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## Why?

"Why is there so much pain and suffering in the world? I'm afraid God is going to ask me the same question." - Brandon Edwards

We all have burdens and deal with suffering. Matthew 5:45 says, "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Being treated equally is first introduced in Scripture. Regardless of the demographic we represent, everyone deals with challenges. God shows grace and care for all His creatures; as Jesus’ disciples, we are to imitate God. We are to love those who are challenged with health, social, emotional, and financial challenges. Christians are to love the sick, the well, their neighbor and their enemy.

Christians are not immune to suffering. James 1:2-4 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience, but let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." We sometimes think our obedience to Christ will prevent pain from coming our way. Trials will test Christians. Our response to affliction will make us steadfast and encourage others.

Distress should not create distance. Romans 12:15 says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. When people are confronted with bad news and battles, Christians should respond with time and tenderness.

Helping those who suffer will require Christians to apply Scripture with a period and not a question mark.

## Welcome,

## We are so glad you are here!

## Please know

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you.
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29
- For those who have small children, the following options are available:
- Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
- We have a staffed nursery for children 0-2 years old during Sunday morning Worship.

Please tell us a little bit about you by filling out a Visitor form in the lobby OR scan
Hang around a bit after service \& get to know us!


Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.

## Our Mission

We take our stand on the Bible. Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.
We believe:

- there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- The true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire are to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- The New Testament teaches that a person encounters the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ




## PRAYER REQUESTS

"Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus."
Have a Prayer Request? Please send email to:
info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org

## New Requests:

Q Dave Dye - (Chris Riebold's uncle) had open heart surgery last week. Prayers for healing.
Q Robert Stearsman - (Amy Riebold's cousin) has been diagnosed with throat cancer and ha started radiation. Prayers appreciated.
Q Sandra Wilkes - (Bret Simoneaux's sister-in-law) had a procedure. Pray for recovery as they decide next steps for her treatment.

## With Sympathy

John Allison - (Melvin Bennett's cousin) passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

## Continued Prayers/Updates:

Tony Beaver- met with his doctor and will receive a spinal injection followed by physical therapy for his back over the next several weeks. Prayers appreciated.
\& Rufus Bennett - (Melvin Bennett's uncle) is dealing with heart issues \& memory loss. Prayers appreciated.
Q Michael Clarke- (Kirk \& Pam's nephew) is in a Memphis hospital with a severe Crone's flair up. Prayers appreciated.
Q Jessie Clowney - (Melvin Bennett's uncle) is awaiting pathology report after successful biopsy on April $15^{\text {th }}$. Prayers for positive outcome appreciated.

* Darlene Edwards - fell \& has 2 hairline fractures in her hip. She is at home \& doing physical therapy. Prayers appreciated.
* Dan Huther - (Family friend of the Riebolds) has an appointment at the Mayo Clinic in early May. Prayers for answers \& healing.
\& Kendra Tipton- is off the ventilator \& feeding tube. She Prayers appreciated.
- Mailing address: 5071 Old Maysville Rd, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353

Q Lisa Winchester- met with her surgeon and will have tests over the next couple of weeks to prepare for surgery on May 3. Prayers appreciated.

| Please keep these people in your prayers \& send cards as you are able. Addresses are on the bulletin board in the FCR or scan QR code. |  |  |
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| Long-term Healing Journey: |  | SCAN ME |
| Vince Edwards Donov <br> Joseph Lee (Craddock's son-in-law) Dougl | Donovan Moore (Larry \& Andrea's grandson) Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs' brother) |  |
| Shut-ins: |  |  |
| Cassie Canon \| Dan \& Anna Cleveland |Ann Cole |Louise Propst | Sandy Shane | Rheba Stancliff | Sandra Wallace | Fran Wehe |  |  |
| Military: |  |  |
| Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney's son-in-law) <br> David Jones (Dan Payne's nephew) <br> Victor Falorian (friend of Amy Riebold) <br> Cameron McAllister (C\&B Lancaster's nephew) <br> Dante Durant (friend of Yost \& Edwards' family) | aw) Brian Mullins (Northview COC) <br> Timothy O'Bryant (Amy Riebold's <br>  James Schriever (friend of Coopers) <br> Landon Bean (Grandson of R\&B B <br> nephew) family) | cousin) <br> an) |



