryl Solla	Sue Flurry	Teresa Blackmon
David Bosarge	Heath Smith	Zenie George	David Robinson
Tara Forte	Anita Dees	Rick Bedwell	Pete Hankins
Andi Barrett	Lisa Jenkins	Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney
Barbara Patton	Traci Herrin	Jerry Mobley	Rylie Trussel

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

To get along with others it has been said, "Live and let live." But, here's a much better one: "Do unto others as you would have done unto you."

"But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29, ESV)

### **Announcements / Other:**

- The East Side congregation will host a Sing on the East Beach in Ocean Springs, next Sunday evening on 7 May, 2023. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate.
- Join us for our "Becoming and Remaining a Faithful Christian" congregational study along with our regular worship each Sunday at 6:00 PM. Bring a Bible, all other materials will be provided.

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## **Be Thou Faithful Unto Death** An Enduring Lesson from a Roman Guard

When Pompeii was destroyed, there were very many buried in the ruins of it, who were afterwards found in very different situations. There were some found who were in the streets, as if they had been attempting to make their escape. There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone thither for security. There were some found in lofty chambers; but where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him



standing at the city gate, with his hand still grasping the war weapon, where he had been placed by his captain; and there, while the Heaven threatened him; there, while the earth shook beneath him; there, where the lava stream rolled, he stood at his post; and there, after a thousand years had passed away, he was found. So let the Christian stand to their duty, in the post at which their Captain has placed them.

*Source: Leaves of Gold, An Anthology of Prayers, Memorable Phrases, Inspirational Verse and Prose, Clyde Francis Lyle, Editor, © 1948, The Coslett Publishing Company*

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

(1 Corinthians 15:58, NKJV)

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A Note from your Preacher: While I haven't authenticated the veracity or discovered the original authorship of the above anecdote, the sentiment of it speaks truthfully about the kind of faith that blesses the Lord and saves our souls: a trusting, genuine and obedient faith in the one who is the Captain of our eternal salvation, Jesus Christ, the Son of God (cf., 2 Timothy 2:12, 13) - DP