

### You Don't Have To Have Power

I started this last week having to answer a jury summons. And as you might know by now, I was selected as an alternate. I wasn't thrilled with the outcome. I was even less thrilled when I was told Tuesday morning one juror, who was 33 weeks pregnant, was released from jury duty and I was now on full jury duty for a trial that would last all week long. UGGGH!

There are times in life when you feel like everything is working against you. You begin to feel overwhelmed, sometimes to the point of despair.

What do you do so you can begin to feel like you're on top of things again? When you feel overwhelmed, it's important to go to God in prayer and confess your inability and inadequacy. If you're afraid, you need to be honest and tell God exactly how you feel.

In 2 Chronicles 20:12, Jehoshaphat prays, "We are helpless in the face of this large army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but we look to you for help" (GNT). Have you ever felt that way? Have you ever felt like there was a problem in your marriage, your career, or somewhere in your life that you thought was overwhelming? You start at the beginning of the week thinking maybe you can handle it, but by Wednesday you're out of power.

Have you ever felt like that? You pick up the newspaper, and it looks like the bad guys are winning. The moral and spiritual climate of our society is collapsing. It looks like the bad guys are winning in many ways. So, what do you do? You say, "God, we're powerless, and we don't know what to do." You tell God exactly how you feel.

Notice the comparison between verse 12, where it says, "We are helpless" and verse 6, where Jehoshaphat says, "You are powerful and mighty, and no one can oppose you" (2 Chronicles 20:6 GNT). When God has power, it doesn't matter if you're powerless. If you put your trust in him, he'll take care of you.

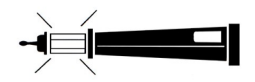
I don't have to have power. You don't either. And you don't have to pretend that you do. All you have to do is trust in God, who's got all the power you need.

Mike Barnes

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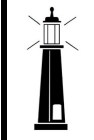
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*"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." ~Matthew 5:16*

#### 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

**07-21-24 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**

**07-28-24 A.M.**  
*Series continues:*  
**"He Promises"**  
**"FINDING PEACE IN YOUR THOUGHTS"**  
*(John 14:27)*

**07-28-24 P.M.**  
**NO EVENING SERVICE**

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
~Matthew 28:19-20



# Prayer List



OUR SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Our sympathy and prayers are extended to **Diane Stricklin and all the family of her mother, Patricia Reis**, who went home to heaven, on Monday, July 15th. Please pray for God's peace and comfort to surround this family as they deal with the loss of her.

~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.

~**Judy Monroe** requests prayers for her family at this time.

~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.

~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.

~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 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

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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.
- ~**Stephnie Huston**—Serious form of autoimmune disease.
- ~**Judy Monroe**—M.S.
- ~**Tony Parks**—Parkinson's disease.
- ~**Angie Reed**—M.S.

## Prayer List Cont'd.

- ~**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.



Thank you to the fine folks who worked on Sat., July 13th to assist in preparing for the Youth & Family event. We were unable to complete much needed tasks. Please mark your calendars for the next **Fairlawn Work Day** that will be on **August 10th**.



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## Youth & Family Olympic Games Night

(TODAY), 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 22		David & Joy Salmon
July 24	Michael Anderson Jan Whitesel	
July 25	Rick Clay	

**PLEASE! NOTE!** 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.)

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

### Brownie Mix Cake Mix & Frosting

**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:  
**Linda Beckman**



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