



## Prayer List

**PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES**

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE & THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Steve Smilek** - knee replacement surgery on 8/19.

**Sumner Lanfear** - breast cancer

**Connie White** - cancer

**Jonetta Mason** - serious mobility issues (friend of Ann Snyder)

**Sharon Smith** - surgery on her hand 8/20

**Jerry Smith** - carpal tunnel surgery 8/12

**David Edwards** - upcoming surgery and continued treatments

**Jan Day** - surgical biopsy of breast (controller at WV Glass)

**Family of Steve Davenport** - grieving (friend of Eve West)

**John Michael** - in BARH due to several health issues (friend of David Robinson)

**Michael White** - debilitating arthritis

**Mark Thompson** - stage 4 cancer, pray for healing and salvation (relative of Ann Snyder's daughter -in-law)

**Geneva Daniel** - severe nosebleed (employee of Steve & Rhonda Smilek)

**Nadine Jaap** - not having as much pain as before

**Christy Phares** - needs hip replacement surgery

**Don & Deanna McClung** - both very ill (David & Wanda Edward's neighbors)

**Michael Oluwagbemiga** - asks for God's grace in all he does

**Family of Susie Loranger** - grieving (friend of Susan Phinisey)

**New-born daughter of Willy Bitson** - born prematurely; must be in incubator

**Tyrone Anderson** - injured on job (employee of Steve & Rhonda Smilek)

## Blind, Deaf, and Numb

Helen Keller lived from 1880 to 1968. When she was 19 months old, an illness robbed her of her ability to see and hear. She learned to "hear" other people by using her fingers to feel the lips and throat of the speaker. She learned to speak and write because of her ability to interact with her world through touch. She became the first deafblind person in the United States to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She wrote 12 published books and several articles. She also gave numerous speeches throughout her life. Helen Keller's ability to feel the world around her, even though she was deaf and blind, made all the difference for her.

But imagine how her life would have been different if she was blind, deaf, and numb. Imagine being unable to see, hear, and feel. At that point, one would be hardly able to interact with the world around them.

The Bible presents the idea of being spiritually blind, deaf, and numb. When Jesus' disciples asked Him why he taught in parables, His reply was, "Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand" (Matt. 13:13). Many in Jesus' audience had ears to hear and eyes to see. However, they could not see, hear, or understand what Jesus was saying because "Their ears are hard of hearing and their eyes they have closed" (Matt. 13:15). Jesus is saying that many in His audience are spiritually blind and deaf, and nothing that Jesus could say to them would get through to them. Parables served as a kind of moral test that Jesus used. Those genuinely interested in Jesus and His ministry would see He is the Christ; however, those blinded by prejudice and doubt could not see Jesus for who He is.

In Ephesians 4:17-19, Paul presents the spiritual condition of some. He notes that they walk in the "futility of their mind," and their "understanding is darkened." He also notes that they suffer from "the blindness of their heart" and are "past feeling." They were not only spiritually blind but spiritually numb. In I Timothy 4:2, the Apostle Paul discusses those who have "their own conscience seared with a hot iron." We understand that skin that is burned enough eventually becomes numb.

Being spiritually blind, deaf, and numb is not a state we want to be in. Jesus can heal us of this spiritual sickness if we turn to Him. Jesus told the church at Laodicea, which had become lukewarm, to "buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see" (Rev. 3:18). The first step to being cured of any spiritual sickness is to realize that Jesus has the cure and that we are incomplete without Him. It is through Jesus that we can have a new life. He has the cure!

—Jason P. Smith

## Family News

**SERMON** - The title of Jason's Sermon on Sunday morning is "The New You" (Eph. 4:17-24).

**FOURTH-SUNDAY HYMN SINGING** - We will have our Fourth-Sunday Hymn Singing on Sun, Aug 25. We will meet in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - We will have our last Ice Cream Social of the summer on Sun, Aug 25, following our singing. We have enough ice cream. Please bring any other snack you wish.

**ACCOUNTING REPORT** - The accounting report for the month of June is on the bulletin board.



## North Beckley Facts & Figures

**Sunday, Aug 11**

Bible Class - 21

Sunday Morning - 29

Sunday Evening - 15

Weekly Offering:

Budget Goal:

## August 18, 2024

**FALL FESTIVAL** - There will be a fall festival at Potter Children's Home on Sat, Sept 21. There is more information on the bulletin board.

**WATCH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE** - If you are unable to attend our Sunday morning worship service, you may now "stream" it live on your computer or phone by going to:

Facebook.com/northbeckleycoc

## CHARITY

Do something today to bring gladness to someone whose pleasures are few,

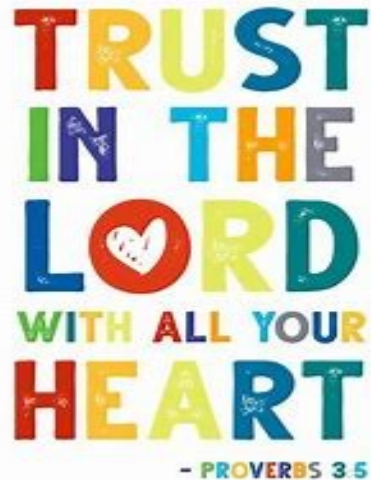
Do something to drive off sadness, or cause someone's dream to come true,

Find time for a neighborly greeting and time to delight an old friend. Remember the years are fleeting and life's latest day will soon end.

Do something today that tomorrow, will prove to be really worthwhile.

Help someone to conquer sorrow, and greet the new dawn with a SMILE.

—Bulletin Digest



## Worship Schedule

Sunday Bible Study: **10:00 AM**  
 Sunday Services: **11:00 AM & 6:00 PM**  
 Wednesday Bible Study: **7:00 PM**



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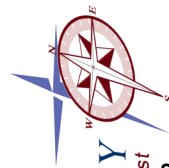
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I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
 From where does my help come?  
 My help comes from the LORD,  
 who made heaven and earth.  
 PSALM 121:1-2



## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 3 - Ralph Marlow	Aug 19 - Jeffrey Webb
Aug 5 - Edward DeAlmo	Peyton & Halee
Aug 9 - Ralph & Raymona Marlow	Richmond
Aug 12 - Raymona Marlow	Aug 22 - Krysten Fernandes
Jeff & Christy Phares	Aug 24 - JaLynn Gill
Aug 13 - Carrie Jaap	Aug 29 - Kevin Taylor
Aug 17 - Shauna Richmond	Doretha Banks
Mark & Edna Jaap	Aug 30 - Charlie McKinney



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## MISSION STATEMENT

North Beckley Church of Christ desires to glorify God and worship Him in spirit and in truth. We are committed to:

- Carrying the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost of our community and the world (Mark 16:15-16).
- Caring for those in need (Galatians 6:10).
- Creating a Christian fellowship that promotes spiritual growth and love for one another (John 13:35).