

# The Lighthouse



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## It's Just Not Fair

A question that has troubled mankind for thousands of years is this: Why is life so unfair? From start to finish the books of the Bible talk about it. Saints and sinners alike feel they have been wronged for no reason but want to know why, and both of them point their finger at God.

The first thing Satan did in Genesis was to accuse God of being unfair. He insinuated that the Lord was being too hard on our first parents. He told Eve that God was trying to keep them from having something good. "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" (Gen. 3:5). Satan appealed to Eve's curiosity, selfish desires, and her finite sense of justice, and it worked for him.

When Cain killed his brother Abel out of envy and hate, God told him there would be a penalty. Cain responded with words that have been repeated times without number: "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (Gen. 4:13). He didn't think about how unjust he had been by murdering his brother. All he thought about was how excessive his punishment was in his eyes.

Toward the middle of the Bible we find the book of Job. He was nothing like Cain; in fact, God said a better man couldn't be found (Job 1:8). When Job lost his Wealth and his ten children, he resigned himself to his tragedy and praised God (Job 1). But when the devil tormented him with a terrible disease, Job eventually complained and said that God was being unfair to him. He even told God, "You have become cruel to me" (Job 30:21). When God later addressed this charge against His character, Job was speechless and repented.

In the last book of the Bible the martyred saints want to know why God kept allowing the enemies of the church to persecute His people. "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (Rev. 6:10). To this day we have the same thought. How much longer will God allow evil people to get away with what they are doing?

How easily We forget. How often we ignore the beam in our eyes. We are unjust and yet we question God? We expect God to execute justice with others but We want Him to be long-suffering and merciful to us. Is this just?

We forget the cross. No injustice done to us can compare to the injustice of the horrible death of the Son of God. He did absolutely nothing wrong ever and yet He willingly gave His life at the hands of evil men. It is hard to be obsessed with how unfair others are to us when We remember the crucifixion.

We are often so consumed with the injustices of the present that we forget that payday is coming—in this life and certainly in the world to come. Read Psalm 73 and the little book of Habakkuk. God takes care of sinners in His own time. Read 2 Thessalonians 1. A day is coming when God will set everything right. Until then, we must bear the pain of knowing that life can be very unfair. But recalling these profound themes will keep us from losing heart and will even give us the peace we crave.

--Kerry Duke, West End church of Christ, Livingston, TN

**"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thes. 5:16-18**

### Prayer List

- Serving in the Military: **David Jones (Dan Payne's nephew), James Schriever (friend of Cooper's), Victor Falorian (friend of Amy Riebold), Gabe Nichter (friend of Bob and Eileen), Timothy O'Bryant (Amy Riebold's cousin), Brian Mullins (Northview Church of Christ), Ricky Ardrey, Teresa Clowney's son-in-law.**
- Shut-ins: **S.M. Cline, Dan Cleveland, Marie Gunter, Sandra Wallace and Fran Wehe (Brookdale).**
- **Barbara Bargeloh, Mark's mom**, Barbara, had a recent MRI that showed no sign of stroke or tumors. Her Bell's Palsy has improved a great deal. Her back pain has subsided greatly and there is no need for regular injections at this time. She will be visiting with a Pain Management doctor to determine the next steps in the near future. Belinda and Mark will remain in WV until at least March 21st to continue to assist with needed medical transportation and other household upkeep chores. Thanks for the many prayers and messages already.
- **Barbara Beaver** has a new splint on her wrist and is feeling a little better as she heals.
- **Katie Cox**, a friend of the Byrd's, is improving every day. We are so excited to share that Katie was transferred to a critical care facility last weekend. I got my first Facebook message from her last Sunday & it brought tears to my eyes. She has come SO far in the last 2 months but she still has a long road of rehab ahead. She is doing respiratory therapy, PT & OT daily. There is no current timeline for how long Katie will be at this facility & unfortunately her girls are still not able to visit her, since visitors under the age of 18 are prohibited. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.
- **Stephanie**, a co-worker of Lisa Putnal, Stephanie Carbonell (pregnant co-worker of Lisa Putnal) and her mother Danica Torres who were in the hospital with Covid. Stephanie has recovered. She was in ICU on a ventilator for a few weeks. Her mother, passed away Monday morning after being in ICU and on a ventilator for over a month.
- **Bonnie Crunk** has completed her radiation therapy and has good news from her recent scans.

- Update on infant, **June Davis**. June is home and thriving ! The family is elated and thankful for all the thoughts and prayers. We give God the glory for this now, 8 pound miracle!
- **Darlene Edwards** was able to go home on Friday after her surgery and is recovering at home.
- **Ellen, a team member of Kelly Craddock's**, has been placed in a hospice facility.
- **Ward Eulitt** (father of Andrea Gregory's sons) continues his treatment program and is gaining a little strength.
- **Tom and Linda Fowler, dear friends of the Lovell's**, have both battled cancer over the last year and both are in their 80's. Prayers appreciated.
- **Jim Freeman, Bert's friend**, Bert's friend, Jim, is finely on the road to recovery since his Covid struggle. He is at home but still on oxygen and continuing physical therapy. Many thanks for your prayers on his behalf
- **Ellen Godsey, Don Davis' daughter**, is recovering a friend's house from her stroke. Prayers appreciated.
- **Tori Gregory, Larry's sister**, needs our prayers to follow up on skin cancer, but she is reluctant to pursue treatment. Prayers appreciated.
- **Karen Lovell** is recovering from her recent foot surgery and is in a cast. Long road of recovery.
- **Lillie, Pete Lovell's sister**, is feeling a little better as she continues to recover.
- **Wayne Lewis** is trying some new medication as he continues on her journey with Lou Gehrig's disease.
- **Brandon Long, husband of Bobbie Seabolt's niece Shellie**, continues to recover from the virus.
- **Shellie Long, Bobbie Seabolt's niece**, continues to recover from recent back surgery.
- **Pat Putnal** had successful surgery last week and is doing well after her surgery.
- **Marvin Meadows, Dean's dad and Nancy Meadows, Dean's mom** continues to adjust and heal at home.
- **Jill Smith** had an MRI last week at Baptist Hospital and is awaiting a decision from her doctors on another potential procedure with implants for her brain.
- **From Pam Sams, My sister and her husband (BJ and Tish Clarke)** both continue to recover at home with Tish having follow up tests on her heart. Tish is also having further tests. Prayers appreciated.
- **Ron Turbyfil** (Bob and Eileen Lemasters' neighbor) is continuing chemo and awaiting results on recent scans.
- **Sandra Wallace** is having more memory difficulty issues and is not doing well. Prayers appreciated.
- **Janet Watts** is out of the boot and being incredibly careful, still healing and in need of our prayers.
- **Mary Whitaker** is gaining strength and mobility each day.
- **Martha Whitecotton, a dear friend of Kirk and Pam's and a member at Mt. Island**, had another procedure to get her heart back into a regular rhythm. Prayers for that to maintain.
- **Our prayers go to the family of Mary Graham Carter's grandmother, who passed away last week. Her Memorial was conducted on Saturday morning in Wilson.**

• **Kelly Craddock's Father, Terry Cartner** has been moved to Hospice

### News & Upcoming Events

- **Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 30 at 2:30-7 P.M.**
- **Our next phase will begin this Wednesday, April 7 as we will meet for Wednesday night Bible class at the building. Please notice the online requests for help with this as well as registering for seating purposes. Please notice the new question on the Intent to Attend form if you have received your vaccination.**
- **Please let us know if you or anyone you know has any spiritual, emotional, or physical needs.**
- **Kirk will be back at 11am each weekday starting this week again. "Sondrop" continuing a Study of the Gospel of John, We have seen His Glory.**

- **Bret is online every morning on our webpage at 7 :30 A.M. On Monday, a survey of the Bible will continue this week.**
- **Children's class will be live streamed today at 9 A.M. With the addition of a class for the middle school Crew taught by Darrell Carroll. High school and college age class taught by Lance Lemasters.**
- **We will meet this Sunday, April 18 at 10:30 A.m. and be virtual at 6 P.M.**
- **The Lunch Crew** will not meet this week due to the health concerns.
- **Wednesday night study will continue Wednesday, April 21 and meeting at the building as well as virtual. New Book available "My Life In Him" We will be looking at Week 10**
- **Bible Theology Class** will be online this Thursday, April 22. There will be an additional class available on Tuesday nights. See the website for details.
- **Virtual Gospel Meeting coming in May 10-14 One in Fellowship!!**

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<b>Worship Service Assignments</b>	
	<b>Sunday April 18, 2021</b>
	<b>AM Services</b>
<b>Presiding Elder</b>	Bret Simoneaux
<b>Song Leader</b>	Mark Bargeloh
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Mike McFalls
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Ray Andrews
<b>Giving</b>	Ray Andrews
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Seth Winchester
<b>Lesson</b>	Kirk Sams
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Ellis
<b>Announcements</b>	Mike Mobley
<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	\$9,589.25
<b>Budget</b>	\$5,580.00
<b>Address For Mailing Contribution To</b>	KcoC / PGHOA 6012 Bayfield Parkway, Ste 112 Concord, NC 28027
	<b>PM Services</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	Elliotte Lawing
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Olian Holladay
<b>Lesson</b>	Kirk Sams
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Bret Simoneaux
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jeff Hall?
	<b>Wed April 21, 2021</b>
	<b>Bible Class</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	Olian Holladay
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Selected from Attendees
<b>Lesson</b>	Kirk Sams
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Selected from Attendees