



## Prayer Lists

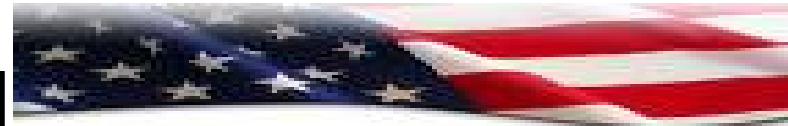
### Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Bill Terrell
Donna Cottle	Kelsey Hall
Janet Skauge	Lamont Cunningham
Fred Tarpley	Gene McKenzie
Helen Dickson	Peggy Fox
Jean Ward	Robert Seay
Gary Kibler	

### Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Kathryn Scott  
 Jim Reynolds  
 George O'Kelley  
 Chance Thornton  
 Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)  
 Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)  
 Martha Pringle(Zelda Fisher's niece)  
 Ariel Smith (Doris Kerbow's great granddaughter)  
 Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)  
 Donald Anderson (Dennis Anderson's father)  
 Sarah Shein (Lamont & Sarah Cunningham's granddaughter)  
 Ruth Robinson (UMW Conference President)  
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)  
 Joan Littlejohn (Judy Rudoff's friend)  
 Steve Jones (Rockdale Baptist Church Pastor)  
 James Culp (Terryl Brater's father)  
 Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)  
 Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)  
 Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)  
 Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)  
 Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)  
 Wayne Billups (Hayley Jobe's father)  
 Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)  
 Kenneth Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's uncle)

*If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).*



### Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families  
 Matt Skelton (in *Afghanistan*)-nephew of Mack & Mariann Andrews  
 Jim Hunsicker (in *Afghanistan*)-brother of Carolyn Miller  
 Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)  
 Travis Miller (in *Afghanistan*)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson  
 Aaron K. Brister-son of Eddie and Roberta Brister  
 Alex Dech (in *Afghanistan*)-Pastor Ron Dech's son  
 Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother  
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson  
 Nathan Grove  
 David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew  
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith  
 Lt. Col. Peter Bailey  
 Lt. Col. Keith Williams  
 Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf  
 Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf  
 Brian Richards- nephew of Judy Rudoff  
 Derik Johnson  
 Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor  
 Terry & Robert Starkey - brothers of Wanda Beane  
 Lt. Dan Barton  
 Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed  
 Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson  
 Garrett Johnson

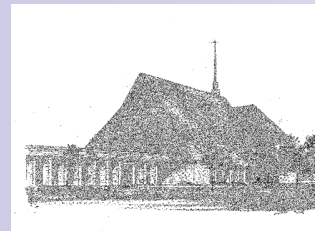


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## Helping the Hungry

During this Lenten season we have been reflecting on the lives of those who are not food secure in our community. The **special Lenten offering** for Easter Sunday will go to a local organization that has been feeding the hungry for over ten years: the **Commerce Food Distribution** and **Manna Movers** operated by the Word of Life Family Church. Your gift will be used to:

- Purchase food from the North Texas Food Bank
  - \$140 buys 1,000 pounds of food
  - Typical giveaway box of food is 20 lb., or \$2.80
- Serve the 120-130 families who come to the Commerce Food Distribution every other Wednesday
  - 10 *new* families came through the door at last distribution on March 17
  - During calendar year, ~375 families will sign up
- Deliver food boxes to 45 Manna Mover recipients every other Wednesday. Manna Movers make deliveries to those who are unable to leave their homes.



North Texas Food Bank truck arrives in Commerce



Sorting and bagging of food for Commerce Food Distribution and Manna Movers



Manna Movers Carol and Bill Peek receive a hand from volunteer

In addition to the special Lenten offering, every **\$1 bill dropped in the offering plate** during Lent will be used to purchase **food for backpacks** to supplement the diets of hungry CES children.

- For just under \$2 per child, an assortment of shelf-stable items are sent home in backpacks on Fridays for the weekend
- 18 - 20 children are served weekly

Besides the giving of our money, we can **give of our time**. Here are ways you can help.

<b>In order to:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Become a substitute driver for Meals-on-Wheels	Anne Champion at 903-886-4353
Make a casserole for Meals-on-Wheels	Sharon Smith at 903-886-4733
Deliver Manna Mover food boxes	Julie Gentle at 817-975-3990
Volunteer at the Food Pantry	Beverly Houseright at 903-886-6007
Help with Community Garden	Anne Mills at 903-886-6792
Shop for food for backpacks for CES kids	Bob Mills at 903-886-6792

There is much work to be done and with your gracious help, we will pursue a hunger-free community.

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Dear Church Family,

It's Holy Week... perhaps the most poignant season of the Christian calendar... a week of triumph and great tragedy that ends, without question, in the greatest of all victories. Sunday's coming!

Our "tomb time" of waiting after the death before the new life will be over soon! The battle for dominance between winter and spring will be won. Spring always wins! Glory Be!



We have been on quite the journey this Lenten season, traveling with Jesus through temptation, rejection, loneliness, anger, despair, triumph, and tragedy. Friday, we will journey through the trials. Every step along the way, we've had to face our own rough places, within ourselves and our circumstances. And there are rough places!

We have watched Jesus stay centered in God and God's word; we have witnessed the "Word made Flesh" know who he is and not lose sight of the fact that he is beloved and claimed by God (even in his most human moments); we have prayed with him, raged with him, cried with him, and seen him draw on his friends for support. Can we possibly do the same?

We are called to do just that: to clothe ourselves in Christ, to be the Body of Christ made real in this world. It is a high calling, and it is placed on each one of us. We are not called to be flawless or presume to be like God, rather we are called to face our imperfections and strive to let God lead... it all comes down to trust... do we really trust in God to provide, to be stronger than we are, to lead, to fulfill, to bring about goodness?

Jesus did... over and over again. Will we? Do we really believe God can overcome anything—in us or in our world?

This Lenten season has been a particularly poignant one for me as I'm aware it is my last in this place... among such dear friends and in this holy place that has been home for 7 years. Several weeks ago, I announced to you all that I would be going to a position in the Conference office in July. In an unexpected turn, those plans have changed. It was a new position that would need much developing, we knew. As the bishop and I began to look at the role more closely, it soon became apparent that it was developing in a direction that I did not believe was a good match for me.

As a result, I have now been appointed to Horizons Stewardship Company and will be strategizing with churches about their ministry and the financial capital needed to reach their dreams. I will also be working part time at First UMC in Richardson (my childhood home church!) leading the team to start a new faith community on Sunday nights. I am extremely excited about these new ministries in my life, though filled with all kinds of anxiety about stepping out in faith! We will be moving to Dallas at the end of the school year, and my last Sunday will be June 6<sup>th</sup>.

As we've journeyed with Jesus this Lent, I'm very aware that I, too, have experienced moments of all of these very human emotions during this season. It has been profound, to say the least, to wrestle with God along the way. I give thanks every single day that spring always wins! That God always wins! That Love always wins! Sunday's coming! Glory Be!!

*Lisa*

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Worship

April 4, 2010

Rev. Lisa Greenwood will preach on Luke 24:1-12

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Please join us during this Easter Sunday!

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April 11, 2010

Rev. Aleze Fulbright will preach on Luke 24:13-27

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Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Apr 4  
Philippians 2:5-11

Monday, Apr 5  
Acts 5:27-28

Tuesday, Apr 6  
Acts 5:29-32

Wednesday, Apr 7  
Psalm 150

Thursday, Apr 8  
Revelation 1:4-8

Friday, Apr 9  
John 20:19-23

Saturday, Apr 10  
John 20:24-29

Sunday, Apr 11  
John 20:30-31

Monday, Apr 12  
Acts 9:1-6

Tuesday, Apr 13  
Acts 9:10-20

Wednesday, Apr 14  
Psalm 30

Thursday, Apr 15  
Acts 9:1-20

Friday, Apr 16  
Revelation 5:11-14

Saturday, Apr 17  
John 21:1-9

In memory of...

Gene Leslie

By: Dick & Brenda Latson  
Roger & Jean Arnold  
Mary Beth Tuck

Jesse Hawthorne

By: Sue & Schelly Porter  
Dick & Brenda Latson  
Mariann & Mack Andrews  
Harry & Rheba Icehower

Glenn Ward

By: Roger & Jean Arnold  
Jeanne Latson  
Dick & Brenda Latson  
Betty Yarbrough Sztamenits

Jim Kizer

By: Lynn Suggs & Lena Faulkner  
Mary Casey  
Jeanne Latson  
Jean & Roger Arnold  
Mariann & Mack Andrews  
Mary Beth Tuck

Robert Peek

By: Roger & Jean Arnold  
Sue & Schelly Porter  
Mariann & Mack Andrews  
Betty Yarbrough Sztamenits  
Mary Beth Tuck

Martha Truax

By: Roger & Jean Arnold  
Jeanne Latson

Clifton Julian

By: Mary Casey  
Dough Rollins SS Class  
Lena Faulkner  
Edna O'Quinn  
Kenneth Foust  
Ruby Vander Velde  
Steve & Glenna Siebenhausen  
Lucy Potts  
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Wasson  
Jim & Nell Brown  
Roger & Jean Arnold  
Dick & Brenda Latson  
Pete Robinson  
W.C. & Margaret Ferrell  
George & Priscilla McFarland  
Carole Walker  
Mariann & Mack Andrews  
Mary Beth Tuck  
Harry & Rheba Icehower



Billie Spencer

By: Jennifer Garrett

Mary Jane Estes

By: Jennifer Garrett

Jerry Morris

By: Jennifer Garrett

Nolan McWhirter

By: Jennifer Garrett

Billy Roland

By: Jennifer Garrett

In memory of...

Hattie Patton Dearing

By: Mary Casey  
Roger & Jean Arnold  
Mary Means  
Lena Faulkner  
Bill & Marigold Lamb  
Mariann & Mack Andrews  
Col. (ret.) & Mrs. C.B. Slaughter  
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Earl & Nancy Wike  
Afflatus Culture Club  
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Steve & Glenna Siebenhausen  
Miss Frieda Branom  
Betty Yarbrough Sztamenits  
Alta Fay Peden  
Mary Beth Tuck  
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Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Schell III  
Dennis & Judy Anderson  
Fred & Anna Blohm  
Mary Casey  
Dough Rollins SS Class  
Jerry & Sandy Hutton  
Jeanne Latson  
George & Priscilla McFarland  
Anne & Bob Mills  
Edna O'Quinn  
Lucie Peyton-Carleton  
Mrs. Neyl Spitler  
Ruby Vander Velde  
Carole Walker  
Scott Spitler  
Jane & Jon McConal  
Charles & Jane Browder  
William R. Kennedy  
Dr. W.C. & Margaret A. Ferrell  
Tim & Marian Hamlett and  
Mike & Janice Peyton  
Keith & Nancy McFarland  
Harry & Rheba Icehower

Oneida Clifton

By: Lena Faulkner  
Mary Casey  
Lucy Potts

Clinton Rabb

By: Bob & Anne Mills  
Edna O'Quinn  
Judy Rudoff  
Harry & Rheba Icehower

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Mary Casey  
Dough Rollins SS Class  
Edna O'Quinn  
Roger & Jean Arnold