



Weekly Newsletter

August 2, 2020

Order of Worship

Greeting
Bill McFarland

Song Leader
Bridley Ewing

#805
#190

Opening Prayer
Byron Nichols

#40
“Come Let Us
Sing”

Message
Justin Hatfield

#598

The Lord's Supper
Eddie Sanders

#714

**Announcements/
Closing Prayer**



Schedule of Services

- ◆ Sunday In-Person Worship at 10 am.
- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Wednesday Bible class live on FB at 6:30 p.m.

How To Start A Joyful Prayer List

We know what it is like to have a list of problems to pray over. I have my own. Every week in our bulletin we include such a list, and often in our assembly announcements are made that add to it. This is as it should be, for Scripture teaches us both to leave our cares in the mighty hand of God and to intercede for one another.

Another kind of prayer list, however, may be observed in Paul's letter to the saints at Philippi. At 1:3-4 he mentions *that* it was his practice to pray for these brothers and sisters of his in the Lord. At the end of verse 4 he describes *how* he prayed for them: every prayer was always made with joy. His gratitude for their partnership in the gospel and his confidence in what the Lord would continue to do in them made it so. But in verses 9-11 the apostle states quite specifically *what* his prayer for them was.

What is a prayer list of joy like? Here is the example we have from the beloved apostle: “*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God*” (Philippians 1:9-11, ESV).

His example deserves some examination. Notice that his prayer is not as much a list of requests as it is a line of thought. It is not so much a “first I ask this and then this and then this” kind of prayer as it is an “I ask this so that it might progress to this and then to this” kind of prayer. It is a prayer that expresses an overall view of what a godly person would rejoice to see happening among a group of God's people.

Consider the development that is envisioned in the prayer. It begins with the love among the people of God and ends with the glory of God himself. In his joy, the apostle prays that there may be in the church an increasing love which is informed by wisdom. He prays that love like that will enable them to take pleasure in what pleases God and blesses people and therefore elevates themselves as individuals. He prays that this kind of character will express itself in pure and blameless lives which are ready for anything and full of good fruit. He prays that such a people will be a source of praise and glory to the God who made them that way – and he rejoices over the very thought that such a thing is happening!

Let's keep our prayer list of the problems that need to be prayed over, and make good use of it. May we not forget, though, our prayers of joy. Remember, we move in the direction of what we would most like to see happen.

–Bill McFarland



- [Ruth Raines](#) is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on 10/8.
 - [Shirlane Horton](#) will have knee surgery on 8/11.
 - [Carolyn Young](#) finally has a surgery date of 10/6 for knee replacement.
 - [Gene Lund](#) will have tests Tuesday and then see a cardiologist after suffering a stroke recently. [Truman Coltrane](#) as his health has declined; he is home with constant care from Helen as he falls a lot. Jon Davis' mom, [Sue Davis](#), has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She will be scheduled for surgery soon. The Essex's granddaughter, [Victoria Lacy](#), as she continues chemo and more follow-up on recent test results; she will have breast cancer surgery on 9/16. [David Grimm](#) and his family have had to make a decision about putting his mother on hospice care. [Connie Thompson](#) continues to decline due to the throat cancer. [Ryan Murray](#) is in Hawaii recovering from spinal surgery.
- Continued prayers for health concerns: [Barbara Barnes](#), [Clint Holden](#), [Ron Stokes](#), [Don Essex](#), [Marty Long](#), [Frank Cunningham](#), [Marlene Matthews](#), [Russell Harber](#), [Betty Grabber](#), [Dennis Smith](#), [Lynette Schreiwes](#), [Rachel Lilly](#), [James McCall](#)

Shut-Ins
Barbara Barnes
Ron Bower
Mary Bratcher
Don Essex
Clarence Feeney
Ola Jean Feeney
Cecil/Wanda Frost
Doris Iorg
Jim/Ruth Reaves
Doris Tobler
Nursing Homes
Ella Mae Findlay
Ann Freeze
Wayne Harmon
Virginia Morgan
Sandra Pingenot
Nancy Snider



You are invited to a baby shower honoring **Allison & Jeremy Thurlkill & Baby Mollie** on Saturday, August 8th, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Amazon, Target & Walmart.



Expectant Moms
Chelsea Thrasher
Girl/August 10
Alison Thurlkill
Girl/August 31

- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on August 6 at 10:30 am. The lesson will be taught by Jan Bowling.
- ◆ Quilters will meet at 9 am and Card Makers will meet at 9:30.
- ◆ Elders will meet August 11 at 5 p.m.



Backyard Bible Studies at 7pm:

- Aug 3rd
- Aug 17th
- Aug 24th

- Float Trip - August 13th - Cost is \$10 - More details to follow.



Health Care Workers:

Deana Asher
 Vickie Baker
 Audra Bowling
 Morgan Burdette
 Susan Crum
 Gaitha Downing
 Josiah Downing
 Megan Hollingsworth
 Mike Jackson
 Andrea James
 Kelli Kirk
 Elizabeth Lilly
 Luke Lines
 Lori McCall
 Kim Maples
 McKensi Maples
 Pam Morrison
 Aaron Morrison
 Shawn Sekulic
 Julie Taylor
 Brittany Springer
 Lisa Stokes
 Dustin Stokes
 Kevin Westerman
 Terri Wilson
Family: Ashley Hopper
 Brandon Snider
 Allison Snider
 Connie Snider

FOOD FOR NEW MOMS
 There are sign-up sheets on the Information Desk if you would like to provide food for the Thrasher or Thurlkill Families after the babies arrive.

Thank you!
 We would like to thank everyone for all the calls and cards over the last few months when we have both been dealing with continual health issues. Your caring means a lot to us. We love you. Denzil & Ruth Raines

College, Career, Young Couples Cookout

8/15 at 6 p.m.
 Travis & Pam Morrison's home, 489 N. FR 45, Bois D'Arc



Birthdays

8/2 Kevin Wuench
 3 Gene Lund
 Lori McCall
 Chelsea Thrasher
 4 Greta Thrasher
 5 Braden Keener
 6 Maranda Nimmo
 7 David Ratterree
 Madison Davis
 Gabe Mahon
 8 John Orum
 9 James McCall
 Wanita Duncan
 12 Sandy Cole
 Brooke Barton
 13 Pat Milligan
 Debbie Crawford
 Melissa Girdley
 14 Hunter Ratliff
 15 Becky Marsolf
 Julie Alexander
 Haylee Kelley

August Anniversaries

- 1 Patrick/Brittany Springer 11 yrs.
- 2 Gregory/Nancy Johnson 12 yrs.
- 7 Dave/Pat Blackburn 60 yrs.
- 9 Dean/Kelli Kirk 34 yrs.
- 11 Don/Gayle Gaunt 58 yrs.
- 13 Matt/Sara Keener 21 yrs.
- 15 Charles/Susan Crum 40 yrs.
- 15 Todd/Brandi Kraus 22 yrs.
- 16 Tim/Jan Bowling 40 yrs.
- 18 Gene/Ruth Lund 57 yrs.
- 19 Scott/Melinda Barton 32 yrs.
- 21 Vern/Connie Thompson 16 yrs.
- 28 Lynn/Gloria Luallin 49 yrs.
- 30 Randy/Susie Cox 7 yrs.
- 31 Don/Ruth Essex 64 yrs.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via FB livestream as we continue our "Part of the Family" series. If you missed any of the interviews in this series, please go to the Water Mill Facebook page and take the time to watch. You will be blessed.