

**LEROY WHITE'S** second retina surgery has been postponed. He went to the heart doctor last week and they put him on a monitor for 48 hours. They are still waiting on results, with a possible surgery for a pace maker prior to the eye surgery.

**Dave & Trisha Welsch** request our continued prayers for Trisha's sister-in-law, **EMILY AYERS**, who had to be rushed to the emergency room last Wednesday. She was 29 weeks pregnant and lost her baby. Emily's life was in jeopardy, but doctors were able to save her. She is now recovering at home. Please pray for **Joe & Emily** as they mourn the loss of their baby and recover from this trauma.

**MARY NEWMAN** is at home and still on oxygen. She went for a follow-up with her heart doctor yesterday and was to see her general doctor today. (2) **DON** also went to the doctor today to have the stitches above his eye removed. (3) **GIDEON HARGRAVES** (new cancer) left UAB. In two weeks, he will have blood drawn for the stem cell transfusion and also follow up with his oncologist. Then after three weeks, he will receive his first high dosage round of chemo.

**JOE CATES'** eye surgery was successful and the eye is healing as expected. His vision should improve gradually over the next couple of weeks.

**CAROL YARBROUGH** (massive rotator cuff surgery a week ago) continues to improve. She still has alot of pain. She has weekly physical therapy. The surgeon told her it will be a very long, slow recovery with still only a 50/50 chance of successful healing after this second surgery.

**CHAD GOODWIN** (age 34 / first cousin of **Seth Goodwin**) suffered a seizure last week at his home in Mississippi. His wife had to do CPR. He is home now and wearing a heart monitor for a month with no driving. They still don't know what caused the seizure or for his heart to stop. All tests have come back clear. He was born prematurely and the heart doctor says that it may be related to being a preemie. The family is grateful that his wife was home with him to start CPR.

**PEGGY GUSTAFSON** was to have eye surgery today. The eye drops have not been effective.

**Don & Doris Faubert** have requested our continued prayers for their son, **DONALD**, who had emergency surgery for a ruptured aortic aneurysm. A stint was put in place behind his heart and in front of his spinal cord. He is recovering at home and doing well so far.

**LARRY HAGAR** (age 80+) has been diagnosed with cancer and may have only a short time to live. Pray for him and his wife, Carol. They live in Florida. (Larry is Ben Hardin's cousin's husband.)

**ERNIE POWELL** (son-in-law of **Doyle Brewer**) will receive two more IV infusions in hopes this will keep his kidney function from declining further. (2) **DOYLE BREWER** has been feeling weak with neck pain. He has a doctor's appointment.

**DEBBIE NEWSOME** (cancer) is thankful for your continued prayers for her stable condition. She is looking forward to all that God will do through her and through her teammates to bring glory to His name! God continues to use her testimony through videos sent to The Gambia. She is grateful for the tools of FB and SD cards in reaching followers and generating interest in the gospel message. Pray for the Gambian missionaries in their outreach to the Wolof Muslims, as Christianity is far from their understanding and comprehension.

**OLIVIA NEWSOME** (new cancer in lung) has finished day two of chemo. She is feeling pretty well, although she did get sick this morning. They changed her nausea meds and that helped her tremendously. She is in good spirits and eating well. Everyone who visits, including the hospital staff, can see her positive attitude and sweet nature. She has three more days of chemo and hopefully will go home on Friday. She will have two weeks with no treatment, then goes back for a 5 day hospital stay for another round of chemo. Soon after, she will return to Vanderbilt for the surgery on her left lung. The family expresses their thanks for your prayers and support. The prayers keep them going on days when they feel overwhelmed with the questions and uncertainty; they know there are people standing behind them and holding them up.

► **PRAY FOR LONG TERM HEALTH CONCERNS:** *Don & Mary Newman, Henry Adams, Ben Hardin, Herk Baxter, Jane Garner, Dorothy Earnshaw, Shannon Stith, Sharon Stith, Donald & Pat Faubert, John Faubert, Mike Valovcin, Sara Lawson, Sandy Merritt, Geneva, Kathy Kelly Murphy, Ernie Powell, Genna Richardson, Tim & Judy Christian, Karla Allen, Genna Pease, Lauryn Newsome, Olivia Newsome, Gideon Hargraves, Savannah Hopkins, Jenny Bradford, Harold Bass, Jack France, Pat Dixon, Cameron, Tammy Jones, Jim Caroland, Denise Wilson, Tracy Coats, Danny Prichard, Marcia Skairland*

► **PRAY FOR SHUT-INS:** *Louise Love, Helen Rankin, Allene Brewer, Doyle Brewer, Mary Catherine Combs, Betty Norris, Dan St.Clair*

► **PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL CONCERNS:** *Eddie Faubert, Joy Simmons, Ruth Black, Justin Diflamimies, Anthony Raines, Heather Raines, Prince family, Sharon Karkau, Cherie Loudon*

► **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** *Joe Perrel, Luke Calhoun, Andrew Baxter, Chris Linebarger, David Hopkins, Lee Allen, Ken Earnshaw Jr, Tim Twitty, Joe Twitty, Cody Smith, Gary Winnie, Tim Beckwith, Dusty Mathis, Carl Clegg Jr, Adam Corcoran, Corey Lee, Bret Newmyer, Peter Shellabarger, Zane Kirkpatrick*

► **PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES:** *Kevin & Pam Barthel, Dick & Sara Hart, Kokou & Yvette Loko, Debbie Newsome, Barry & Laurie Smith • (Semi-Retired) John & Jackie Bell, Larry & Phyllis Bishop, Bill & Gwen Griffin, Jerry & Gail Reece • (Non supported) Chris & Debbie Johnson, Herb & Ruth Lyon, Paul & Emily Bell, Sam & Cathy Burgess, Nathan & Lorraine Graves, Tommy Tillman /Mitch Tillman*

## KEVIN & PAM BARTHEL • Native Americans / AZ

Dear Friends,

How quickly 2017 has come and gone! Just as Job 7:6 said that Job's days went by "*swifter than a weaver's shuttle*," so it seems was 2017. And this year seems to be on track for going swiftly by as well. We continue to be amazed at all Christ does so mercifully, graciously and powerfully. We are so humbled that He still continues to use us in His work. How good and kind He is, and how thankful we are!

We want to share with you some blessings for which we are especially thankful:

- Our daughter, Jennifer, came through her surgery very well and is healing. There were continued complications after the birth of her son back in June. Pam was able to go to Ohio and stay with her, and our new grandson, in January.
- Our church folks are growing in the Lord. They are loving and supporting missions around the world. They are being faithful through great trials. One teen accepted Christ. PTL!
- God has supplied grace, strength and protection for us.
- God has supplied faithfully through your faithful giving.

We want to ask your prayers for the following:

- Several church families are going through some severe spiritual battles within their families.
- The flu is still quite rampant here in AZ. Our church attendance has been lower the past couple of months due to so much illness.
- One young woman in our church recently lost her husband in an auto accident. Please pray for her comfort. Two other families are grieving after the suicides of their children.
- Pray for our Bible study groups, youth ministries, and Reformer's Unanimous group.
- Pray for Pam's health and some upcoming medical visits/tests regarding a questionable mass on her cervical spine. This will result in the need for additional support to cover insurance medical costs.

We are so thankful for all of you and your faithfulness in supporting us in God's ministries among the San Carlos Apaches. Be assured of our continued joyful faithfulness in serving the Lord as co-laborers with you for His glory! May the Lord bless you and be gracious to you this year. May the Lord be merciful to our nation.

With much love and gratitude,  
Kevin & Pam Barthel  
BIMI Missionaries



Wednesday Prayer Bulletin  
February 21, 2018

A black and white photograph of a mountain range with a forested valley. The sky is cloudy with a bright light source breaking through. The text is overlaid on the image.

Do not be grieved,  
*for the joy of the Lord*  
is your strength.

- Neh. 8:10 -