

### More Wonderful Than You Can Imagine

We all love to read Paul’s glorious words found in Ephesians 3:20-21, Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

But take a moment and let those words sink in: “able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think” (Eph. 3:20). What an amazing description of the Lord’s ability to work within us. Yet so often our focus is mainly on what we want Him to do—namely, that if He’d change this or fix that, then our life would be better. But He invites us to think and ask bigger—He wants to change us!

The Holy Spirit who dwells within us has more than enough power to transform lives from the inside out, but change within is usually a slow process. Spiritual fruit takes time to grow and mature. That’s why we need patience and faith to believe God is working even when results aren’t evident.

God has a purpose for your life, and He is constantly working to achieve it. He also has an overarching goal—to conform every believer to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29). In order to do this, He may have to bring us through some struggles and heartaches. It might make no sense to us, but God knows exactly what He’s doing.

What would you like to see the Lord do within you? As you read the Scriptures, look for qualities God considers precious, and ask Him to work them out in your life. Then rely on His wonderful promise to do even more than you have asked or imagined.

God has a purpose for your life—and it's more wonderful than you can imagine.

In Him,

*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

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

**11-03-24 A.M.**

*Series continues:*

**“Changing Soils”**

**“ONCE I’VE FOUND SOMEONE TO DISCIPLE (Luke 5:1-11)**

**11-03-24 P.M.**

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

**11-10-24 A.M.**

*Mike Barnes preaching*

**11-10-24 P.M.**

**NO EVENING SERVICE**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

~Proverbs 3:5-6



# Prayer List



OUR SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Prayers are requested for **Terry Whitesel**, who had stomach surgery on October 28th in Anderson. Please pray for his quick and full recovery.

~**Mike & Judy Monroe** thanks you for your prayers for their good friend, **Gwendalyn Kousari**, (who has been on our prayer list recently). She lay unconscious having suffered a stroke. She was taken to Ball Hospital and was told she would be paralyzed for the rest of her life. She was life-lined by helicopter to Methodist Hosp. in Indpls. and underwent surgery lasting 6 hours. *God sent a miracle: all the damage done by the stroke has been completely restored! Praise the Lord!*

~**Lois Calvert** is requesting some prayers for several of her family members: Her nephew (Dewey's son) **Bruce Bailey**, has been diagnosed with a rare and serious problem with his bone marrow. He is receiving treatment in South Carolina. Her daughter **Kathy** has been accepted into a clinical trial. She is undergoing extensive testing prior to the start of treatment. Her sister, **Joyce Colvin, Larry & Michelle Lodge**, and several of their family have Covid. **Michelle's** is more severe as she has pneumonia along with Covid and had to be hospitalized at Ball. Also, Lois's niece, **Sandy**, has begun chemo for her colon cancer. Please keep all those mentioned in your prayers.

~Please keep **Dave Salmon** in your prayers, as he recovers from emergency gall bladder surgery that he had on October 10th.

~**Cristie Dickey's mom, Dorothy Anderson**, fell leaving her 80th birthday party on Sept. 29th in Portland, and she was taken by ambulance to Muncie. She had a fractured hip and had to have surgery on Sept. 30th. **Cristie, Chuck, and Dorothy** request your prayers, as she goes through the

stages of this procedure and the healing journey this will entail.

~Prayers are requested for **Jerry & Linda Monroe**. **Linda** is facing dementia, and she is at Alexandria Nursing Care. (Linda was also recently hospitalized with Covid and the flu.) Please keep both Jerry & Linda in your prayers at this time.

~**Duane & Marty Webb** requests continued prayers for Duane's parents, **Harley & Joann Webb** (both age 93). They have both fallen recently and have been in and out of the ER, and their health is failing these days. **Update: Duane's dad, Harley, found out that as a result of his most recent fall, where he bumped his head pretty badly, that he has a hematoma (bleeding) in his brain. He's to see a neurologist to find out what they can do to take care of this.** Your prayers for them both would be appreciated.

~**Mike & Judy Monroe** requests prayers for a friend, **Grace Wilson**, who is in a serious health condition and in need of our urgent prayers.

~**Nancy Friedrich's brother-in-law, Rick**, has been placed in hospice. Please pray for comfort for him and his family.

~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.

**Update: Jimmy is at home continuing his healing and has 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 her long-time childhood friend, **Cheryl Hubert**, who has leukemia. **Update: She has been told she has**

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less than 1 year to live, and she needs a bone marrow transplant. **New Update: Cheryl is unable to get a bone marrow transplant due to her health and age. She is struggling with her neck and breathing.** Please continue to pray for her, & also pray that she will be open to know about God.

~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 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

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niece— 3 brain tumors.

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

~**Cristy Abels**—Chemo.

~**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/hospice, **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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**College Study Survival Bags**—The time for college students' final projects and exams is approaching. In order to prepare and distribute the *College Study Survival Bags* the week before finals, we would like to have donations of cash or snacks by **NEXT Sunday, November 10th**. Also by this date, please let us know of college students that you would like to receive a bag. **Names and cash donations may be given to Diane Stricklin or Cheryl Mathews.** (A plastic tub will be in the front lobby for donations of snacks.) *Thank you in advance for your support of this project for our hardworking students.*



All ladies are welcome to attend the **Ladies Luncheon** at McAllisters on Wed., Nov. 13th, at 1:30 p.m.

## Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in November



### Date

Nov. 4

Nov. 7

### Birthday

Alexis (Barnes) Fox

### Anniversary

Greg & Christy Fields



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):**

## Canned Fruit

**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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