



Prayer List

PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF COVID-19 & THEIR FAMILIES

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE & THE MIDDLE EAST

Wanda Edwards - surgery went well

Cindy & Charlie McKinney - several health issues

Libbie & Basile Summers - not well

Betty Law - was in hospital due to COVID. (Dennis & Sandra Hawks' daughter's mother-in-law)

Luther McMillion - was in hospital due to heart blockage (member of Otsego Church of Christ)

Glenn Johnson & Family - grieving the loss of his father

Family of Eddie Johnson - grieving

Wirt Brumfield - terminal cancer

Steve Smilek - knee replacement surgery postponed.

Sumner Lanfear - terminal cancer
Connie White - cancer

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

Sharon Smith - surgery on her hand went well

Jerry Smith - carpal tunnel surgery

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)

Christy Phares - needs hip replacement surgery

LOVE

There is beauty in the forest
When the trees are green and fair,
There is beauty in the meadow
When wild flowers scent the air.

There is beauty in the sunlight
And the soft blue beams above.
Oh, the world is full of beauty
When the heart is full of love.

— Author Unknown
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Do Not Lie

Have you ever thought that the very first sin recorded in the Bible was the telling of a lie? In Genesis chapters 1 and 2, we read that God created the world in six days. On the sixth day, God created man. In Genesis 2, we read of God placing man in the Garden of Eden. Within that garden was the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In Genesis 2:16-17, we read where God told the man, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Then we read that God made a woman to be a "helper comparable" to the man (Gen. 2:18-25). The man's name was Adam, and the woman's name was Eve.

But in chapter 3 of Genesis, we read about the big lie that is told. Here we read where the serpent, otherwise known as the Devil and Satan (Rev. 12:9), questions Eve, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" Eve replied, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" The serpent then tells the big lie, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." We then read where Eve and her husband Adam ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We then read about humankind's fall into sin due to someone believing a lie. The Apostle Paul later observed, "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

Have you ever thought about how destructive a lie is? When someone lies, they are stating that which is not real. When someone states that which is not real, trust is undermined. When trust is undermined, doubt and confusion ensue. How many relationships have been destroyed because of a lie? How many societies have collapsed because of lies? For people to function optimally, they must be able to operate within reality. Questions such as "What does this cost?" to "What must I do to be saved?" must be answered truthfully and honestly. People must be honest with each other, and people must be honest with themselves. In John 8:32, Jesus stated that the "truth shall make you free." If truth can be freeing, then is it equally true that a lie can be enslaving? Truth is freeing because it allows a person to operate within reality, whereas lies are enslaving because they deny reality and hinder further growth.

We also must never forget that lying carries severe, eternal consequences. In Revelation 21:8, the Apostle John records that God said, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Let us always strive to be truthful. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore, putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another" (Eph. 4:25).

— Jason P. Smith

Family News

REJOICE! We rejoice with Jeff Webb upon his baptism last Sunday evening. He wanted to start a new chapter in his life.

SERMON - Jason's sermon on Sunday morning will be taken from Ephesians 4:25-27.

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.

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FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Our monthly fellowship meal will be on Sun, Sept 1, right after morning worship.

Potluck Dinner



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



"Free will is not the liberty to do whatever one likes, but the power of doing whatever one sees ought to be done, even in the very face of otherwise overwhelming impulse. There lies freedom, indeed."

—George Macdonald

North Beckley Facts & Figures

Sunday, Aug 18

Bible Class - 25

Sunday Morning - 42

Sunday Evening - 17

Wednesday, Aug 21

Bible Study - 16

Weekly Offering:

\$ 654

Budget Goal:

\$2,000

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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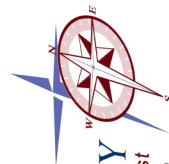
“Find out how much God has given you and take from it what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”

St. Augustine of Hippo



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).