



\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: You can put your hope in God, for through Jesus Christ, God offers us that love which never fades, that life which never ends.

**All: We wait for God, and God does not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14 (pg 900)

ANTHEM "We Have Come to Lift Up the Name" Nagel

SERMON "Pavlov's Disciples" Stacey Steck

\* HYMN "The Table" Tomlin

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "God Is So Good" Sewell

\* Doxology:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer

\* HYMN 728 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

\* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children" #469

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

\* POSTLUDE "My Hope Is Built" Smith

\*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

VISITORS: We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please call the church office at 704-636-1595.

LITURGIST: Today – Abby Covington  
Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Babies: Karen Townsend, Melissa Waller

Shushers: Jada Ware-Guy, Selena Bell

Next Sunday – Babies: Beth Bates, Leigh Anne Wetmore

Shushers: Courtney Bell, Janet Lambert

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of March we fell short at 75% of our monthly goal. Let's make it an Amazing April!

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner Rebecca Morrison
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal Carol King OC Shoaf Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery) Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery)

- Amanda, sister of Rebecca Ray, recovering from surgery at ICU in Dubai
- Bo Deal, recovering from surgery
- Robert Kalmus, family member to Carolyn Wilson, is in Carolinas Medical Center with serious infection and back surgery
- Phares Sechler's sister-in-law, Marcella Himes, passed away Mar 17
- Bradley McKnight's father, David, recovering from gall bladder surgery at Rowan Regional Medical Center
- David Gooch, brother-in-law of Nora Patterson and Randy Stamper has been diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Todd Bare, nephew of Kitty & Tony Harris, who is recovering from cancer surgery at Duke University Hospital
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Jerri Seaboch's brother and former member, Millard Goodnight, is undergoing cancer treatment
- Dana Milam's friend, Stacia Henry in Jamaica
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments.
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family are missionaries in Pakistan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: April 5 - Albert Gaylor & O.C. Shoaf  
6 - Brandon Hoffner

LENT: On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will meet in Fellowship Hall for a simple supper and study of our discipleship. Pastors from other area churches will be leading our study each week. These pastors are part of a group that meets each week during the year to study the Lectionary pages, and have for many years taught in each other's churches during Lent. Pastor Stacey is part of this group. Join us for Supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the study at 6:30.

GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE: Rowan Helping Ministries is hosting the 2017 Golf Tournament, In Memory of Ted Luther. Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 am at Corbin Hills Golf Club, 431 Wildwood Drive, Salisbury. \$50 fee per player includes lunch. Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board or talk to Paul Rogers at 704-213-1986 or 704-633-3454.

FOND FAREWELL: On Sunday, April 23 following worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall to offer a Fond Farewell to our Choir Director Jon McCachren, as he retires after faithfully serving Thyatira.

BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY TRIP: Tuesday, April 11, The Millbridge Fellowship will meet and leave from the church at 8:30am. Please sign-up by Sunday, April 2 if you are interested in attending the trip. We will be scheduling a van if there is enough participation. Contact Juanita Turner at 704-433-1317 or jftturner29@hotmail.com if you need further information.

CPR/BLS: Certification and recertification will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, April 8 from 8 am – 12noon. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office for those who would like to participate. Cost is \$35. The Session normally encourages a few church officers to be certified. Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups are required to have certified leaders during meetings and activities. Contact the church office for additional information.

CARE WEAR: We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, April 4 beginning at 10:00am. Please talk to Alice Sloop if there are questions.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Communion/Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Care Wear in Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Mill Bridge Fellowship
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Lenten Supper & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Fellowship Meeting
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Tutoring
	7:30pm	Finance Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	5:00pm – Sat 3pm	Cub Scout Campout
Saturday	8:00am	CPR/BLS Certification
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship followed by Egg Hunt & Picnic
	6:30pm	Adult Choir