

MARY KETTERER (cancer/brain surgery) is doing well in her recovery. She & Barry were here with us on Sunday! The insurance company denied coverage for the chemo medication she needs, so they are making an appeal, which could take up to two weeks. The doctor said she should wait to return to work until they see how the medication affects her. Pray that the appeal will bring approval for her medication.

BEN HARDIN (pneumonia) is still improving and recovering. He's doing well, but still has weakness and some swelling in his legs/ankles. He will need a follow up and chest x-ray with his primary doctor soon. Tomorrow, he has an appointment at the pain management clinic. Pray that he will feel well enough to make it. He hopes to be back at church real soon and misses everyone. He would enjoy a short phone call and appreciates our continued prayers. (*Note: If anyone would like to provide a meal, maybe light salads with meat and egg. No starchy foods.*) (2) His sister-in-law, **TERRI HARDIN**, has stage 3 cervical cancer and is receiving radiation treatments.

DORIS FAUBERT (cancer) will receive assistance from the Adoration agency, after hospice declined care since she is now in remission. A social worker from Adoration came and they plan to start sending a nurse twice each week. They plan to give her physical and occupational therapy twice each week also. Doris' legs are very swollen and tender. She still has pain and weakness. Both **Don & Doris** will follow up with the oncologist in three months.

ABBY MIZUTANI (auditory neuropathy) is a candidate for a cochlear implant on one side. She has a good amount of hearing, but the team of specialists want more data to try and figure out the quality of the sounds she is hearing. Renato or Stephanie will take her back to Vanderbilt in two months for more tests.

ASHLEY TWITTY (injured shoulder) had a follow up on Monday. Her shoulder blade has shifted forward, so it needs to return to normal position and be strengthened. She will continue physical therapy another 3-4 weeks. She was released to go back to ball practice, but no throwing. Pray that the shoulder will strengthen, heal and move back into place.

CECIL LEDFORD will follow up with the lung specialist in 2 weeks. Pray that the medications and inhaler have worked on reducing his lung congestion.

KAREN REID (small brain leak) has seen a neurologist and ENT here in Chattanooga. A surgery date has not yet been scheduled. An expected hospital stay would be 3-4 days and recovery time would be 4-6 weeks with no activity. Pray that the surgery will be scheduled soon and would successfully repair the leak.

WAYNE VINSON (cancer) has no appetite and is losing weight. He will not have chemo this week to take a little break. It's confirmed that he has stage 4 cancer in his lungs and stomach, and it's aggressive. He will talk to the oncologist one day this week to discuss continued treatment. The family is still praying and hoping for a miracle, while trusting God for each day. Please continue to pray for Wayne and for his family. (Wayne is the brother of Velma Shinn.)

Janice Sanders has requested our prayers for her brother-in-law, **STEVE BALLEW**. He had a defective knee replacement, and in the 2nd surgery it was discovered that his kneecap had cracked. That was repaired in June and a new replacement was put in. Since then, he's had pain and difficulty walking. The CAT scan showed the tendon had pulled away from the knee. He had surgery yesterday to repair the tendon. (2) **GINA GARRETT MOHR** works for homeland security. She has been in training and will be deploying to Portland, OR in October. (Gina lives in MT and is the fiancé of Dennis Samples, the nephew of **Don Sanders**.)

Jerri Morrison would appreciate our continued prayers for her cousin, **BRIAN** (esophageal cancer/radiation + chemo). He was to have a blood transfusion yesterday or today.

SARA HART (shoulder replacement) began physical therapy yesterday. Your continued prayers for her full healing, for protection against any infection or complications, and for minimal pain are very much appreciated.

KATHY HERMAN went home to the Lord on Saturday evening. Her funeral service will be tomorrow, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Ridgedale Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Please pray for **Butch, their children** (Erica, Stacy, Kim, Darl and Richard) and their families. If you'd like to send a card: 612 White Oak Valley Road, Cleveland, TN 37312.

We had been asked last week to pray for two co-workers: **ZACH FAULKNER** had surgery last week to permanently place a pump device for his spinal pain. (2) **DEE** had been on a ventilator after a stroke, then tested positive for Covid. She passed away on Monday. Please pray for her husband and child and their families.

DEB NEWSOME: A simple conversation about mud block houses falling when the rain is heavier turned to a conversation about Jesus being a firm foundation. From there the conversation wandered to creation, back to Jesus, to God choosing the line through which Jesus the Messiah would come to earth, to the Holy Spirit and even the trinity. The missionary rejoiced at another opportunity to share Christ through many biblical truths. The man has been interested in Jesus and Christianity for years, but continues to want to focus on the ways that Islam and Christianity agree so he doesn't have to choose. Most Wolofs will talk freely about God. They are fascinated by stories of Jesus. Pray for Wolof people to see that Jesus came to be the perfect sacrifice to pay for their sins.

■ **PRAY FOR LONG TERM HEALTH CONCERNS:** *Ben Hardin, Joyce Raines, Jane Garner, Doris Faubert, Don Faubert, Jr., John Faubert, Herk Baxter, Mike Valovcin, Kathy Kelly Murphy, Earnie Powell, Dorothy Earnshaw, Tim & Judy Christian, Shannon Stith, Sharon Stith, Savannah Hopkins, Jenny Bradford, Harold Bass, Denise Wilson, Marcia Skairland, Dan & Donna Gibbs, Chris Brown, Dennis & Celeste Caroland, Wanda Hawes, Tommy Tillman, Marilyn Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Vance Templeton, Jim Roach, Doug Arand, Alzira Camargo, Keith & Myrtle Wardlaw, Billy Brown, Deb Newsome, John Bell*

Dottie Henderson (knee cap surgery /wearing leg brace/ follow up Oct. 12), **Larry Bishop** (hip surgery / recovering well), **John Bell** (strokes /therapy/health & strength), **Mikey Nolan** (cancer/chemo/waiting on bone marrow transplant at Vanderbilt), **John Garrett** (recovering from Covid in July/still on low oxygen), **Raymond Goins** (hip replacement /therapy/ low blood pressure), **Dan Jones** (leaky heart valve/possible surgery), **Donald Faubert Jr.** (stage 4 cancer/not doing well)

■ **PRAY FOR SHUT-INS:** *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 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) Herb & Ruth Lyon, Tommy Tillman/Mitch Tillman, Nathan & Lorraine Graves, Chris & Debbie Johnson, Sam & Cathy Burgess, Scott & Jennie Phillips*

■ **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** *Luke Calhoun, Jacob Peavler, Lee Allen, Chris Linebarger, David Hopkins, Carl Clegg, Jr., Ken Earnshaw, Jr., Tim Twitty, Joe Twitty, Gary Winnie, Andrew Baxter, Bret Newmyer, Peter Shellabarger, Zach Perry*

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Dear Praying Friends, May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ richly bless each of you. We thank God for you and the fellowship in the gospel as partakers with us in His wonderful grace. The Lord has graciously provided for us to take a 2 week mini-sabbatical. Pray that God will restore, renew and refresh us by His Spirit. Pray we will have wisdom to be under no other yoke but that of Jesus Christ, for His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

- Praise God that 3 Koreans, a Chinese man and a Filipino man are now studying with Barry each Tuesday.
- Praise God that our church has been able to meet as a congregation and have had visitors again.
- Pray for the men's study in Titus each month. Pray for one spirit and one mind for the faith of the gospel.
- Pray that Raj will get a job that will allow him to live in Hamilton. Thank God he's able to fellowship with believers in Auckland.
- Pray for the ladies Bible study as they meet twice a month. They are studying Proverbs. Pray for discipleship opportunities for Laurie and her Zoom meetings every Tuesday.
- Pray that Barry will have wisdom to handle difficult situations for God's glory.
- Pray for faithful men with teachable hearts to commit to the ministry of teaching and shepherding.
- Pray for the gospel to be furthered as Christ is preached. Pray that we will be bold to speak without fear and be gracious in response to opposition.
- Barry's brother and his wife, Mike & Sue, have contracted Covid-19. Both have other health issues that could complicate their recovery. Please pray for their healing.

Thank you for the faithful prayers that are vital to a fruitful ministry.