

Prayer Requests

♥Pray for each of the following: Pam Jackson, Gerry Wyer (Dianne Tonkery's mother), Joann Hall, Margret Brand, Phil Pillips, Darrell Freeman, Noah Miller Jr., Marsha Kisner, Sharon Little, Dallas Shaffer, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Buck & Kim Osborne, Asher Deaton, Edith Gull, Robert Moore, Edwina Summers, Jimmy Securo, Rolly Sullivan, and Nicholas Lough. .

♥Dianne Tonkery would like to thank everyone for the prayers on behalf of her mother, Gerry Wyer. She had a chest scan done this past week and the report was good! Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

♥Jennifer & Jason Securo have requested prayers for a friend of theirs, Mike & Jeannie DeMaria. Jeannie has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

♥Please continue prayers for Steven and Kevin Lough's parents.

♥Rolly Sullivan, husband of Dolly Ford Sullivan, is in UPMC and is needing prayers at this time.

♥Linda Huber had requested prayers for her cousin, Sharon Hewitt, who is having surgery.

♥Joann Hall is undergoing radiation treatments and could use prayers.

♥Paul Sparks has requested prayers for his sister, Debbie Sparks.

♥Please keep one of our Nursery School parents, Todd Judy, in your prayers as doctors try to determine if his problems are cancer or not.

New Addresses

Please add the following new addresses to your church directories:

Tommy & Karen Tucker – 46 Apple Valley Road, Fairmont, WV 26554

Jeff & Crystal Tucker – 50 South Hill Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554

Kim & Terry Dumire – 37 Ashbury Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554

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Church Christmas Party – Our annual Christmas party will TODAY, Sunday, December 18th immediately following the morning service.

Song Night – Please join us on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 PM for our Song Night.

Christmas Caroling – We will be going Christmas Caroling immediately following the evening service on Sunday, December 18th in the Deerfield area. If you would like to go, please see Ed Carpenter or Jerry Summers.

Christmas Day – Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, the Elders have decided to make some changes in the normal worship schedule. Early morning Bible classes for Sunday, December 25th will be canceled. We will be meeting at the normal time of worship at 10:25 AM. Also, the Sunday evening service for the 25th will be canceled. The Elders hope this will give families time to spend together on this important holiday and visit with family and friends who they may not get to see very often.

New Year's Eve Party – Everyone is invited to attend the New Year's Eve Party at the home of Kevin & Mary Lough on Saturday, December 31st at 7:00 PM. Please bring finger foods.

Will You Step Out of the Boat?

“But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.’” (Matthew 14:27)

After feeding the 5,000, Jesus “made” the disciples go on ahead of Him in the boat while He dismissed the crowd and prayed. When the wind and the waves get fierce in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus comes walking to his terrified followers on the water. His words to them tell so much about His purpose. “Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid” reveal that because Emmanuel “God is with us” is with them they can have courage and not be afraid. Peter takes Him at His word and asks to come to Him only to sink when his eyes were no longer fixed on “the author and perfecter of (his) faith.” It wasn't until Peter's faith had been tested and they had climbed into the boat that the wind died down. Jesus used his power over nature to point out a principle. He speaks to His followers today who read, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” That principle is that because “It is I,” we can take courage and not be afraid.

But will you step out of the boat and keep your eyes fixed on Him?

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