

## Hundreds Of Little Reasons

How many times have you asked God “WHY?” And did you really expect an answer? I think sometimes we make the foolish assumption that our heavenly Father has no right to insist we trust Him unless He reveals His infinite wisdom to us. But if God offered us constant explanations for the circumstances we face, our lives would not be free or normal, and would not allow for faith or trust.

Have you ever considered what our lives would be like if God regularly explained to us why He allows everything that disappoints us. To a teen-age girl who got sick on prom night God could whisper, ... *so you wouldn't bond with that young man who's not right for you, and so your parents would go get you your favorite dessert and see a help-wanted poster and tell you so you apply and get the job, and meet the girl who will become your best friend and help you twenty years from now when your husband gets cancer, and...*

“Whoa! My husband? What's he like? And why would you let him get cancer?” *In order to make you more Christlike and help you become more of a servant and...*

“But I don't want to be a servant. And cancer terrifies me!” ...*and teach your husband to depend on me, and draw your children and grandchildren closer to you, and...*

“I'll have children and grandchildren? How many? Girls or boys? But how will they deal with their father's cancer?”

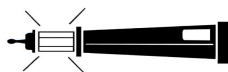
Do you see where this is going? And it's just one “simple” event. How could God explain His purposes without revealing to us the life He intends for us to live later, not now? And without imparting the grace that He will give us just when we need it, not in advance?

The God of providence weaves millions of details into our lives and into all the lives around us. Maybe He doesn't have one big reason for bringing a certain person or success or failure or disease or accident into our lives; in fact, He may have hundreds of little reasons. Honestly, I believe we would have to be God to actually understand God's explanations.

*Mike Barnes*

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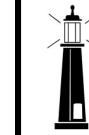
“...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:16

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

Sunday	Bible Classes for all ages Morning Assembly	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wednesday	Mid-Week Bible Study	7:00 PM

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“You are the light of the world; a city on a hill cannot be hidden”  
~Matthew 5:14

## Fairlawn Family Focus

Issue 2360

Newsletter of the Fairlawn church of Christ since 1971!!

Feb. 04, 2018



### Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you came our way; please let us get to know you better. Please take the time to sign the guest registry in the foyer. There is a carry-in fellowship dinner some Sunday mornings after services—Please stay as our honored guests, and let us get to know you better.

Here, we strive to follow Jesus as he is seen in the New Testament. We pray, study, sing, and take communion together in order to grow closer to God and to each other.

We would love to have you grow with us toward Christ. If we can help you, in any way, please talk to us. The telephone numbers of our elders, deacons, and minister can be found within this bulletin. We hope to see you again soon and often!

### FROM THE PULPIT

**02-04-18 A.M.**  
**“I'M DOING IT NOW”**  
*(Romans 12:1-2)*

**02-04-18 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

**02-11-18 A.M.**  
*New series begins:*  
**“Cross Words”**  
**“DEAD MAN'S HANDLE”**  
*(Luke 23:33-34)*

**02-11-18 P.M.**  
**NO EVENING SERVICE**

*“I desire to do your will,  
O my God; your law is  
within my heart.”*  
~Psalm 40:8



# Prayer List



Donald Henderson

Teddy Ray

~**Charlotte Bright** requests prayers for their son, **James Bright**, who is having surgery on his back for the 5th or 6th time. Please pray for his good surgery results and healing.

~**Charlotte Bright** requests prayers for her cousin, **Linda McKee**, who is in critical condition in an Indpls. hospital, and they think she's dying. Please pray for her and her family at this time.

~**Dave Mathews** has been ill and slowly recovering. *Update:* He was able to return to work for a few hours on Wednesday. Please pray for his complete recovery.

~Prayers are requested for **Rick Clay**, who has the flu, and they said it's the "bad one." Please also keep **Carol Clay** in your prayers, as she's starting to show some signs of the flu too. *Update:* Rick & Carol Clay are both recovering well with Rick saying he is back to about 85%, and evidently Carol is fairing much better. Please pray for their full recovery.

~**Larry Calvert** requests prayers for **Anna Funk**, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for her healing.

~We were informed that **Lewis Green**, age 91, passed away on Jan. 20th. Please keep his family in your prayers, as they deal with the loss of him. (Lewis Green and family attended Fairlawn back in the 1970's until approx. 1994, when he moved to Florida.)

~**Tim & Jenny Leach** requests continued prayers for their grandson, **Josh**. He is in the Special

Forces in the military, and he has been deployed to one of the world's "hot spots." Please pray for God's protection over him.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests continued prayers for her sister, **Susan**, (in Michigan), who had to see a retina specialist on Jan. 11th. (She is losing vision.) *(Update: She was to have a procedure done on Tues., Jan. 23rd, which would involve having a needle put into her eye. Please pray for her good results and that they can stop the progression of her vision loss.)*

~**Diane Stricklin** requests continued prayers for **Miranda Olinger**, who had surgery to remove a nodule and cancer was found. *Update:* She'll be having scans and labs every 3 months to monitor her condition for now. She appreciates and thanks everyone for their love, support, and prayers for her. (Miranda was a part of KOIN and attended Fairlawn when in town. She has graduated and currently lives in Wabash, IN.)

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests continued prayers for her cousin, **Sandy Tocco**, who accidentally got her fingers caught in her lawnmower and two of her fingers were partially cut off. *Update:* Sandy had surgery on her hand on Jan. 11th. Please pray for her healing and recovery.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Emily Heath**, who has been at Bethel Pointe for physical rehab. following injuries she sustained from a fall back in Oct. Please pray for her continued improvement and full recovery, and pray for **J.T.** as well.

~Continued fervent prayers are

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requested for **Jared & Cristy Abels and family**, as **Cristy** continues her battle with stage 4 lung cancer. *Cards would be appreciated: Jared & Cristy Abels, 1709 Pheasant Roost, Austin, TX 78758*

~**Angie Walls** requests your continued prayers for healing for her sister, **Clara Smallwood**, who is receiving chemo treatments for a rare form of cancer.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

~**Anderson Christian School**—Financial support needed.

~**Fran Bailey**, Lois Schlagel's sister-in-law—Serious illness.

~**Fancey Baker**—In the Navy.

~**Shelly Baker**, Linda Monroe's daughter & Fancey's mom—M.S.

~**Beau Bell**, Michelle Cook's brother—Parkinson's disease-aggressive.

~**Jeanne Brumfield**, the Stricklin's friend—Breast cancer treatments.

~**Netta Eastman**, Nancy Friedrich's friend—brain cancer.

~**David Ferrell**, Debbie Huston's brother—Strokes, recovery.

~**Chuck Flickinger**, Lois Schlagel's son-in-law, rehab. from accident.

~**Nancy Friedrich, her sister Susan, bro-in-law Rick-cancer, her sister Peggy, & her brother Joe**—health struggles, her sister-in-law, **Susan**—bladder cancer, her great niece, **Kylee**-difficult family situation, her brother, **Michael & family**—difficult long-term situation, & her great niece, **Evelyn**-brain issue.

~**Josh Gray's** family & friends.

~**Beth Haffner**—Throat cancer.

~**Margaret Hibbard**—Annetta Hill's brother's mother-in-law-Alzheimer's.

~**Ashley Hill**—(Don & Annetta's ex-daughter-in-law)—Serious illness.

~**Don Hill**—Parkinson's disease.

~**Dan Huston**, Debbie Huston's hus-

## Prayer List Cont'd

band—Multifocal Motor Neuropathy.  
~**Stephnie Huston**—Serious form of autoimmune disease.

~**Japie Mare**, Stacey Zimmerman's grandpa (in S. Africa)-Prostate cancer.

~**Moriah McMurtry**, 24 yr. old cousin of Katy Alsman—Paralyzed from viral meningitis.

~**Marie Melson**, Marty Stricklin's aunt—Colon cancer/treatments.

~**Judy Monroe**—M.S.

~**Miranda Olinger** (formerly attended KOIN)—Cancer

~**Tony Parks**—Parkinson's disease.

~**Angie Reed**—M.S.

~**Keya Sartin** (formerly attended KOIN)—Brain tumor.

~**Jim Sharkitt**—Lymphoma/chemo.

~**Sally Sloan**, Jenny Leach's sister—Leukemia.

~**Clara Smallwood**, Angie Walls' sister--Rare form of cancer/chemo.



The 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch will have their carry-in lunch NEXT Sunday (Feb. 11th.)

### Deacons

**Rick Beckman** 744-7767  
Finance

**Marty Stricklin** 759-5182  
Buildings & Grounds

### Elders

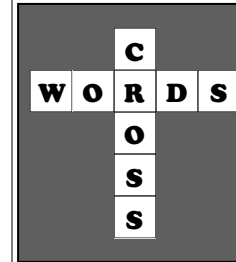
**Don Craycraft** 289-0527

**Terry Whitesel** 284-0813

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**Mike Barnes** 212-0337 cell  
Pulpit

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**Join us Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> as we begin a new series of lessons called *Cross Words*. We will spend the next seven weeks hushing our voices, listening closely to hear the seven things Jesus said during the six hours He hung on the cross dying.**



Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries  
This Week in February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
Feb. 5	Terri Peebles	
Feb. 9	Joy Salmon	
Feb. 10	Marshall Barnes	

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.*  
~Psalm 143:10

### Vision Statement

Jesus is alive in us. We live by faith. Our purpose is to make disciples by showing love, giving service and speaking truth. Jesus expects our destiny to be heaven. Dying to ourselves... we always hope, always trust and always, always live for Him.

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### PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!!

The pantry is in need of the following item(s) this month:

- Brownie Mix/Cake Mix
- Cake Frosting
- Canned Fruit
- Cornbread Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Jelly
- Pancake Mix
- Spaghetti Sauce

This week's pantry volunteers on call:  
**Tim & Jenny Leach**



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