

Responding To The Cross

When we look at the Cross we see the most expensive gift ever given us: God's grace. It is free to us, but it cost God's Son his life. Jesus paid the penalty for sin when He died on the Cross. He broke the power of sin, so we have the power to change the hurts, habits, and hang-ups that keep us from God's purpose in our lives. The cross changed everything.

So, how should I feel when I realize what Jesus did on the cross for me? Guilty? No, Jesus paid for your sin. You don't need to feel guilt. Grief? No, Jesus didn't stay dead. The Bible is clear He rose again. We don't serve a dead Savior.

With that in mind, how should I respond to The Cross? The Bible gives us three reminders of how to respond to what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Make your life count. "Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 MSG).

You can't understand the grace of God and continue living the same way you've always lived. You can't ignore His commands. You can't spend your time on what's trivial and spend your money frivolously. You have been bought with a price: the death of God's Son. You were spared for a purpose and God wants you to fulfill it.

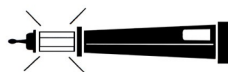
Give Generously "You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9 MSG). Measuring how much you understand God's grace is as easy as looking at your giving. Being lovingly generous to others and to God is the ultimate proof you understand the grace Jesus showed on The Cross.

Share the Good News of Jesus. "The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace" (Acts 20:24 NCV). Once you become a follower of Jesus, part of your life mission is to tell other people about Him. Jesus died for every single person on our planet.

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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	9:00 AM
	Morning Assembly	10:00 AM

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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

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Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you came our way; please let us get to know you better. Please take the time to fill out a Visitor's Card. 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

04-21-24 A.M.
GUEST SPEAKER—
Duane Webb
"FULLNESS OF LIFE"
(John 10:10)

04-21-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

04-28-24 A.M.
GUEST SPEAKER—
Don Craycraft
"3 STORIES, 3 SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES, & 3 SONGS"

04-28-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
~Romans 6:23



Prayer List



OUR
SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Please be in prayer for the **Thomas family** (Michael & B.J. and extended family). Michael's niece's 13-year-old son died from injuries he suffered a few days ago. Please keep all of them in prayer as they struggle with the loss of such a young boy.

~Please pray for **Michael Thomas' youngest sister, Cindy**. She had emergency surgery on April 1st, for a brain aneurysm at John Hopkins Hospital in D.C.

~Please keep **Mike Barnes** in your prayers, as he spent some time in the hospital recently, for what they originally thought was food poisoning, but it ended up being kidney stones. Please pray for his full recovery.

~**Diane Stricklin** requests prayers for her mom, **Pat Reis**, who is to have surgery THIS Wed., April 24th. There is concern given her age and having just had another surgery recently, but the surgery has great potential for her quality of life. Your prayers for her are greatly appreciated.

~**Diane Stricklin** also gave us the following update on **their son, Marty Stricklin**, who had leg surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on March 21st: He seems to be healing as expected from his recent leg surgery to improve circulation. He goes back for a follow-up appt. on May 2nd. He hopes to have surgery on the other leg this fall. Thank you for your prayers.

~**Renee Huffman** requests prayers for her dad, **Estes Gregory**. He had a PET scan on April 3rd, then he will have appts. in the upcoming weeks with an oncologist and radiologist to determine a radiation plan. (They're not sure how effective the radiation will be, but it'll help with the pain.) Renee's doctor is helping with pain management for him. Update: Estes is doing

better, but the family asks that we continue to pray for him.

~Prayers are requested for **Joy Salmon**, who had another surgery on her foot on Feb. 16th. Please pray that her recovery will go well, and she will have complete healing.

~**Paul & Cheryl Teague** requests prayers for their 7-year-old grandson, **Elijah Butterfield**. He had surgery on Feb. 12th, at Riley Children's Hospital, to remove part of his skull where the skull and spinal cord meet. Recovery will be 3 weeks long. Please pray for his full recovery.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Jerry Monroe**, who is in the hospital with pneumonia and RSV. Update: Jerry is improving but still has a long way to go. He's still in BMH as he is still contagious with RSV. He's been able to walk a little. He will be sent to a rehab facility when he is stronger and no longer contagious.

~Please keep **Linda Beckman's nephew, Mason, his wife Jessica and family** in your prayers. **Baby Jameson** was born Feb. 6th and is in the NICU on a CPAP. He is only 4 pounds 5 ounces. Lift those prayers up to the Almighty Healer!

~Prayers are requested for **Lois Calvert's daughter, Kathy Chanel**, who has a new tumor. Please pray for her healing and strength, as she has been battling cancer for the past four years.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers for her long-time childhood friend, **Cheryl Hubert**, who has leukemia. Update: She has been told she has less than 1 year to live, and she needs a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for her, & also pray that she will be open to know about God.

~Please continue prayers for **George**

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and **Cindy Huffman's brother, Gilbert**, who has stage 4 prostate cancer.

~Please keep the **Bright family** in your prayers: **Ralph's nephew** has bone cancer, his 92-year-old sister, **Imogene Bailey**, fell and broke her hip. She was to have surgery on April 18th in Oregon. **Charlotte's stepdad** fell off his mower and broke his wrist. Her brother, **Jay** continues to have issues. (As you'll recall, back in January, he fell out of his bed and broke his hip and had to have surgery.) Pray for **Ralph & Charlotte** as well, as they are trying to help their family deal with all of this.

~Prayers are requested for **Ralph Bright's sister, Sarah Bowling**, (age 86) and **niece, Tonya**, who are both battling stage 4 liver cancer. They live together but can't be treated with chemo or radiation. Update: Ralph's sister, **Sarah**, is back in the hospital with sever problems with her feet.)

~**Marilyn Kitchen** requests prayers for a U.S. Soldier, **Justin McMurray**. He is evidently serving in close proximity to the Israeli border. Pray for his safety as he serves there.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Tim & Jenny Leach**, as they continue to deal with **Tim's** recent diagnosis of having Pulmonary Fibrosis (a terminal lung issue), Please continue to pray fervently for Tim's healing of this and that it won't be as aggressive.

~Please continue to keep **Tony Parks** in your prayers, as he has been having seizures along with his Parkinson's.

Long-Term Prayer List CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

~**Collette Bright**, Charlotte Bright's daughter-in-law—Many medical issues—liver, heart, etc.

Prayer List Cont'd.

~**Dawn Cook**, Charlotte Bright's niece—3 brain tumors.

~**Courtney (Mathews) Sullivan's mother-in-law**—Cancer.

~**Cristy Abels**—Cancer has returned.

~**Kathy Chanel**, Lois Calvert's daughter—Cancer/Chemo.

~**Cristie Dickey's mom, Dorothy Anderson**—Ongoing problems from GI perforation & surgeries.

~**Nancy Friedrich, her, bro-in-law Rick Mirecki**—cancer, **her sister Peggy**, & **her brother Joe**—health struggles, **her sister-in-law, Susan**—bladder cancer, **her great niece, Kylee**—difficult family situation, & **her great niece, Evelyn**—brain issue, and **her great great nephew, Michael Martin**, who is having epilepsy episodes.

~**Dan Huston**, Debbie Huston's husband—Multifocal Motor Neuropathy.

~**Stephnie Huston**—Serious form of autoimmune disease.

~**Judy Monroe**—M.S.

~**Tony Parks**—Parkinson's disease.

~**Angie Reed**—M.S.

~**Sam Schlagel**, Lois Calvert's son—Autoimmune issue.

~**Sally & Gary Sloan**, Jenny Leach's sister & bro.-in-law—Leukemia (both).

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

~**Bob & Jan Todd**—Both have Parkinson's disease.

~**Jordan Webb**—Ongoing struggles, rehab./recovery.

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CHURCH
WORKDAY

Church Work Day

Sat., May 4th, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

We are needing volunteers to sign up for *Fairlawn Church Work Day*. Sign-Up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board. We'll need: Lunch-Makers, Workers-Yard, Workers-Building, and Set Up for the dinner (that will be provided) at the end of the day (at approx. 5:30pm) *Please sign up!*

College Survival Snack Bags



It's almost final exam time for college students. If you would like to donate money for the *Survival Snack Bags*, please give it to Diane Stricklin or Cheryl Mathews. Also, please let us know if you know a college student who would appreciate a bag. Thank you!

Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in April



Date

Apr. 24

Birthday

Bret Cook
Donna Hicks

Anniversary

Tim & Jenny Leach



For the time being, for those unable to attend worship service at the church building, we are still publishing sermon *audio* to the following link:

<https://FairlawnChurchOfChrist.sermon.net/main>

& also *video* on Facebook: *Fairlawn Church of Christ*

and now....on Fairlawn's website: <http://www.fairlawncoc.org> (click on *Media* tab, then click on *Sermons* in list, then click on the highlighted Facebook where it says our Sunday sermons can be viewed on Facebook.)

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

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Please note: Fairlawn is continually feeding families, and we need to keep replenishing the pantry as each week goes by. *As always, if you would like to donate money, for the purchase of perishable items, please see an elder.*

This week's pantry volunteer on call:
Dale Lawrence



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