

A Study of First Peter

Encouragement During
Times of Suffering

**JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ 7:00 PM,
as we begin our study on the life of Peter.**

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

mountainvictory.org

June 25, 2025

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS
The Austin Family, Collegians for Christ & Return America

For even hereunto were ye called:
because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us
an example, that ye should follow his steps.

1 Peter 2:21



**ARE YOU WALKING IN HIS
FOOTSTEPS?**



Sunday School @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM

Visit our church Webpage @ Mountainvictory.org

PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)
 Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)
 Cadenhead, Lyla (Ms. Carol's friend-Cracked vertebra in her spine. Lot's of pain. 80 Years old. She also has bone cancer.)
 Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)
 Deitz, Beverly (Friend of June Fox-Cancer)
 Driggers, Bill (Prostate Cancer-Radiation)
 Duvall, Larry (Debbie L. Brother-Melanoma cancer. His brain tumor is also growing again.)
 Egan, Evalee (Steven's 1st cousin-Stage 4 Cancer)
 Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)
 Henry, Jimmy (Larry & Debbie's Son-At home recovering.)
 Henry, Larry (Prostate Cancer)
 Holland, Glenda (Friend of Steve & Harriett Angel-Leukemia)
 Houck, Amy (G. Bowles' Niece-Breast Cancer-50 years old)
 Howard, Pam (Friend of A. Jones-Lung Cancer.)
 Hurst, Derrick & Rhonda (Friends of the Southard's - Derrick has a Stage 4 brain tumor - 51 years old.)
 Jones, Brian (Chemo treatment for Brain Tumor is affecting his liver)
 Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother - Surgery & Chemo.)
 Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)
 Magers, Harland (Friend of Jane Weaver-Brain cancer 46 yrs old)
 McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)
 Queen, Mary (Throat cancer, friend of P. Crunkleton)
 Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)
 Shuler, Kim (Chad's co-worker has Breast Cancer)
 Sprinkle, Ted (Friend of Mike F.-Aggressive Prostate Cancer.)
 Teem, Katherine (Shaye & Cheryl's Aunt 89 yrs old-Leukemia)
 Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)
 Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)
 White, Duane -Cancer
 Wiggins, David (Prostate Cancer spread to pelvis-radiation)
 Megan (Daughter of Pastor Marty & Pam Masitto- Cancer)



SERVICEMEN Prayer List

PFC Gavin Robinson-Army, Germany (Bowles' grandson)
 Cameron Barzotti, US Navy (Bowles' grandson)
 SGT Will Crunkleton -Ken & Polly's son -returned home.

PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)
 The Vance Family (Physical needs)
 Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)
 Lagos, Holly (Fractured Wrist & Adoption of 16 year old.)
 Poe, Debbie (Squamous Cell Carcinoma in her mouth.)
 Dehart, Dawn (Detached Retina- Still awaiting surgery.)

PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth
 Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)
 Rodriguez, Frank -Retiring from pastoring, due to health concerns. Grace Baptist Church as they seek a pastor.
 Marty & Pam Masitto -Their health and God's leading. Rest for both of them.
 Moore, Mike (Healing from a broken vertebrae after a fall.)

PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)
 Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)
 Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)
 Chambers, Chris (Ron C. son- recovering from Varicose Vein Surgery)
 Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)
 Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' - Health issues.)
 Blankenship, Janie (Health Issues/Gout.)
 Burnett, Janet (Hip replacement on May 22nd)
 Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)
 Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)
 Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)
 Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)
 Cochran, Matt (Mary C. son-in-law- Doing much better and doctors can't believe the obstacles that he has overcome! PTL)
 Connerly, Sue & Leroy (Sue has Lewy Body dementia and her husband, as he cares for her.)
 Cottongim, Phyllis (Physical needs and Norm caring for her.)
 Curry, Beth (Recovery and complete healing.)
 Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister - Physical needs.)
 Douglas, Loretta (Longtime friend of Arlene D.-Possible Leg amputation.)
 Fenoglio, Lauren (Kayla's SILaw - Healing & full recovery)
 Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)
 Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)
 Hatcher, Mike (Health issues-needs to see a doctor.)
 Hill, Lee (Bruce's Brother-in-law-Health issues.)
 Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)
 Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)
 Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)
 Kroeger, Tanya (Mom & Baby Boy Atlas Still in Asheville Hospital.)
 LaVigne, Debbie -Continued healing.
 Love, Charlotte (Friend of the Lay's- Doing better.)
 McMahan, Braydon, Beth & Eden (Eden has been diagnosed with PCH- Pontocerebellar Hypoplasia, Type 2A. Pray for all of them.)
 Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia-Her husband, Jim, has a heart murmur & now cancer and just wants to live to take care of his wife.)
 Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes' -Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)
 MuKherjee, Sam & Nikki (Carol E. granddaughter and husband. Salvation.)
 Orr, Lucas (G. Greene's. Grandson-Physical needs.)
 Pate, Ronda (Carol Einstein's Daughter-Liver complications)
 Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)
 Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)
 Ringhauser, Sharon (Friend of Mike F. -Health issues)
 Rish, Boomer (Recovering from extensive surgery.)
 Robinson, Brinkley (Degenerative disk disease)
 Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.)
 The Schweinsaupt Family
 Smith, Wayne (Salvation)
 Spink, Linda (Carol E. 1st Cousin-Bacteremia-Serious condition in the hospital in CA. Her daughter, Tracy is caring for her.)
 Stin, Jenifer (Jewish lady who needs salvation)
 Trombly, Mavis (Good friend of the Cool's-Pacemaker and declining health.)
 Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)
 Willis, Amy (Mother of VCS students. Has had 2 miscarries and is now pregnant again. Prayers for a safe pregnancy & delivery.)
 Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)
 The Gray Family (Special request)
 Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)
 Unspoken Requests (2)
 Prayer Card - Jared Pearce & daughter, Ayla-Persecution
 Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)
 Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident-Still in the hospital)
 Antes, Aretta (Debbie L. cousin-Sepsis)

PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY!



Mark Your Calendar



Sunday, June 29th AM
Service

“God & Country Sunday”



***PM-Lord's Supper & Finger
foods with Ice Cream in the
VCS Gym***

Wednesday, July 2nd @ 7:00 PM
Regular Mid-week Service



Saturday, July 12th @
3:00 PM

***Children's & Youth
Event @ VCS Gym***

Crossfire Ministries

Invite everyone you know!

Flyers available in the church foyer.

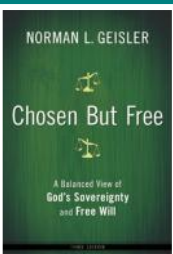
**(Items needed for event—
See list on the Welcome Center.)**



Teen Event
**Super Sonic Sunday,
July 6th @ 6PM**



**Join us, beginning in August, for a
class “The Case Against Calvinism.”**
Thank you, Pastor Jody



Pledges for Faith Promise 2024-2025

\$48,620.00 of \$105,000.00 Budget.

June Monthly Faith Promise

Offerings: \$5,910.00

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PRAY FOR VCS

**Victory is accepting teacher
applications. Please pray for the
Lord's will and His timing.**

**Pray for Bro. Doug as he
leads the school.**



**Pray for our Teens and those taking
them to Camp this year.**

See Welcome Center for Camper Information Sheets.



Baby Shower for

Samantha, Arlene Jones' daughter.

Sunday, June 29th @ 2:00 PM

VCS Cafeteria

AUSTIN FAMILY

KYLE, AMANDA, JAXSON, & BRAYDEN

Assisting local churches in establishing on-campus Bible studies

Jaxson's Corner



In just a few months I will graduate from high school! What is my next step you may be asking? I have applied to the community college to earn an Associate of Electrical Systems Technology degree. I am really loving this and am praying about what specific field I should pursue within electrical. Also, I have a mission trip coming up in May for 9 weeks. Please pray with me that God will use it to reach many people and that He will grow me through this trip.

Adios- Jaxson

Busy Brayden



I have been homeschooled for a little while now and I am really loving it! I'm also playing basketball with Upwards Sports and it is so much fun! I love to pass the ball to my teammates and put my hands high in the air to block shots. Every time our team scores I jump up and down to cheer for my team!

Things to do!-Brayden

God is Continuing to Work in Big Ways!

We started the spring semester with record attendance of 92 students with 5 students calling on Jesus as their Savior that night! One of the young men that got saved that night recently brought visitors with him. One of his friends rushed to the front at the end of Bible study and called on Jesus to save him! He did this with his friends and other people standing around watching and listening. Pray with us that God will allow us to continue reaching more students!



Small groups at the end of Bible Study

A student came to the Campus House just to get a hug before spring break and would not let Amanda go. They sat down and had a great conversation which revealed that she didn't feel worthy for Jesus to save her. After sharing the Gospel clearly with her, she wanted to call on Jesus to save her! She prayed out loud asking Him to save her and that she was surrendering her life to Him even if He never did another good thing for her.

A student who got saved in the fall semester started bringing a friend to the Campus House who has no church background. After a great conversation and sharing the Gospel, he realized he needed to call on Jesus to save Him. With eyes filled with tears, he expressed how grateful he was. God is doing something special right now in the hearts and minds of young people. They are eagerly wanting to know truth and get to Jesus. Pray with us that God will continue to lead students our way and that we can help these new believers grow.

God Supplied the Rent for the Campus House!

Thank you to everyone who sacrificed so much and gave towards the rent! God supplied the need for the rent so the Campus House will be open for another year to reach and impact many more students.

CFC College & Career Retreat

This year's retreat was one of the best yet! We had record attendance with 110 registered coming from NC and many other states. The testimonies we heard of how God worked was overwhelming. Two young adults got saved and the last service had to be extended because young adults were continuing to pray and worship! Many decisions were made as they went forward attaching cards to clips at the altar.



Some of our local CFC students at the retreat.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We greatly appreciate what you do!

The Campus Connect for December-February 2025



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June 20, 2025

Pastor Joseph McGaha
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Greetings to Each of You,

We have been working with a dear lady who lost her home in the mountains due to the flood. A carpenter from my church continues to spend most of his time with his construction ministry helping many who experienced loss from the flood, including this dear lady. Thankfully, because of voluntary labor and materials, her home was almost completed and all the inspections approved until FEMA showed up. They stopped construction on her nearly-completed home and placed unrealistic demands on her before an occupancy permit would be issued. With our attorney, we have been working with local officials to get this misjustice resolved. Although the officials gave the carpenters permission to build the house back as it was originally constructed, they changed their mind as the house neared completion. Please pray as we continue to meet with the officials that they will right the wrong that has been imposed upon this dear widow. She continues to live in a Days Inn motel while the officials busy themselves with other projects.

Return America worked diligently in several counties in recent elections to get good, conservative people in office. We were very successful, especially in changing the majority of some school boards. Some of these people have been working diligently behind the scenes, assimilating materials in preparation of making a stand in upcoming days. The evidence of pornography in a particular school has been researched and found to be prevalent and will be exposed before a monthly board meeting soon. Going to the polls and electing the right people makes a difference, and we are thankful that we have had a part in the successful process in certain areas.

We continue to rejoice that we have a lobbyist in our North Carolina State Legislature representing Return America who is our "watch dog" over upcoming bills and legislation. Every Friday, we send out a weekly update about current bills and happenings in our state legislature. Encourage others to go to ReturnAmerica.org and sign up to receive all of our outgoing information.

Finally, we want to thank you for your prayers and financial support, without which we could not operate this ministry. You are a patriot and great blessing to us, and we thank you immensely for your participation with us.

God bless, and stay in touch!

With grateful appreciation,

Dr. Ron Baity
President
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From the Heart of a Pastor - "Who Are Your Heroes?"



Webster's dictionary defines a hero as *a mythological or legendary figure endowed with great strength or ability, an illustrious warrior, a person admired for achievements and noble qualities, or one who shows great courage.*

As I was watching a particular, well-known pastor recently, I took note of his comments concerning heroes. His words took me back to my childhood; and to what I am convinced was the experience of many young boys and girls. In our home it was clearly understood that some of the greatest stories of heroic feats were found in the works of Dickens, Melville, and Stevenson. Days and nights were spent reading of the exploits of Jim Hawkins, Oliver Twist, and a host of others. As I would read, I would be whisked away to those far off places filled with adventure and danger. The landscapes that would be painted within my mind were breathtaking and awe-inspiring.

But as is often the case, books soon gave way to another distraction. Soon athletic stars became the focus; as they still are for millions. Bedroom doors and walls became decorated with the likes of Roger Staubach and Michael Jordan. (Yes, I realize that I am showing my age.) I would plot their achievements, rejoice in their victories, and feel sadness in their losses. When those stars of the court, gridiron, or diamond finally walked away from the game they loved so much, it felt as if far more than chapters of certain books were closed; it seemed as if entire volumes were no more.

Generations of men and women, boys and girls, become fixated on the deeds of their heroes. They follow them with an intense and passionate devotion. Every game, every move, every word is analyzed and dissected. People are ready, at a moment's notice, to fight for or defend their hero against anyone that would speak the slightest word of criticism. These positions extend far beyond the endless debates as to who is the greatest (pitcher, quarterback, or guard) of all time. They cross cultures and genres. They extend into the realms of music and movies, patriots and politics. As the definition of a hero continues to be redefined by each succeeding generation (many times in ways that are not accurate) we must strive to honor the millions of unsung heroes of history. For every Alvin York, Audie Murphy, and Louis Zamperini there are dozens, if not hundreds, of men and women that never made it home to receive a heroes' welcome.

It would do all of us a great amount of good to reevaluate those that we call "heroes." With all due respect, there is nothing especially heroic about the ability to put a round ball through an iron hoop, hit a baseball 450 feet, or throw a football for over 300 yards in a single game. It is not courageous to repeat memorized lines of a script while looking photogenic. It is not a demonstration of bravery to sing the same song night after night to stadiums filled with screaming fans. But it is heroic to put your life on the line day after day to protect those that are often unthankful, just as the members of our military and law enforcement do. It is heroic to run into a burning building in an attempt to save those trapped inside, as our firefighters and emergency responders do. It is even heroic to stand against a warped secular agenda as a few of our citizens are beginning to do.

Even within Christianity we have "heroes of the faith." We often turn our attention to the endeavors of Abraham and Joseph, David and Daniel, Ruth and Esther, or Peter and Paul. As we do such, we are encouraged, we are inspired, we are challenged to live with the same faith and courage that they exhibited. When the pages turn and the canon of Scripture is closed, we find others that set our hearts ablaze. We read about William Carey and Adoniram Judson, Charles Spurgeon and D.L. Moody, Eric Liddell and Jim Elliott. We learn that while they certainly had feet of clay, they lived lives and displayed faith that we should admire and emulate.

Yet in hundreds of towns and in thousands of places throughout the world, there are men and women who are laboring heroically and serving faithfully, for the cause of Christ. Perhaps they pastor a small church in a town so tiny that it doesn't even appear on most maps. Maybe they are a faithful Christian wife and mother that works at the endless task of turning a house into a home for her husband and children. It could be that they are a missionary serving on a foreign field where it is illegal to evangelize. Their names may never be listed among the "Who's Who" of Christian heroes of the centuries. It is doubtful that their words will ever be printed in prestigious publications or repeated at celebrated conferences. In all actuality, even when they leave this world, only a few may acknowledge their passing.

Oh, but I am convinced that they will indeed receive a heroes' welcome when they reach the shores of Heaven. They will enter the gates of that city about which they had long preached and taught and sung. They will be reunited with others who had gone on before them; many that they had led to Christ. They will join the ranks of those that had loved and led and fed just as they did. And most importantly, they will see the One, THE HERO, Jesus Christ. They will see face-to-face the One that fought the forces of Satan, that bled and died, and rose again so that they, so that all that would trust in Him, could have eternal life.

Who are your heroes?