



PRAY for our new senior pastor, Jeremy Kilgore, and his family during this time of transition.

PEGGY GUSTAFSON went home to be with the Lord on Friday night. The visitation and service were held today. She was buried at the National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family is pleased to honor Peg's wishes in making a donation to the *Widow's Harvest Chattanooga* or the *Chattanooga Rescue Mission*. If you would like to send cards: Sandy (& Mike) Hartline, 618 Gibson Pond Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421. Steve (& Melissa) Gustafson, c/o 3125 St. Elmo Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37408.

DIANE PERREL will have hip replacement surgery on Monday, December 17th, at Parkridge Hospital. She will stay 2-3 days. She will be out of work for 4-6 weeks. Pray for a successful surgery, recovery and healing. (2) **JOHN PERREL** (Joe Perrel's father) was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome last April. It is a blood disease caused by poorly formed blood cells. Due to his age, a bone marrow transplant isn't an option. His current treatment is to have his blood checked every Monday and receive platelets if his are low, and most of the time they are low. Joe has been able to visit several times recently, which is always an encouragement to his dad. Please pray for strength and peace for both of Joe's parents, *John & Pat*. Joe went to Indianapolis on Sunday and only had rain on the trip, no snow. He went with his dad to the doctor yesterday and then headed to St Louis to an Army conference. Joe will be back late Thursday night. If you would like to send a card to John & Pat: 8478 Chapel Pines Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46234.

HELEN RANKIN had surgery last week for an infected big toe. A bone was removed and she is wearing a boot. She followed up with the doctor yesterday and the toe is healing as expected. She will be at NHC in Ft. Oglethorpe for another couple of weeks, as she cannot stay at home alone for now.

TERRY EVANS (heart in afib) had a successful shock treatment on Friday and his heart is back in normal rhythm. PTL!

BEN HARDIN (foot surgery) is doing well. He's still in a boot and using a walker. He's doing exercises on his own for balance, flexibility and strengthening. He will be fitted for new shoes and orthotic inserts. Once the shoes are received, the doctor will release him from the boot and give new therapy orders. The limited walking and use of a cane are putting renewed pressure on his back, causing him more pain.

DOTTIE HENDERSON (tendinitis /leg, hip & back pain) has a cyst between her hip bone and pelvic bone, along with more torn tendons that must be repaired. She will have an injection on December 26th. If this gives relief, then they will know exactly where to focus for the surgery. She is praying it works. Dottie only wants to go under anesthesia for surgery one time.

JOY WHITE (nose bleeds) has seen her pace-maker specialist and an ENT regarding the nose bleeds. She began some new medication and will follow up on December 13th with the specialist.

DON NEWMAN is still at Life Care of East Ridge (#142) is not doing well. He is not eating or drinking and is not responding. His vital signs are dropping. The family is expecting the Lord to call him home at any time. Your continued prayers are truly appreciated. (2) **GIDEON HARGRAVES** (Don's grandson) has 2 or 3 more rounds of chemo in Huntsville. The UAB has found a couple of trials that are interested in him, one in MA and one in PA. They will have further news after the first of the year. Gideon will be at home with his family for Christmas.

EMMETT ALLGOOD is traveling to New York to be with his family after the death of his aunt. (2) **PAM MOORE** lost her son, *Stephen Moore*, early Sunday morning. He was shot and killed in Chattanooga. Police are still investigating for answers. Please pray for Pam and her family. (*Pam is the girlfriend of Emmett Allgood and attends the Forum SS class.*)

Melba Cates is requesting continued prayers: (1) Her brother-in-law, **GREG CRAIG**, is scheduled for tests on December 11 & 12 to determine if he is healthy enough to qualify for a liver transplant. Joe & Melba and her sister, Ruth, traveled to St. Louis to see him. Please pray that he will have good days and be assessed as a strong survivor of the surgery. (2) **HUNTER MILLER** survived a motorcycle crash in August. He's almost back to normal, but does not have full use of his left knee. He lost his job and has been delivering pizza for the past three weeks. He is hoping to be hired by his father's employer. Please pray for the Lord's will in Hunter's job situation.

JIM ROACH (Karen Reid's father) has a very large kidney stone and gall stones. He was able to see the kidney doctor last week, who told them that the gall stones needed to be addressed first. Monday, he was very sick and in pain. He was to see the gastroenterologist yesterday. Karen and her sister are hoping he will be admitted to the hospital. There is over a foot of snow in VA. Karen had to call for help in clearing the driveway of snow. They have no water. The power in their area has returned.

TOMMY TILLMAN (prostate cancer) will be taking a single chemo injection once every four months. He is doing well and is back at work. God has blessed him with much energy and a “never give up” attitude. (2) Tommy’s son, **MITCH TILLMAN**, will receive his prostate biopsy results later this month.

LARRY & PHYLLIS BISHOP were in hopes of downsizing by putting their house on the market. There has been no interest, so they have decided to remain where they are. They are very grateful for our generous Christmas gift and appreciate all the love from our church family. Please pray for their continued health and strength.

BILL GRIFFIN is recovering from back surgery. The surgery went well and he is feeling much better each passing day. With time, he is expected to have a full recovery. **GWEN** continues to have back and colon problems. Again this year as the Christmas season is upon us, their blessed hope is that 2019 will be the year of Christ’s return.

► **PRAY FOR LONG TERM HEALTH CONCERNS:** *Ben Hardin, Jane Garner, Doris Faubert, Donald Faubert, John Faubert, Henry Adams, Herk Baxter, Mike Valovcin, Kathy Kelly Murphy, Ernie Powell, Dorothy Earnshaw, Tim & Judy Christian, Shannon Stith, Sharon Stith, Lauryn Newsome, Olivia Newsome, Gideon Hargraves, Savannah Hopkins, Jenny Bradford, Harold Bass, Jack France, Cameron, Denise Wilson, Tracy Coats, Marcia Skairland, Doug Arand, Dan & Donna Gibbs, Chris Brown, Danny Prichard, Wanda Hawes*

Janssen (cardiomyopathy/ 15% heart function /defibrillator vest)

► **PRAY FOR SHUT-INS:** *Allene Brewer, Doyle Brewer, Don Newman, Betty Norris, Helen Rankin, 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, Gary Winnie, Tim Beckwith, Carl Clegg Jr., Bret Newmyer, Peter Shellabarger, Jacob Peavler*

► **PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES:** *Stephanie Schwan, Debbie Newsome, Dick & Sara Hart, Kevin & Pam Barthel, Kokou & Yvette Loko, 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*

BARRY & LAURIE SMITH • New Zealand

It is so good to be home again in NZ. We enjoyed and were encouraged during our six month furlough in the States and are blessed by your continued involvement in the ministry God has given us. Thank you for bringing us before the throne of God, where we find grace to help in time of need. You are a vital part of all that is happening with our ministry.

On November 19th we were sworn in as New Zealand citizens and now have dual citizenship. We now have the right to be here in NZ and we are allowed to travel on a NZ passport, which is safer than traveling on a USA passport.

Prayer requests:

1. Ethan & Alison will travel to the US in December - January. Daniel & Carol will travel there in January. Juliann has completed her honors year and is planning an exhibit at a local gallery here this month.
2. Pray for wisdom as we settle back into ministry routines and for Barry as he takes the pastoral role again at HBC. Pray that our church will be marked by unity, humility, joy and purpose.
3. Pray that we will have many open doors to the gospel during this Christmas season, for our Christmas carolers to be a blessing at the nursing home and hospital, for our Christmas banquet on December 16th.

We thank God for His love, grace, mercy and so great a salvation through Jesus Christ! We thank Him for His Word and for the power of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. May you all be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding as you worship Him this Christmas!