

Let Go And Trust God

The phrase “Be still, and know that I am God” holds so many lessons and profound power. It reminds us to not only trust in God but to surrender—to drop our weaknesses and anger over things we have no control over, our confusion about things we simply don’t have the capacity to understand, and our pain for things we’ve lost. The words “Be still and know” give us hope to embrace the fact that no matter what is happening around us, God is our refuge and strength.

How Can We Learn to Be Still in the midst of chaos, confusion, anxiety and fear, in moments of weakness and the storms of heartbreak? “Be still, and know that I am God.” - Psalm 46:10 Here are 4 Ways to Let Go and Trust God:

Practice Stillness & Reflection: The command to "be still" encourages us to pause and trust in God's plan and timing, not our own. It suggests a moment of quiet reflection and faith, especially amid a world in a constant hurry and full of stress. God’s plan is perfect, even when it’s not immediately apparent or easily understood.

Acknowledge God & His Presence: The phrase "know that I am God" calls us to acknowledge God's presence, authority, and divinity. It encourages us to deepen our understanding and relationship with God, for our awareness brings us closer to Him.

Hope for the Future: The Psalm reassures us that despite our current stresses and worries, God’s glory and righteousness will prevail. It promises that God and His plans provide hope for the future, even when we cannot feel it or see what is ahead.

Let Go of Control & Trust God: We are called to acknowledge and accept God's power and control over all situations. This means we must let go of our desire for control and trust He will take care of things—it’s not always easy, but it’s always powerful.

God can find us anywhere, mostly because he follows us everywhere. He is always waiting, always present, always busy, working for us and through us.

God is in control. God holds the power, and more importantly, He holds the hope and the promises for our future. All you need to do is pause, trust, and know—not only in the moment but continually.

Mike Barnes

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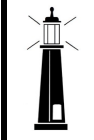
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“ ..let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:16

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Sunday Bible Classes for all ages 9:00 AM
Morning Assembly 10:00 AM



“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

07-14-24 A.M.
Series continues:
“He Promises”
“HEARING GOD’S VOICE”
(John 19:2-4)

07-14-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

07-21-24 A.M.
Series continues:
“He Promises”
“YOU’RE NOT ALONE IN THE STRUGGLE”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

07-21-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ~Hebrews 4:7



Prayer List



OUR SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Please continue to keep **Diane Stricklin's mom, Pat Reis**, in your prayers. She suffered a major stroke a week ago, and it was past the point of being able to be repaired, so doctors are doing what they can for her. She is doing poorly since she had the stroke. Please pray for her peace and comfort during this time.

~Prayers are requested for **Tony Parks**, who had to have emergency surgery on July 9th, due to severe abdominal pain. The surgery went well, and he is showing improvement. He was expected to be in the hospital a few more days. Please pray for his full recovery from this.

~We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Ralph Bright and family** in the loss of Ralph's 93-year-old sister, **Imogene Bailey**, who passed away recently.

~The 4-year-old boy, **Owen Hines**, who had brain tumors and was in hospice care, has passed away. (As you'll recall, the Bright's had requested prayers for him awhile back.) Please pray for his family as they deal with the loss of him.

~**Judy Monroe** requests prayers for her sister, **Sheila Manning**, who is having some serious health problems. Please also pray for her spirituality—that she'll believe the Bible over the Catholic church and is saved.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Jimmy Evans (Kim Evan's husband)**, who had a serious accident on May 19th, & suffered severe internal injuries. He had surgery on May 21st, to address multiple internal injuries. He's in the ICU and has a long recovery road ahead of him. **Update:** Jimmy went home from the hospital a week ago to continue his healing and participate in physical therapy. He still has quite a way to go, but God is answering your prayers for Jimmy. So

keep on lifting him up in prayer!

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers for **Michael Beer** (a former college member). His biopsies are back and he does have prostate cancer. His numbers are low though, so his doctors will follow up with him in a year to check his condition. Please keep him in your prayers.

~It was good having **Daniel Huston** back with us, following his recent surgical procedure to deal with his kidney stones. He is doing better now.

~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 and Cindy Huffman's brother, Gilbert**, who has stage 4 prostate cancer. **Update:** Gilbert's cancer is in remission, and he doesn't have to go back to the doctor to be checked until next year. Praise the Lord for this good news update!

~Please keep the **Bright family** in your prayers: **Ralph's nephew** has bone cancer, **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 they are trying to help their family deal with all of this.

~Prayers are requested for **Ralph**

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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 severe problems with her feet.)

~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.

~**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.

Prayer List Cont'd.

~**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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Youth & Family Olympic Games Night

Sunday, July 21st, From 5:00pm—7:30pm
(Here at Fairlawn.)

There will be chili dogs, s'mores, and lots of games and crafts. Please plan to volunteer, invite, and participate.

It will be a night of fun!

(Please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet posted on the bulletin board, so we have a food count.)

Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in July



| Date | Birthday | Anniversary |
|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| July 15 | | Duane & Marty Webb |
| July 18 | Chuck Dickey | |

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.fairlawncc.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.)

PANTRY



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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