

Just Justice

We talk about justice, injustice, social justice, doing justice, and whether justice has been served. I wonder if we are using different definitions of justice. What seems “just” to one person seems “unjust” to another.

What is the biblical definition of justice? Both in Hebrew and Greek, the words we translate as justice and righteousness are synonymous or nearly synonymous. When Scripture says God is righteous, it is saying God is just. In Romans, for instance, Paul has much to say about the “righteousness of God” (Romans 3:21-22). It could be said that Paul is describing God’s administration of justice.

Of course, all of us are guilty of injustice (Romans 3:10-23). We have all fallen short of what God’s justice demands. But what does God’s justice demand?

Here’s what biblical justice includes. I would like to suggest four aspects that are included in biblical justice:

Biblical Justice Means Personal Accountability When a person does something wrong, a person in authority (judge, king, God, etc.) assigns a commensurate penalty for that crime. In other words, justice is served when the guilty individual repairs the damage they caused or suffers the same sort of damage themselves.

Biblical Justice Means Fairness Doing justice means not giving an unfair advantage to some people over others. Justice is not only a matter of the courtroom but also the marketplace. Every person who interacts with others should be concerned with justice. Justice demands we ask the question, “Is this fair?”

Biblical Justice Means Collective Responsibility Justice demands we take responsibility for our community. It means we speak up against unfairness and mistreatment. It also means we attempt to repair what others have broken.

Biblical Justice Means Merciful Generosity Biblical justice is loving, merciful, gracious, generous, and restorative. Followers of Jesus are to show mercy to those in need, treat people fairly, repent of wrongdoing, and work in the power of the Spirit to repair what has been broken by sin and injustice.

If we’re truly going to be like Jesus we must adopt the biblical perspective on justice.

Mike Barnes

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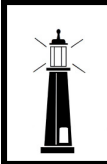
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“ ..let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:16

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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



“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

10-10-21 A.M.
New Series begins:
“Win the Day”
“FLIP THE SCRIPT”
(Genesis 50:20)

10-10-21 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

10-17-21 A.M.
Series continues:
“Win the Day”
“KISS THE WAVE”
(Exodus 14)

10-17-21 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
~Psalm 27:1



Prayer List



OUR SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~**Debbie Huston** requests prayers for **Darya and her family** at this time, as her mother has a pancreatic tumor and is in need of surgery.

~Prayers are requested for **Linda Muckway**, who was to have surgery on Fri., Oct. 8th, to repair her fingers that were broken in a fall. She also suffered injury to her eye that will require a surgery soon after. Please pray for her healing and recovery.

~**Nancy Friedrich's oldest brother, Michael**, (in Kansas), fell from his wheelchair and suffered facial and neck injuries. He received a cervical fusion, but his family has been informed that he is on the decline. He's been moved from the hospital and into hospice care in the nursing home. (His wife is Ruthann, who is currently on our prayer list, as well.) Nancy requests prayers for **Michael, Ruthann, and all of the family**. There has been much tragedy in this family in recent years, and this is one more blow.

~**Harold Criswell** has begun new treatments for his cancer, and he would appreciate all your prayers for strength and energy. (Please also keep **Shirley** in your prayers.)

~Prayers are requested for **Titus Hill**, who will have surgery on his knee later in the year. (*Not on Oct. 13th as they originally thought.*) Please keep him in your prayers.

~Please keep **Bob Todd** in your prayers, as he recovers at home from his recent heart symptoms and hospital stay.

~Prayers are requested for **Charlotte Bright's niece, Dawn Cook**, who has 3 brain tumors.

~Prayers are requested for **Marcia Durnal**, as John has decided to place Marcia in hospice care, due to her

declining health. Prayers also for **John Durnal** who is will have back surgery very soon due to several collapsed vertebrae.

~Please continue to keep **Linda Beckman** and all of her family in your prayers at this time. Linda's brother, **Roger**, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Sept. 17th.

~Please continue prayers for **George Huffman**, who is receiving physical therapy at Signature on N. Walnut St., to help him regain his strength, (after battling Covid in the hospital for 2 1/2 weeks.) Please pray for his good results and full recovery.

~ Please keep **Tim Walls** in your prayers, as he's been battling illness.

~**Rick & Carol Clay** informed us that their friend, **Tony Scott** that was battling Covid, sadly passed away. Please keep his family (wife is **Brenda**) in your prayers. Also, **Roland Menard** also passed away due to Covid. His wife, **Jeanne**, recovered from Covid, but sadly misses her husband. Thank you everyone for your prayers.

~**Cindy Huffman** requests continued prayers for her and George's 76-year-old cousin, **Dave Smith**, who is still recovering from a bad fall on Aug. 8th.

~Prayers are requested for **Linda Beckman's mom**, who is ill.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers for her sister-in-law, **Ruthann Friedrich**, who recently had hip surgery and will also be having hiatal hernia surgery on October 27th.

~**Josh Gray** requests prayers for his mom, **Kim Gray**, who has Covid and is in isolation in the facility where she is recovering from her stroke.

~**Charlotte Bright** requests continued

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prayers for her daughter-in-law, **Colette Bright**, who is dealing with many medical issues—liver, heart, etc. Please pray for her healing.

~**Marty Stricklin, Sr.** has been diagnosed with Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia, (a slow growing-type of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma), and he's receiving monthly chemo treatments. Please continue praying fervently for Marty's healing, strength, and good results from his treatments. Please also keep **Diane** and the entire family in your prayers.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Cristie Dickey's mother, Dorothy Anderson**, who has had to endure several surgeries for a GI perforation problem. She's had to endure almost continued vomiting daily due to this problem. Please pray the doctors will be able to resolve this problem soon and she'll be able to have some physical peace again.

~**Diane Stricklin** requests continued prayers for her nephew's wife, **Robin Tomes**, who has an aggressive type of stage 3 breast cancer, and is on her second series of chemo treatments.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests continued prayers for her brother-in-law, **Rick Mirecki**, whose cancer has returned, & it is aggressive—he has 2 tumors and 1 is growing rapidly. **Update:** His recent CT scan showed no change in his cancer. He is very weak. Please pray for healing & that he'll be able to tolerate the treatment, as his body is weak.

~**Lois Schlager** requests continued prayers for her son, **Sam Schlager**, who is dealing with an autoimmune issue, and for her daughter, **Kathy Chanel**, who has cancer and is receiving chemotherapy.

~**Duane & Marty Webb** would appreciate your continued prayers for their son, **Jordan**, for his ongoing struggles as he continues on his road to recovery. Please pray for his full recovery—physically, emotionally, & spiritually.

Prayer List Cont'd.

(*Duane & Marty thank you all who have prayed for him throughout his recent hospital stay and for your kind notes and calls to us. (He is out of the hospital now.)*)

~Continued prayers are requested for **Angie Walls' sister, Clara Smallwood**, who is battling a rare form of cancer.

Long-Term Prayer List

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

~**Cristy Abels**—Cancer/Chemo.

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

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

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

~**Rick Clay's cousin, Sandy**—Cancer

~**Harold Criswell**—Cancer.

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

~**Gretchen Estep**, Aaron Hopkins' sister—Breast cancer, Stage 4.

~**Nancy Friedrich, her, 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.

~**Anna Funk**—Cancer has returned.

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

~**Renee Huffman**—Cancer.

~**Renee Huffman's Dad, (Estes Gregory)**—Lung cancer.

~**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.

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

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



"Son" Shine Basket

Cindy Huffman would like to put together a Sunshine basket **for George Huffman**, as he's finishing up his recovery from Covid and getting his strength back at Signature. If you would like to contribute an item, he likes Crossword puzzles, Sudoku, & Word Search, (or any other things suitable for a man.) *Please bring the items in by Sunday, October 31st.*

Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in October



Date	Birthday	Anniversary
Oct. 10	Marilyn Kitchen	
Oct. 15	Taryn (Beckman) McKnight	
Oct. 16	John Durnal	



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>

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The pantry is in need of the following item(s):
Cornbread Mix
Jelly
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Spaghetti Sauce

This week's pantry volunteer on call:
Linda Beckman

