

HEALTH CONCERNS

Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)
Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (resident at Arbor Ridge, 1237 Masten Dr., Apt. 121, Kernersville)
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 Terry Marshall (cancer); 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 Ed Tweedy (resident at Terra Bella in Greensboro)
Chaplin Elizabeth Fellicili (cancer)
Downing Steve Miller (Shari’s brother—cancer)
Joy & Jim Chip Cole (friend—brain bleed); Mickey Hull (friend—health issues)
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)
G. Sharp Brenda Johnson (former choir director—assisted living in Walnut Cove)
S. Sharp Tommy Carter (1st stage prostate cancer); 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)

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)
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (arrived home safely)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Butler The family of Pat Tweedy



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May 5, 2024—6th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come all who are born of God; abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

All: We come in response to the one who calls us friends. We are here in obedience to Christ’s command.

One: Remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God’s praise.

All: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

One: Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things. Obey God’s commandments which are not burdensome.

All: We clap our hands and sing for joy. We live by faith that conquers the world. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

*You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love you as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. *(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: Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show that love is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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.*

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

SERMON

"True Victory"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

*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. 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 05)

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Parker, Skip Smith

Serving Next Sunday (May 12)

Greeters/Ushers: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen
Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen
Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Rusty Sudderth,
Shari Downing, Rich Tincher

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