



Weekly Newsletter

December 6, 2020

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Justin Hatfield

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Jon Ewing

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Ron Stokes

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Bill McFarland

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Scott Barton



**A Prayer Because of How Things Are**

Based on Psalm 141

**Our Father in Heaven**

We raise our prayer to you in the midst of a world where there is wickedness. We are so grateful that you are GOD, the Lord. Please hear our call and hurry to our side.

As we live in this world from day to day, we ask that you, Father, set a guard over our mouths and keep watch over the door of our lips. We pray that our words may always be wholesome and that our speech may be seasoned with grace.

Father, please draw our imaginations toward the light, and help us not to incline our hearts to any evil. Please never let us involve ourselves in the practice of ugly deeds in the company of people who do wrong. Give us the moral courage our lives require, we pray.

We plead for your help in remaining open to goodness without being gullible, in being realistic without becoming cynical, in maturing without wearing out. We ask, Father, that our hearts may be soft enough to be trained by righteousness and disciplined by mercy, but strong enough for us to be found still standing when evil deeds have met their doom.

We're in the world where the snares of those who do wrong are set for us, but our eyes, Father, are toward you. We take refuge in you. We pray that you will not leave us defenseless. Please deal with the wicked in the time and in the way that is right, but always, Father, be with us while we are passing by safely.

We lift up these petitions in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bill McFarland

# Lord, Hear Our Prayer

- [Ruth Raines](#) had been in the hospital for a few days and is now home, but still not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lucile High's son-in-law, [James Montgomery](#), who is recovering from COVID, was able to go home last Wednesday. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- [Kerry Cole](#) requested prayers for his cousin, Wendy Williams, diagnosed with melanoma.
- Chace Eaves requested prayers for his friend [Gabe Brown](#) who is struggling with diabetes.
- [Brent Looney](#) requested prayers for his children and family. [Brent Looney](#) and [Greg Johnson](#) recently lost a cousin to COVID.
- Please continue to keep the following in your prayers who are recently recovering from the virus: [Russell & Helen Harber](#); [Vickie Baker](#); [Allen McCann's Sister Roberta and her daughter](#).
- [Nancy Snider](#) as she deals with health issues and the recent loss of her brother and sister. [Sandra Pingnot](#) is still recovering in the Skilled Nursing part of Manor Care.
- [Ryan Murray](#) is back in Korea at his Air Force base. He continues to recover from his surgery and will start physical therapy in a few months. The Essex's granddaughter, [Victoria Lacy's](#) blood count recently was high enough to enable her to continue her chemotherapy treatments. Please keep praying during this very hard time for Victoria and her family. [Jim Elliff](#) as he and Johnnie continue to adjust to life with dialysis. Sue Lewis' son-in-law [Clint White](#), heart surgery is rescheduled for December 7th. David Grimm's mother, [Dorothy](#), is doing much better and the family appreciates your prayers.
- Continued prayers for health concerns: [Betty Stockstill](#), [Connie Westerman](#), [Truman Coltrane](#), [Julie Alexander](#), [Ron Bower](#), [Dennis Smith](#), [Marty Long](#), [Frank Cunningham](#), [Carolyn Young](#), [Jim Reaves](#), [Marlene Matthews](#)

- Shut-Ins**  
**Ron Bower**  
**Mary Bratcher**  
**Don Essex**  
**Clarence Feeney**  
**Ola Jean Feeney**  
**Wanda Frost**  
**Doris Iorg**  
**Jim/Ruth Reaves**  
**Doris Tobler**  
**Nursing Homes**  
**Ella Mae Findlay**  
**Ann Freeze**  
**Wayne Harmon**  
**Virginia Morgan**  
**Sandra Pingnot**  
**Nancy Snider**



**SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Wanda Frost and family in the passing of Cecil on November 29, 2020.

Angela Brummet's father, Ray Tool, passed away November 30, 2020. Please keep Angela and her family in your prayers.

We are all missing Johnnie at the office! We do have someone at the office every week day if you need to make us aware of anything. If we are on the phone, it may go to voice mail, but please leave a message so we can return your call. The office number is 417-866-9015.

**THIS WEEK ...**

- ◆ Prayer time on Sunday, November 29th at 5:00 pm at the church building.
- ◆ Elder's Meeting will be December 8th at 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Class will meet on December 10th at 10:30 am. They will be working on a service project for the Holidays.
- ◆ Quilters will meet at 9 am.
- ◆ Card Makers will meet at 9:30 am.



**December Birthdays**

- 6 Adam Barton
- Nancy Johnson
- 9 Alyssa Snitker
- 11 Dennis Smith
- 12 Logan Winters
- 13 Dovia Evans
- Seth Sekulic
- 15 Josh Brumfield
- Austin McCutchen
- 18 Anna Luna
- 19 Aubrey Cobb
- Wyatt Dobbs



YFC will go "Caroling" on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm

The Youth Group will be meeting at Paul & Carrie Lines; 1986 N. Owen Rd; Nixa December 6, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Please join us Wednesday at 6:30 via YouTube livestream for Bill's series "Blessed be the Name".

There are typed copies of these lessons. If you would like copies, please call the office at (417) 866-0915.

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A class for [second through sixth graders](#) by Justin will be posted. The theme is ["Heroes of Faith" \(Hebrews 11\)](#).

**December Anniversaries**

- 7 Jackie & Virginia Buck—62 years
- 10 Jim & Ruth Reaves—55 years
- 17 Eric & Wanita Duncan—26 years
- 20 Andy & Kirsten McFarland—12 years
- 22 Tom & Jammie Davis—26 years
- 27 Allen & Carol McCann—63 years
- 30 Barney & Debbie Crawford—48 years
- 31 Eddie & Linda Currier—49 years

Thanks to the congregation for your out pouring of sympathy for the passing of my brother Ray. It was a blessing to me and the family for the cards, prayers and thoughts during this time. God bless you all.

John Mahon

I hope all is well at Water Mill in the midst of the craziest time I've ever seen! Tim and I are missing all of you but we're thankful for the live stream. We do feel somewhat disconnected at the same time. Please pray for us and I hope we can return soon! Meanwhile, you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christian Love  
 Tim & Alice Buckner