## NorthWest Church of Christ Newsletter

Encouraging Words-

The Holiday Season - a time of celebration and hope! Each year at this time we as Christians are called to remember the true meaning of Christmas and to remind the world God became incarnate to dwell among us. When God came into this world as a defenseless baby in a scandalous situation few people recognized their reason for hope and celebration was to be found in this manner. I think sometimes think we too fail to recognize how vulnerable God became in this situation and from a human perspective think, "This is how You are going to save the World?" But, we know this is how God's plan worked - that in the most unlikely of circumstances there was hope and a cause for celebration. We are thankful the shepherds, the Wise Men, Simeon and Anna through God's Spirit recognized this child would be the Savior of all mankind. I encourage each of us to read the "Christmas Story" this season in a manner where we will humble ourselves, recognize God's vulnerability, see the incredible faith of Simeon and Anna, and realize where our hope lies and why we celebrate the birth of Jesus even in the midst of trials, pandemics, suffering, and even the good times!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:14 ESV)

Frank Weaver

Prayer Requests:

- Johnnie Mae McGee—Pray for her healing from the burns and comfort.
- John Long—Prayers for strength, healing and comfort during his cancer treatments.
- Quinn Britt—Praise! He is home and continuing his rehab.
- Cyndi Vice—Deric Long's friend, pray for her as she fights breast cancer.
- Marsha Dowell—Sid and their daughter-in-law have tested positive and Chris (son) has been tested and waiting for results. Their daughter-inlaw has a pacemaker, so we're in continual prayers. Please be praying for this family.
- Jimmy Carr—Had surgery earlier this week and hopes to be released in the next few days. Be praying for him and his recovery.
- Cliff Jarrell—His aged father is in the hospital doing poorly and tested positive for Covid. Cliff and Nkiru are going to Mississippi as soon as he can make arrangements. Pray for his father's health and for their travel safety.

- Nelan Bahlman—David Teague's uncle, has been admitted to the hospital with Covid. We would love your prayers on his behalf.
- Mel Carter—The husband of long time friends of David and Twila, is in ICU fighting Covid. Please be in prayer for he and his family for comfort, peace, and complete healing.
- Bruce Wilks—In the hospital recovering from a severe lung infection. As soon as he is cleared, he will be placed on the transplant list. Please be praying for he and his wife Ginger. She cannot be with him currently because of hospital rules. They are not allowing any visitors. They have many NW friends and are family friends of David and Twila.
- Ron & Karen Clayton—Our deepest sympathy to them and the loss of their son Greg. Ron was the minister at Lackland Terrace back in the 1970's. Keep them in your prayers.

## **WINGS Prayer Ministry**

If you have something that you would like to go out on WINGS, please send it to: <u>wingsprayerministry@nwchurch.us</u>

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## Audio Visual Help Needed

Are you interested in Audio-Visual work? Do you have a passion for serving? Are you a team player? Are you responsible and trainable? We need to train some people to help Bob Beavers and Ron Reinhard with our video production. If you are interested, contact them, any minister, or the church office.





No Bible Classes December 20th & 27th

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 21 ST-24TH



Join us starting this Sunday for a new sermon series surrounding the arrival of Jesus the whole month of December!



Diaper Shower For Our New Babies

We have been so richly blessed during this pandemic with 5 new babies. We would like to honor them and their parents by helping with diapers and wipes.

> **Everett & Beckett Mahoney** size 3 Parents Mike & Stephanie Mahoney

**Carson Stevens** size 6 Parents Tyler & Sarah Stevens

**Christine Senenda** size 1 Parents Lubula & Eveline Senenda

**Rowan Tressel** size 2 Parents Anthony & Briana Tressel

You may drop off your donations in the nursery foyer on the table under the TV.