

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 Felix Carroll (eye surg.); Jeanne Vernon (problems after leg amputation); Bobby Crutchfield (cancer); Vivian Crutchfield (health issues); Hilda Smitherman (congestive heart); Angie Wilson (possible ALS diagnosis); 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 Dave Perenic (return of prostate cancer); Dianne & Douglas Raynor (Dianne—broken leg and Douglas—prostate cancer); Rob Grier (102 yrs. old—in ICU with double pneumonia); Becca Tate (friend—breast cancer); Richard Hedgcock (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)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)
Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie’s son—health issues); Dottie’s daughter-in-law’s mother (health issues)
Self Lee Self (Norman & Lynda’s son—Kidney surg. Tuesday, 6/25)
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)
Sudderth George Peace (cancer)
Tincher Bernice Tincher (Rich’s mom—health issues)
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)
Volcek Brooke Simpson and her 11-year-old twins, Vincent and Aariah (severely burned in house fire)

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

G. Sharp Rabbi & Shari Mann (safe in Jerusalem)



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July 21, 2024 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come away and rest for a while. Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

All: We have come for relief from life’s turmoil. God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

One: God’s steadfast love surrounds us here. We are reminded of God’s enduring faithfulness.

All: This is God’s house, and we are God’s children. God invites us to feel at home in this place.

One: We have a covenant with our Creator. This is a time for renewal of our promises.

All: God calls for righteousness and justice. God offers us goodness and mercy all our days. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

*You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all time and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. We have become strangers and aliens, plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, we pray. *(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: We are no longer strangers and aliens but are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. We are the church, God's forgiven and forgiving people, becoming a temple in which God is pleased to dwell. Let us join our spirits and our voices in giving thanks for God's pardon and continuing offer of healing. 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.

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

"Interrupting God"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

*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. 824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MAC AFEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jul 21)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (Jul 28)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

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