

# Week of 3/4/2024

## Words of Encouragement

"We desperately need the church for love, for maturity and preparedness, for spiritual care. It is arrogant, rebellious, self-reliant, God-indicting pride to conclude that the church is an optional extra to the Christian life. We need everything God designs for us. Everything. To reject what God designs for His glory and our good is spiritual suicide. To reject the church is to take your own spiritual life."

- Thabiti Anyabwile

"On the most elementary level, you do not have to go to church to be a Christian. You do not have to go home to be married either. But in both cases if you do not, you will have a very poor relationship."

- Kent Hughes

#### Pray for the Unreached

Bashkir People in Belarus

Population: 1,200 | Primary religion: Islam | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.50%

Pray for Bashkir elders to open their communities to the transforming work of Jesus Christ. Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead Bashkir Muslims to the cross and the empty grave. Pray for workers, filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Bashkirs.

#### **Scripture Reading**

Consider reading Luke 9 in preparation for this week's sermon.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Praise the Lord!! Jeff Mason went for test results today and his tumors/lymph nodes have either shrunk slightly or stayed the same since the last scan. Praise the Lord for His mighty hand keeping the cancer under control.
- Helen Coomer Our son-in-law just called and said that our daughter Erin is in the ER, and they think she has Guillain-Barré syndrome. Please pray for healing and recovery.
- Debbie Phillips My nephew's wife, Nadine Shelton, needs prayers for healing. Her most recent hip replacement is not healing properly. She is also not a believer. Please pray that God will heal her hip and that she will see His Hand in her recovery.
- Debbie Phillips Paula Owens had a procedure and 2 stents that were put in her heart. She is home and recovering. Please pray for continued healing and for her as she makes healthy lifestyle choices.
- Please pray for Meghan Larose's sister as she recovers from her stroke. Please pray for her heart to soften to Jesus.
- Misty Fowler Praise the Lord. My cousin, Rick, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in November, but now the tumor has shrunk and the markers have lowered. Please pray for Rick's continued healing and for his wife as they continue this journey.
- Ed Snipes Please pray for Jimmy Zachary, my brother-in-law. He is still in intensive care and will have a pacemaker put in.
- Chet Peterson Please pray as we prepare for our mission trip to Southeast Europe in March. Please pray for funds to be raised. We have a donor prepared to match any donations, so we are praying for the Lord to provide.
- Please pray for Brad this week as he starts his internship.

#### Calendar

• Sunday: 10:30 AM - Worship Service