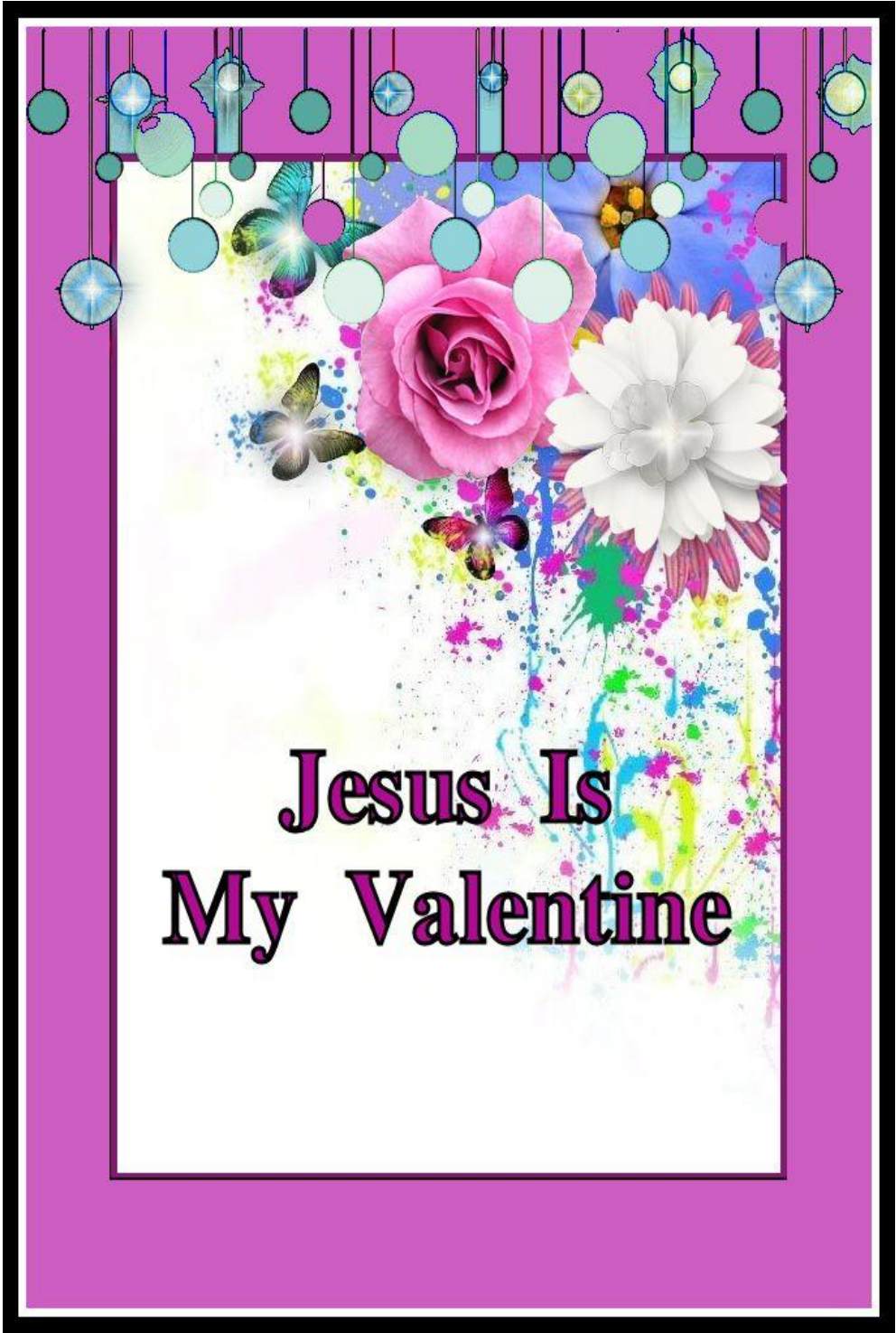


February Newsletter



Lord, hear our constant prayers for . . .

Mr. Burl Brown	Mrs. Joan McFadden
Mr. Curtis Harris, Jr.	Mrs. Marian Martin
Mrs. Agnes Hatcher	Mrs. Nancy Pritchett
Mr. Je'dan LeSure	Mrs. Jackie Wilder

**Prayer Hour – Join us each Saturday @ 11 a.m.
Dial: 1/681-999-0264 (Access Code: 391959#)**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – January 8, 2022

Family of Emily Juanita Smith – bereavement – continued prayers

Curtis Harris, Jr. – hospitalized – thanks for doctors, nurses, caregivers...

Be with his mom, Dianne Harris, as she travels to/from to visit him

Shawn and son, Noah, and Goddaughter, Shalonzia – all are negative now

Dr. Jennifer Ramsey and her students – as they quarantine – protect them

Prayers for all of our schools, colleges, students, staff . . . keep them safe

Fred Jackson – tested positive for COVID

Darnell Ross – tested positive for COVID

Rev. Marvin Griffin (nursing facility in Marion) and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Gregory Miller – recuperating from knee surgery

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Blessings on our Worship Service tomorrow & all Saints who are assembled

Bereaved families, sick/shut-in, all who are in hospitals, nursing facilities ...

Bless everyone on prayer line this morning . . .

Lord, thank You for hearing our prayers!

Bind Satan . . .

Be safe; keep each other lifted up. In Jesus' name we pray . . . **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – January 15, 2022

Robert Lee Jones, Randy Jones, Larry Jones – variety of needs
(Brothers of Walter Jones)

Keep Curtis Harris, Jr. in prayer and his mom, Dianne Harris

Debra McDaniel – surgery on hand

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Johnnie Morris and wife, Gail Morris

Gwen Marshall (Gulf States (LWML) District President) – has COVID

God's protection on upsurge – COVID protection

Pastor Washington and family

Bless our Church Services on tomorrow

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in

Our Nation – national politics – God's guidance in the midst of politics

Blessings -- Dr. Ramsey will speak to a class by Zoom about his new book

Thank You, Lord, for the fellowship as we gather online for prayer . . .
Our prayer leaders – Mr. LeSure, Dr. Ramsey, and Pastor Washington

Bind Satan . . . protect us from the evil one

Thank You for hearing our prayers . . . In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen!**

Scripture to meditate on . . .

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 54:17).

Prayer Requests/Concerns – January 22, 2022

Our Father, Who art in Heaven – hear our prayers:

Dr. Ramsey and family – bereavement – family member in Birmingham

Roseanna Moore and family – bereavement

Kayla and Kourtney Dunlap of Kalamazoo, MI – has COVID
(Granddaughters of Ruben and Wilma Dunlap)

Rev. Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Curtis Harris, Jr. and mom, Dianne Harris

Je'dan LeSure – continues to progress

Debra McDaniel – recent hand surgery

Pastor Washington and family

Bless our Church Services on tomorrow

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in

Bless our doctors, nurses, caregivers, etc.

People who are exposed to COVID

National politics

Be with everyone online this morning for prayer

Help us, Lord, to be more kind and loving toward each other

Bind Satan . . .

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen!**

Prayer Requests/Concerns – January 29, 2022

Mrs. Shirley Griffin – Thank God for good doctor's report about her health

Rev. Marvin Griffin – nursing facility in Marion, AL

Family of Betty Marshall (Immanuel, Vredenburgh) – bereavement

Roseanna Moore and family – bereavement

Kayla Dunlap – she is free of the virus

Pray God will continue to give us less outbreaks of COVID

Pastor Washington and family/Church family

Bless our Church Services tomorrow – be with all Saints everywhere

National politics

Imminent invasion – May God bring peace . . .

Bereaved families/sick and shut-in everywhere

Lord, bless our time of prayer together each Saturday morning
as we gather in Your name . . . bless the prayer leaders

Bind Satan . . .

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers! In Jesus' name . . . **Amen!**

Prayer of the Day

A new day dawns, heavenly Father, and I rise with great plans for all that it could hold. This day might be a time of rest and relaxation, a time for chores around the house and errands to run, or a time for just more work. Help me begin it all by turning my heart and mind to You. As I go about my day, keep me attuned to the working of Your Holy Spirit in my life. Help me always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within me; the hope of sins forgiven, the hope for restored relationships, and the hope for new and eternal life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Portals of Prayer – February, 2022

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

(February 2): Lord, Jesus Christ, on the fortieth day of Your life, You were presented to Your Father in the temple, according to the Law of Moses. Although You came to fulfill the Law, You subjected Yourself to its requirements. As we reflect on Your humility, may we be inspired to follow You. Grant us grace to live humbly as You did. We ask only for the joy of Your presence. In Your name we pray. **Amen.**

Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor (February 18): God of grace and mercy, You loved the world so much that You sent Your servant Martin to help turn our hearts to You. As we celebrate Martin's feast, may we give thanks for his counsel and listen to his wisdom. Martin's heart and mind were always fixed on Your Son, burning to follow Him. May we, with Your help, also follow Jesus with a single-hearted focus. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Washington's Birthday (February 21): God, You are the One before whom every knee should bend. We pray today for those called to lead and guide us through good government. Enlighten them to seek peace, provide for the common good, and care for the widow, the orphan, and the sojourner among us. Lighten their burdens so their work may nurture an environment that helps us to lead all to You. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord (February 27): God of glory, Your magnificence reaches to the heavens and never ends. On this day, we recall that You shared a glimpse of Your Son's glory as Jesus was transfigured. Touch our hearts and open our eyes to the glimpses of glory that You send us, even in our fallen world. Remind us of our destination, an eternity of sharing in the glory of Your Son, Jesus. In His name we pray. **Amen.**

Stewardship Devotion

God's Faithfulness

Throughout the Genesis account of the life of Joseph, one sentence keeps recurring: **"The Lord was with Joseph."** Joseph enjoyed many times of success and happiness and endured years of being forgotten and unjustly punished. In all these circumstances, God was with him, and Joseph knew it.

Another Biblical character whose life consisted of ups and downs was David. One moment his brothers are making fun of him and the next he's their hero and everyone else's as he slays the giant Goliath. One minute he's King Saul's favorite servant and the next he's being hunted down by the same man. Like Joseph, David knew God was with him. In his psalms, David pours out his heart to God. He holds nothing back as he tells God he is set upon on all sides by his enemies and feels deserted by God, but he always ends on a note of faith, thanking God for His presence and His eventual deliverance.

God is faithful, even when we are not. His ways are so far above ours that we cannot comprehend them. We cannot imagine what He has in store for us, but we can be sure it is all for our good. **"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"** (Genesis 50:20).

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Have you ever been unjustly accused as both of these heroes of faith were? How? Did you give thanks for your ordeal?
2. Have you had opportunity to be a **"Jonathan"** to someone else enduring difficult times? (See 1 Samuel 20).
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and act on it.

Prayer: Our faithful God, You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. You are ever faithful. There is nothing in all of creation that can separate me from Your love in Christ Jesus. Help me to give You thanks in all circumstances and to remain faithful to You. Use me to encourage others to give thanks and to remain faithful as well. Through Christ I pray. **Amen.**

F E B R U A R Y



5th Marian Martin

14th Wanda Goodwin

6th Je'dan Gevon LeSure

20th Jeremiah Harrison

7th Jeremy A. Harrison

20th John Ratcliffe, Sr.

10th Courtney Washington

21st Roseanna Moore

11th Michael Knox

22nd Betty Mosley

11th Brittany Montgomery

23rd Bertha Ambrose

11th Za'Ryan Lonia Murphy

23rd Kimberly A. Davis

12th Zoe York

27th Brynne Hubbard-Hull

14th Janice Ellison

28th Kiarra Sturdivant



February 10th Mr. Ruben & Mrs. Wilma Dunlap

