

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Gary Adams	Dana Matthews	Lucas Kulik
Janet Smith	Emery Bates	Dawn Riggs
Susan Reddy	Sandy Rodriguez	Janice Lawson
Preston Clark	James Wren	Barbara Tippet
Elizabeth Cook	Eli Boyd	Barbara Woods
Greg & Rhonda Swink		Gary Wells

THOSE DEALING WITH CANCER

Mary Jo Clark	Sarah Harper	Missy Pollard
Creston Hutton	Regina Kennedy	Carol Brown
Danna Watson	Miria Wallace	Gary Martin

SHUT-INS

Connie Henson	Mary Wells
<u>Randolph Home:</u>	Bernice Baker
	Darlene Dearen (Room 223)
	Jackie Dearen-Selph (Room 221B)
<u>WR Assisted Living:</u>	Dorothy Holder (Cottage #3)

MILITARY

Tyler Fry	David Martin	James Henry
Logan McCain	Jamie Moore	Conner Moore
Justin Mangram		

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary Wells is now home on hospice.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT IMBODEN

- **NURSING HOME SERVICES**—Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 at Randolph County.
- **GAME NIGHT**—Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

JR & Julia Ross—13<sup>th</sup>  
Gary & Sharon Rasmussen—19<sup>th</sup>  
Ricky & Ina Benson—29<sup>th</sup>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joe Lawson—9<sup>th</sup>  
Belinda Chappell—10<sup>th</sup>  
Jordan Matthews—13<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Dearen—14<sup>th</sup>  
Julia Ross—17<sup>th</sup>

CHILDREN'S HOME ITEMS

**PICK-UP DATE:**  
**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1 DAY**

Pancake Mix  
Salsa  
Paper Towels  
Chocolate Chips  
Aluminum Foil  
Pain Reliver (Tylenol, Motrin, etc.)

TODAY'S SERMONS

Sunday Morning  
By Your Works  
(James 2:14-26)  
Sunday Evening  
Ruth: the Power of Commitment  
(Ruth 1:16-18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Davis

SCRIPTURE READING

Mac Williams  
(Romans 2:6-8)

COMMUNION

Danny Hufstedler Anthony Wells  
Taylor Murphy Gevan Murphy

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MEETING TIMES

Sunday  
**Bible Class:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Worship:** 9:50 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday  
**Bible Class:** 7:00 p.m.

MISSION WORKS

India, Guyana, etc. (Rushmores)  
Families First Foundation  
World Evangelism (Winona, MS)  
Romania Missions (David Gibson)  
Speaking the Truth in Love (KAIT)  
Butler Landing Church of Christ  
(Celina, TN)  
Word Evangelism TV (India)

BENEVOLENCE

Paragould Children's Home  
Oasis Orphanage (Kenya)

BULLETIN INFORMATION

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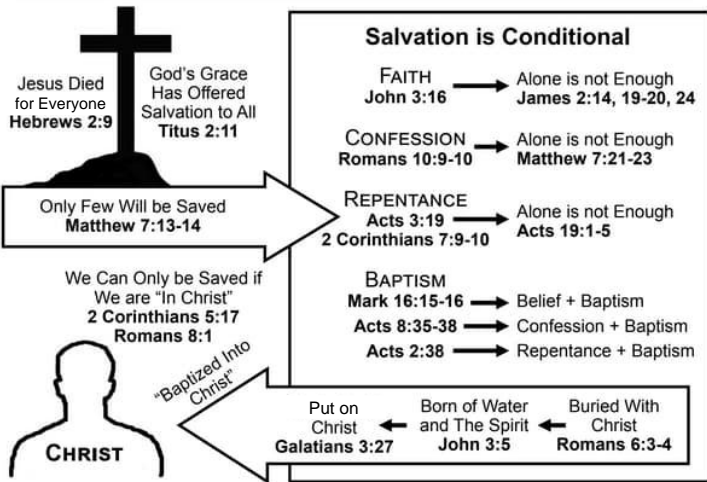
W E L C O M E  
we're glad you're here



March 9, 2025

"For the mountains may depart and the hills  
be removed, but my steadfast love shall not  
depart from you, and my covenant of peace  
shall not be removed," says the Lord,  
Who has compassion on you."  
-Isaiah 54:10

Know What You Need To Do



## A Family With Favor

by Spencer Clark

When we read the early chapters of Acts, one striking aspect is the quality of the early family of God. They not only spent time together but also had “favor with all the people” ([Acts 2:47](#)). They were **well-respected** by the community for their actions and attitudes.

This raises an important question for us: Are we well-respected by our community? I do not believe the answer lies in trying to please as many people as possible. Peter clearly teaches that “We ought to obey God rather than men” ([Acts 5:29](#)). If our primary goal becomes pleasing others in hopes of attracting them to our church or faith, we risk compromising the truth and obeying man instead of God. Peter and the Apostles certainly did not compromise their beliefs to meet the expectations or demands of non-believers. However, the example in Acts shows us that there is power in being a people who are well-respected. They worshipped together, fellowshiped, supported one another, and were overall glad and generous ([Acts 2:44–47](#)).

Are we perhaps ashamed to share about our church or faith because of our reputation? Do people see us as honest and kind? Are we known for crude jokes? Do we stand up for what is right or for going along with the majority? Do they see us as hard-working or lazy? Would people look favorably upon the church because of us? This is one reason elders “must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil” ([1 Tim 3:7](#)). While not everyone will respect the truth, there is a general expectation that the way we carry ourselves should reflect Christ and his church.

Are we living as a family that is respected by our community? If not, perhaps we have work to do individually and collectively to shine the light of Christ into the dark corners of the world rather than hiding there ourselves.

Faith  
over  
Fear



## The Bridge Builder

BY [WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE](#)

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”