

## PRAYER NEEDS FOR OUR PEOPLE

### OUR MEMBERS

Bennie Agee  
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### OUR LOVED ONES

Braeden Bagley  
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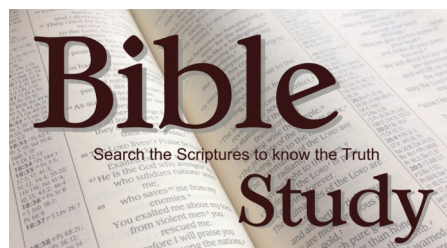
### OUR LOVED ONES ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY

Imani Blocker, USA  
Alex Mullen, USCG  
Adam Stewart, USCG

*A Generous gift has been given in honor of:  
Eric & Mary Ann Marriott  
for their 50th Anniversary*

## BIBLE STUDIES

The Bible Study classes begin back this week, with the online class on Tuesdays via ZOOM, at 6 PM and the in-person class Wednesdays in the Fellowship Sunday School Classroom at 10 AM. We are picking up where we left off, Isaiah 33 – which is exactly halfway through the book! All are welcome!



## PLEDGE DRIVE



Thank you all for participating in the annual pledge drive! Your faithful, generous and sacrificial giving help make possible our church ministries

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, January 17, 6 PM

Come join us for fun and fellowship!!!



#### Menu:

**Fried Pork Chops Home Made Mac & Cheese  
Cream Corn Tomato, Onion & Cucumber Salad  
Rolls Desserts Beverage**

(Please Mark Number Attending and put in offering box.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adults** (\$ 8)      \_\_\_\_\_ **Children** 4-12 (\$ 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Children 3 & Under** (Free)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

At the beginning of the year we always update our prayer list. If you have asked that someone be listed in the bulletin, please call the church with an update. Remember, the prayer list is really for acute needs – hospitalizations, surgeries, change of life situation, etc. We want to pray for each other in these times of crisis. But, the prayer list is not really for people going through normal aging process. That would be all of us! If someone is to be listed on the prayer list we ask that (1) it be an acute need, (2) the consent of the person who is being listed.

## AUGUSTA GARDENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many thanks to all who helped with the Augusta Gardens Christmas Party! The Christmas Carols and party food were a wonderful gift to the residents and staff.



## QUOTABLE

“New Year’s Day is a good time to fix one’s eyes on the only One who know what the year is to hold.”

— **Elisabeth Elliot** (1926-2015) Christian Missionary, Author, Speaker



LET'S START TODAY'S SERVICE OFF WITH OUR ANNUAL POST-HOLIDAY BREATHING EXERCISES

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Lead me in the right path,  
O LORD.  
Psalm 5:8

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-2, NKJV

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!  
**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;  
**Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**

HYMNS Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 151

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans Eight

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress,  
or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?  
  
No!  
**In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.**  
**We are sure that neither  
death nor life, nor angels,  
nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

VIDEO CLIP The Gift Of Giving

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

God is good, **All the time!**

HYMN I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day 152

RESPONSIVE PRAYER Written by Max Lucado

Father, during this coming year there may be times when I shall  
not be able to sense Your presence or to be aware of Your  
nearness. When I am lonely and by myself;  
**I trust You to be my companion.**  
When I am tempted to sin;  
**I trust you to keep me from it.**

When I am depressed and anxious;  
**I trust you to lift my spirit.**  
When I am crushed by responsibility and overwhelmed by  
demands of people on my time;  
**I trust you to give me poise and a sense of purpose.**  
When I am rushed and running;  
**I trust you to make me still inside.**  
When forget you;  
**I trust that you will never forget me.**  
When I forget others;  
**I trust you to prompt me to think of them.**  
And as I begin a new year, give me such confidence in you,  
Heavenly Father,  
**that I can go forward knowing that nothing can separate me  
from your love. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER CHORUS Away In A Manger 157 vs. 3

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.**

CHORAL ANTHEM Go Tell It On The Mountain Men's Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 40:1-17, NLT

O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us.  
Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If  
I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to  
the end of them. ... Lord, don't hold back your tender mercies  
from me. Let your unfailing love and faithfulness always protect  
me. (vs. 5, 11)

MESSAGE Looking Backwards: Moving Forward

HYMN There's O God, Our help in Ages Past 52, 1,2,3,6

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



It is so nice to have you join us this morning at Burns  
Memorial! We are glad you are here!

If you have any questions about the service, restrooms,  
hearing devices, Children's Church, Nursery, children's activity  
bags or anything else, please ask one of the Ushers.

THIS WEEK AT BURNS

<b>Monday, January 1</b>	
New Year's Day—Closed	
Morning Movers	10:30 AM
<b>Tuesday, January 2</b>	
Morning Movers	10:30 AM
Zoom Bible Study	6:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM
Morning Movers	11:15 AM
<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	
Morning Movers	10:30 AM
<b>Friday, January 5</b>	
Morning Movers	10:30 AM
<b>Saturday, January 6</b>	
NA Open Meeting	9:00 AM
<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	
Sunday School	9:30AM
Choir Practice	10:20 AM
Worship Service	11:00 AM
NA Meeting	5:00 PM

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

LITURGIST	Bruce Moore	USHER CAPTAIN	Wayne Allen
SONG LEADER			
PIANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR	Mike Kelley	SUNDAY COUNTERS	Mark Jackson Janet Ford
NURSERY WORKER	Tina Hammac	AV TECHNICIANS	Thomas & Jordan Donaldson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Alex Kelley		