

HEALTH CONCERNS

Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)
Bernie Krecklow (resident at Brookdale Lawndale Park, 336-286-3432)
Judy Maxwell (recuperating from a medical procedure on 1/19/24)
Stan Stigall (health issues)
Millie Vernon (post-lumpectomy tests revealed no additional cancer)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen **Matt Chaney** (Crohn’s Disease); **Hilda Smitherman** (congestive heart); Angie Wilson (possible ALS diagnosis); Steve Crutchfield (brain lesions); Ron Smith (cancer); Carmen Spoon (dementia); Lila Bolen (cancer); Amy Ikerd (health issues); Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)
Bowman Stephanie Piraino (daughter—cancerous thyroid removed and undergoing treatment)
Budkey Becca Tate (friend—breast cancer); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)
Butler Pat Tweedy (in Wesley Long Hosp. with inoperable brain tumor); Ed Tweedy (in Cone Hosp. ICU with head hematoma)
Downing **Karen O’Dell** (Ken & Konnie’s sister—bladder surg.); Steve Miller (Shari’s brother—cancer)
Kerr Ed Musiol (triple by-pass); Roger Kerr (Kerry’s cousin—health issues)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
Rodriguez Julie White (Laura’s mother—successful bursitis surgery)
Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie’s son—health issues); Dottie’s daughter-in-law’s mother (health issues)
Self Robie McWatters (Lynda’s nephew—injuries from a car accident in South Carolina)
G. Sharp Brenda Johnson (former choir director—assisted living in Walnut Cove)
S. Sharp Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)
Tincher Bernice Tincher (Rich’s mom—health issues); JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)
Watts Chandler Stewart (cousin—metastatic kidney cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)
Vernon Prayers for family members
Watts Kent Watts (Ellen’s son—recuperating from shoulder surg. and travelling mercies—travelling a lot for his job)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Budkey Linda Spencer (Joy’s neighbor—home from hospital—doing well); Killean Phillipp (had 2nd surgery—home recuperating—supposed to walk around Christmas)
G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Downing **The family of Scott Bates** (Ken & Konnie’s cousin)



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February 25, 2024 — *Second Sunday in Lent*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are invited to walk with God. We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.

All: How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator! We bring our praise to glorify God.

One: God calls us by name and gives us new names. We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.

All: God not only speaks to us but also listens. God hears our cries and meets our needs.

One: Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God. Let the families of all nations worship the Creator.

All: We will pay our vows to the One who calls us. We praise the God of all nations and all peoples. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world—so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life's meaning eludes us. Your ways seem out of date; your promises appear as the hopes and dreams of a past generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design which is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's face is not hidden from those who truly seek. God does not withhold love from us when we go our own way. When we open our eyes to see God's works, when we open our ears to hear God's word, when all our senses are alert to God's leading, we will realize how we have been blessed by an unseen hand, forgiven and restored to wholeness. God offers us the opportunity to live in tune with the universe, filled with hope, upheld in love, dwelling in covenant. Friends, believe the good news...

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

"It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It."

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 718

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

BOURBON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Feb 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Wanda Sampson

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 03)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Lorna Foster

*You may stand in body or spirit.

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