



1 PETER 2:19

KING JAMES VERSION

*For this is thankworthy,
if a man for conscience
toward God endure grief,
suffering wrongfully.*

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS

The Patterson's, GFA Mission Board & Elwood Hurst, Guam

"BUT AS FOR YOU, YE
THOUGHT EVIL AGAINST
ME; BUT GOD MEANT IT
UNTO GOOD. TO BRING TO
PASS, AS IT IS THIS DAY, TO
SAVE MUCH PEOPLE ALIVE."
GENESIS 50:20 KJV

endure

VERB INTRANSITIVE

~ to last; to continue;
to bear patiently

"Remember the word that I said unto you,
The servant is not greater than his lord.
If they have persecuted me, they will also
persecute you; if they have kept my saying,
they will keep yours also."

John 15:20 (KJV)

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for
your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if,
when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take
it patiently, this is acceptable with God

1 Peter 2:20

"Yea, and all that will live
godly in Christ Jesus shall
suffer persecution."

2 Timothy 3:12 KJV

Jesus sent Paul • Romans • Philemon



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

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PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)
Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)
Buchanan, Gary (Prostate Cancer)
Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)
Cratty, Dale (Ms. Nora's friend-Uterine 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, Evallee (Steven's 1st cousin-Stage 4 Cancer)
Fitzgerald, Michelle (Mike F. sister-Breast Cancer.)
French, Jan (Friend of Carol E. -Lung Cancer & caregiver, Marcie)
Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)
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.)
Jones, Brian (Brain Tumor)
Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother - Surgery & Chemo.)
Loftis, Katie (Skin cancer-lymph nodes.)
Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)
Magers, Harland (Friend of Jane Weaver-Brain cancer 46 yrs old)
McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)
Nations, Debbie (Melanoma on her ear. Recent Surgery and may have to do a Chemo Treatment cream on it. Pray for healing.)
Pollard, Wanda (D. Green's friend-Bone Cancer.)
Pritchett, Marie (Cousin of the LaVigne family-Aggressive form of cancer.)
Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)
Teem, Katherine (Shaye & Cheryl's Aunt 89 yrs old-Leukemia)
Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)
Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)
Megan (Daughter of Pastor Marty & Pam Masitto)
Browning, Tex (Intestinal Cancer Stage 3)

SERVICEMEN Prayer List

Schweinsaupt, Jonathan (Deployed for 6 months.)

McGaha, Jay (Pastor's nephew- Marines-Graduated bootcamp and on to the next step of service.)

Bryson, Kevin (Debbie N. nephew-Army Reserves deployed to the border in Del Rio, TX for one year.)

PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)
The Vance Family (Physical needs)
Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)
Poe, Debbie (Done with Chemo & Radiation. Scan on 11/24)
Dayanand, Sharon-Passing of her husband, Sam.
Dehart, Ted & Dawn (Recovery from recent surgeries.)
Suttle, Brooks (Torn ACL, MCL & Meniscus in left knee. Pending surgery. Pray for healing.)

PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth
Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)
Marty & Pam Masitto -God's leading.
Moore, Mike (Healing from a broken vertebrae after a fall.)
Matthews, Scott (Cancer has returned in his lymph nodes and a spot in his stomach.)
Moore, Gary (Recovering from heart by-pass surgery.)

PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)
Allison, Noeline (Friend of E. Johnson-Stomach Surgery.)
Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)
Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)
Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)
Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' - Health issues.)
Blankenship, Janie (Physical needs.)
Chambers, Ron (Recovering from skin cancer surgery.)
Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)
Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)
Chandler, Sheila (Friend of E. Johnson-Dialysis.)
Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)
Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)
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.)
Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister - Physical needs.)
Douglas, Loretta (Longtime friend of Arlene D.-Possible Leg amputation.)
Freeman, Randall (Jane's friend-Health Issues)
Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)
Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)
Hardy, Evie (Hot water heater burst and flooded her home.)
Hatcher, Mike (The Einstein's Son Health issues.)
Henry, Jimmy (General health after a liver transplant.)
Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)
Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)
Johnson, Teresa (VCS Lunchroom Lady-Health issues)
Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)
Lance, Tom (Tracy McGaha's Father-Pneumonia- Rehab Center in Asheville.)
Lawson, Sandra (Friend of E. Johnson-Back Surgery)
Matthews, Brian (Friend of Jane W.- Health issues)
McMahan, Evelyn (Health Issues. Took a fall this week.)
McMahan, Mag (Please pray for her and her caregivers.)
Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia and her daughter has she cares for her.)
Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes'-Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)
MuKherjee, Sam & Nikki (Carol E. granddaughter and husband. Salvation.)
Pate, Ronda (Carol Einstein's Daughter-Liver complications)
Payne, Judy (Jane W. neighbor-Broken hip)
Pilkerton, Charlie (Friend of A. Jones-ICU in Asheville.)
Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)
Ridley, Noah (Megan's son. Duke for further testing.)
Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)
Rogers, Randy (D.Wahl's Brother-Now at home.)
Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.)
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)
Sumner, Mark (Health Issues-Not doing well.)
Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)
Willis, Amy (Emergency C-Sec @ 33 weeks, due to pre-eclampsia. Baby boy in NICU @ Mission.)
Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)
The Gray Family (Special request)
Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)
Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident- Complete healing.)
Noah & Samantha's baby boy.
Debbie Coffey's Mother (Physical needs.)
Darren & Maureen (Continued healing for Darren)
Jamison, Joshua (Friend of V. Dillard-Pancreatitis-& Fatty Liver.)
Reed, Jennifer (Health issue)
Hunnicut, Robert (Pneumonia)
Jones, Arlene (Recent Eye Surgery)

"PRAY FOR OUR PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY"

Announcements
& Upcoming
Events

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 20th

***Widows Outing to see
"The Gingerbread Houses"***
(see Doreen C. for details)

Wednesday, Nov. 26th @ 6:30 PM

***Pizza, Pie & Praise Service
in the VCS Gym***



Sunday AM Service Nov. 30th

***Missionary: Joshua Morris &
Family***

Sunday PM Service, Nov. 30th

Lord's Supper
(No Finger Food Fellowship)



Food Drive

Please visit the Welcome Center to take note of the items needed for Food Bags. If you would like to participate, please consider filling a bag with those same items. A list of items will be available at the Welcome Center.

Additionally, it might be better to simply donate an amount equal to what would be needed to fill a bag.

Monetary donations would insure that each bag would be consistent.

Please feel free to do either! Thank you!



Teen Extreme Camp 2026

Please sign up at the Welcome Center, if you would be interested in attending.



Faith Promise 2025-2026

\$105,000.00 Budget

November Monthly Faith Promise

Offerings: \$3,689.00

**Missions: The Investment you can
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Monthly Payout: \$8,468.00

Thank you for giving to Missions!

Faith Promise Slips for 2025/2026

\$62,476.00

PRAY FOR VCS

November 21st @ 5:00 & 6:00 PM

JVB & VG vs N. GA Christian @ Home



Come out and Support the Cardinals!

Church Trip to Washington, DC

Spring Break: March 30th–April 4th

**If you would be interested in going with the church on a
trip to DC, please sign up at the Welcome Center.**

Details and cost have not yet been established.

We are just wanting to see how many would be interested.

Cherry Blossoms should be in bloom!

Financial reports for 10/31 are available in the office. Thank you.

*I am debtor both
to the Greeks,
and to the
Barbarians; both
to the wise, and
to the unwise.*

ROMANS 1:14

THE PATTERSONS



PRAYER LETTER: SUMMER AND EARLY FALL 2025

SUMMER TRAVEL

As the summer winds down the fall schedule is winding up. We asked for your prayers as we were planning a trip to South Africa during the summer, and the Lord did enable us to make that visit to our missionaries there. The flight was the longest we have ever had (16 ½ hours from Atlanta to Capetown!). However, having that direct flight from Atlanta was nice, once it was over. We had a delightful time with the Knipe family, with Tony and Cathy Payne, and with Holly Gilbert. These are soul-winning, fervent missionaries, serving the Lord in a dangerous but needy and sometimes spiritually fruitful land. How dangerous? Bill Knipe sent us the picture below on the day after we had returned to the States. As often happens when cars are stopped at stop lights, thieves will try to get into the car and steal goods. In this case, the thief broke the back window in the hope of snatching whatever he thought was back there. Thankfully, the missionaries and family were safe. South Africa is increasingly lawless, but the good news is the freedom the missionaries have to preach and evangelize. One of the churches meets in a community center, with no lighting available on Wednesday evenings for prayer meeting. So, they bring their own battery-powered lighting. The other church meets in a classroom in a school building, while two other churches also meet in the school. Tony Payne is working diligently to train some of his men for leadership. They are praying for land to buy and build upon. Holly also helps a Christian school in several aspects of ministry.



SUMMER MEETINGS

A number of GFA missionaries have children in school, so the summer affords them a bit of freedom for travel to the states to visit supporting churches, family, and the GFA office. As a result of this fact, we can have many debriefings with those who are visiting the states. Many of them have former or current ties to Greenville, SC. At the end of the summer several bring their children to Bob Jones University so this too gives us times together. At the end of the summer we also have a week-long GFA Family Conference. Once again we had a wonderfully sweet time of fellowship, preaching, testimonies, singing, zip-line rides, mini-golf tournament, and renewing or making new acquaintances.



TEACHING

Alan has not been seeking these opportunities, but he is glad for them. You may remember that last fall we located in Edmonton, Canada for him to teach two missions classes at Foundation Baptist College. Then in the spring, he had the privilege of again teaching The History of Christian Missions at the Bob Jones Seminary. In early summer he was asked to teach in the fall the course Evangelism and Cross-Cultural Issues at International Baptist Seminary in Chandler, Arizona. He is doing that one by zoom on Monday of each week.



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JAN'S CORNER

Sometimes people ask me if I have contact with our missionary wives and single ladies. Besides being involved in Zoom meetings and phone calls, I do work at keeping up with these dear ladies through regular prayer as well as occasional emails and texts. Some want input, and all want prayer. There is much in their lives that of course doesn't make it into regular prayer letters. With help from the GFA office, I also send them electronic birthday notes, including what I hope is an encouraging quote from well-known missionaries.

Our whole family had a wonderful week in a lovely big house at a beach in NC in June. It had been 9 years since we did anything like that, and it was a special time for adults and children alike. We are thankful for these cousins that love seeing each other and have a ball together. All 6 of our grandchildren have professed Christ and give evidence of knowing Him. Our children all know, love and faithfully serve the Lord. The Lord is so kind to our family!



Sincerely in Christ,

Alan and Jan

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September 2025

Dear precious friends and supporters,

I pray this letter finds you enjoying the best of our Lord's blessings.

I apologize for the delay. The new computer I have has this old missionary totally confused. It is a real challenge for me. It will do more than the old one, but I am having trouble figuring out how.

Thank you so much for your patience with the delay and your support through the tough times. It has been a busy time. I am trying to stay on the road to report to you all, while also keeping up with the correspondence and mission business. I really appreciate the help from the patient ladies at the mission.

As my dad used to say when we were about to finish a field, "We are in the short rows now." There are a few churches that I still have not reached yet. I will be calling you very soon to schedule a time for me to stop by and report to the church. At the same time, I am making plans and beginning preparations to depart. I still hope I will be ready by the end of this year. I may need to extend a week or two into January. Please be assured it will be as soon as possible.

I thank God for sustaining a measure of health to keep me going. My neuropathy is mostly under control with some home remedies. I am not the spry young guy I used to be, but I am still able to get around. I am thankful that God keeps me going.

Please keep the prayers going. At my age, I need to use every minute. As it is with all of us, we do not know when the last minute is arriving. I want to be faithful in the last one. I pray that God will use me and others to help Lighthouse get back up to normal and help some more souls be ready for the Rapture. Please pray for Brother King. He seeks to raise some support so he will not need to hold a regular job and will be free to pastor the church.

This coming week is Missions Week at Tabernacle Baptist Church. I pray we will see much fruit through that. I pray that the Lord will also bless your church with much fruit.

Again, thank you all for your faithful support, your patience, and your prayers. I long for the blessed day we can see and worship our Savior. How we will enjoy his eternal company along with the souls we have won for Him.

God bless you all as you faithfully serve Him.

Because of Christ,

Elwood Hurst



From the Heart of a Pastor - “Just Do the Next Right Thing”

Faith isn't easy. If it were, everyone would be doing it. Faith in the unseen to do the impossible in the lives of the sometimes unbelieving when the future is unknown, and the heart is unsure, is the type of stuff that will either strengthen or shatter someone's belief system. And yet, we do it every day in a thousand different ways without even realizing it.

We set an alarm clock for the next morning believing we will live through the night. We sit on chairs trusting that they will be able to withstand our weight. We get into cars confident that they will start and carry us from point A to point B. We travel down roads and streets assured that the traffic lights will operate as they have been designed. We commute by bus, train, or plane often never seeing those in charge of piloting the particular means of conveyance. We consume food prepared by someone we have never met certain that what has been delivered to our table is safe to eat.

Truly the list goes on and on. But when it comes to trusting the One that created the universe and everything in it, we seem to be far more than just hesitant; we are, at times, outright defiant concerning His ability to see us through. It is as if the intellectual knowledge and the practical application of such do not exist in the same realm. As a result, our lives continue to revolve in a vicious cycle of doubt, defeat, and disappointment.

But there is a better way! The human penman of *Hebrews* wrote, *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.* – *Hebrews 11:1-3*

Taking the next step in our journey, and taking it by faith prevents our tendency to worry ourselves to death. Let me lovingly share a truth that has taken me more than thirty years to finally begin to embrace – You cannot easily solve the big problems in your life or in the lives of others. I have been known to say – “We didn't get here overnight and we aren't going to fix this overnight either.” Unraveling the mountain-sized problems of life take much longer than any of us could possibly imagine. But much like the person who was asked – “How do you eat an elephant?” To which they responded, “One bite at a time.” So too is it with much of what plagues our existence. There is usually some little step you can take, and that is all that is required for now. You cannot simply snap your fingers and the overwhelming task be miraculously, instantly accomplished; but you can do the next right thing that needs to be done.

Think about it in connection with one of Israel's most unsung heroes, a man named Nehemiah. He had a God-given burden and desire to bring help and hope to those living in his homeland. When he heard the news of how those living in Jerusalem were suffering, it stirred a passion within his heart and it also awakened his hands. He knew he had to do something. But the task was huge. The walls of the city were destroyed and this made Jerusalem an easy target for those who would persecute the people and pillage the valuables contained within it.

Instead of simply bemoaning the plight of those so far away, in place of the natural tendency to only talk of the difficulty, Nehemiah was committed to doing what he could about what was needed. Without getting into the brick and mortar of it all, we learn that this mighty man of faith rallied the people and accomplished this incredible task in an unbelievable short amount of time. But he didn't do it alone and it still didn't happen overnight. He did what he could while encouraging the others to do what they should and could along the way.

All of this is a powerful reminder of the fact that the Lord is never lazy. Neither is He in a hurry. But His plans come to fruition and His promises become realities in His time. I am convinced that we all would be a mess if God were to reveal to us where we would be twenty years from now, or even ten years from now. In truth, we don't know what tomorrow holds for us, but He does. And while we may not be able to know what we are to do tomorrow, we can usually, easily figure out what we should do today. And the next right thing should be the next step we take. *The Word of God* has offered this counsel on many occasions.

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established. – *Proverbs 16:3* *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.* – *Colossians 3:17* *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;* – *Colossians 3:23* *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.* – *I Corinthians 10:31*

These “whatsoever ye do” *verses* are some of the most practical and most peace-giving *verses* in *Scripture*. Listen to them! Don't simply sit around waiting for Satan to attack your mind with a thousand “what if's” that may never happen. Get up and do what you know you should do! Instead of binge watching your favorite show, spend time in The Word of God. Instead of living your life on Facebook, try living your life according to God's book. Instead of gossiping about your co-workers or complaining about your job or creating drama for someone else to address, pray for those around you that are not where they should be in their fellowship with Christ.

When in doubt as to what you should do next – just do the next right thing!

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. – *II Timothy 2:7*