

May Newsletter

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



Lord, hear our constant prayers for . . .

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

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

Prayer Requests/Concerns – April 9, 2022

Stephon Walker's family – bereavement

Dianne Harris – continued prayers
Dorothy Lamar – continued prayers
Barbara Brown – continued recovery
Angela LeSure
Burl Brown

Margaret Bryant – suffered a stroke; in rehab recovering
Jean and Victoria Davison – continued recovery for Victoria
Je'dan LeSure – Thank You, Lord, for the progress he has made

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin
They will become members of Trinity, Selma tomorrow

Palm Sunday, April 10th – lift up our worship services tomorrow

Pastor Washington and Family/Church families

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Be with everyone on prayer line this morning – Blessings to everyone!

Keep Ukraine people in prayer-let there be peace; Father, please intervene

Bind Satan, the enemy

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

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

Prayer Requests/Concerns – April 16, 2022

Stephon Walker's family -bereavement

Janet Jackson and family members (Herring, Goodwin) – bereavement
Passing of her sister, Kaye Herring

Carolyn Ratcliffe and family -bereavement, passing of her sister

Margaret Bryant – Rehab

Burl Brown (caregivers, doctors, nurses attending to him)

Cyndi Campbell-Jones

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Mrs. Mary Nye – illness, wife of Rev. Ferry Nye

Angela LeSure

Cecelia Blake and family

Jean and Victoria Davison

Je'dan LeSure – Continued blessings for him

Thanks to our Lord for Je'dan's presence @ Worship on Sunday

Ukraine War and Ethiopia War – praying for peace

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in everywhere

Thank You, Lord, for today, Holy Saturday, and everyone on prayer line

Thank You, Lord, for protecting us from fires, storms, earthquakes, etc.

Celebration of The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday, April 17th
Blessings for Saints who will be worshipping tomorrow and for our Services

Bind Satan, the enemy

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

Prayer Requests/Concerns – April 23, 2022

Mrs. Mary Nye and husband, Rev. Ferry Nye

Johnnie Morris – in hospital – husband of Gail Morris

Carolyn Ratcliffe and family – bereavement

Pastor Marvin Griffin and wife, Mrs. Shirley Griffin

Angela LeSure

Je'dan LeSure – Thanks for the progress he has made . . .
Praying for strength for both his mother and him and their family members

Rev. Frank Marshall – quarantined after trip to Israel – COVID symptoms

Jean and Victoria Davison

Pastor Washington and family/Church families

Bless our Church Services on tomorrow and all services – Praises to God!

Celebration of fruit for Black Ministry Family Convocation
Please consider attending the Convocation this summer in Mobile, AL

Bereaved families and sick/shut-in, doctors, nurses, caregivers, etc.

War in Ukraine, praying for peace

Thank You, Lord, for our fellowship together today as we gather for prayer!

Thank You, Lord, for being my Lord and Savior!

Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers!

Satan is always busy . . . Bind Satan, the evil foe

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

Portals of Prayer – May, 2022

For Leaders in the Church (C.F.W. Walther) (May 7): Lord Jesus, as the head of Your Church, You gift Your Church with various leaders. We thank You for leaders like C.F.W. Walther, who guided The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod through its difficult early history by pointing people to You. Continue to provide leaders for Your Church. Guide them by Your Spirit so that they always direct people to You. **Amen.**

For Members of Our Armed Forces (May 21): Lord, we are easily tempted to trust in our military power instead of You. Forgive us when we fall to that temptation. Be with the members of our armed forces and their families. Protect them during training and deployments, especially when they are in harm's way. Use them to bring peace whenever possible. If it is Your will, bring them safely back to their families. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Victoria Day (Canada, May 23) / Memorial Day (U.S., May 30): Lord God, as we celebrate a national holiday today, we pray that You would bless our festivities. Protect people from harm during their celebration events. Help us to remember the events and people that we are honoring today. Be with us as we enter the summer season. Guide our activities so we keep You at the center of our plans. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Ascension of Our Lord (May 26): Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and came to live among us on this earth. You suffered and died so that we could be forgiven and restored as children of our heavenly Father. Having risen from death, You have ascended to the right hand of Your Father. Rule over Your Church with mercy and grace. Provide for the needs of Your people. Keep us faithful until You return in glory so that we may be with You for all eternity. **Amen.**

The Visitation (May 31): Lord Jesus, You traveled in Your mother Mary's womb to see Elizabeth. Her pregnancy was affirmed by Elizabeth and the kicking of John in Elizabeth's womb. Today, we honor You as the incarnate Savior of the world. We thank You for Your life, suffering, death, and resurrection for us and for the sake of all the sins against the lives of unborn children. Protect them by grace and give them the privilege of life in this world. **Amen.**

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8

Read *Genesis 2:20-24* and *Psalm 113*

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. *Genesis 3:20*

Happy Mother's Day?

For many people, Mother's Day is a happy day. Kids show appreciation for their loving mothers with cards or gifts. Mothers are thankful for the children they are blessed to love. For others, though, Mother's Day is not so happy. Their mother was abusive or absent. Some women could not have children, or their child or mother have died. For me, it is a day of mixed emotions. My mother has died and is in heaven. Yet I feel blessed that she shared her vibrant faith with our family. She gave us physical life and also eternal life by teaching us about Jesus.

Right after God reminded Adam that he will die for eating the forbidden fruit, Adam changes his wife's name from "Woman" to "Eve," literally, "Life." By this undeserved grace, God continued the human race through Eve and all mothers and fathers who followed her. All humans are her children. More important, God promised the serpent that one of Eve's offspring would crush his head. That descendant is Jesus. By His death and resurrection, we now have eternal life. Through Eve and her offspring, Jesus, we see the steadfast love of God for all people.

Lord, Jesus, thank You for the mother who gave me life. Help me to know Your steadfast love, which is greater than any human love. **Amen.**

(This devotion for May is written by Rev. Gordon W. Besel, Anna, TX)

Prayer:

Mother's Day/Mothers (May 8): Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we praise You for the gift of our mothers. We thank You for Christian parents who have taught us about Your love and have pointed us to Christ. Be with all mothers. When they are feeling inadequate, comfort them with Your presence and mercy. Guide them with Christ's love to love their children, even when they are hard to love. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Portals of Prayer – May, 2022



For New Graduates: Lord, thank You for all graduates. Thank You for teachers and parents who taught and encouraged elementary and middle school graduates. Thank You for maturity and growth in our high school graduates. Guide them in their continued education or employment. Thank You for the accomplishments of those who earned college degrees. Lead them in their chosen professions. May all graduates continue to learn and grow in You. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Six Selma seniors land scholarships from Delta Kappa Gamma Society *Selma Times-Journal, Wednesday, May 4, 2022 (article and picture of girls)*

Six female students from Dallas County private and public schools each received scholarships from the Alpha Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. They were awarded a combined \$3,700 in scholarship money. **Skye Perkins and Summer Perkins** of Selma High School, Maggie Holladay, Sarah Thomas and Maryanna Turner of Morgan Academy and Kaylee Chancey of Meadowview Christian School all were awarded scholarships. Thomas received the Florence Mooring COVID Memorial award of \$300. Chancey, Holladay and Skye Perkins all received \$800. **Summer Perkins and Turner**, each received \$500. The awards are chosen based on specific criteria in the areas of scholarship, ACT score, community service and extra-curricular activities. The competition is open to all senior girls in all Selma/Dallas County Schools. The scholarship recipients also received a printed certificate, a red rose, and a "goodie" bag containing a gift certificate to the Coffee Shoppe. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization which promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

BULLETIN BOARD FOR MARCH AND APRIL

“Thanks” to Mrs. LaTonya Brown Hunter for the beautiful display on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY

“Thanks” to Mr. John A. Reese and Family for the lovely flowers placed on our Altar for the month of May – in loving memory of his late wife, Mrs. Emma Reese.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT – Giving Sacrificially

A husband and wife who were traveling around the world saw a boy in Korea one day pulling a crude plow in a field, while an old man held the plow handles and directed it through the rice paddy. The husband was amused by the sight and took a snapshot of the scene. “That’s very curious,” he remarked to the missionary who was their interpreter and guide. “I suppose they are poor.” “Yes,” said the missionary. “That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves.” The husband and wife were silent. Then she said, “That was a real sacrifice.” “They did not call it that,” said the missionary. “They thought it was fortunate they had an ox to sell.”

The two tourists had not much to say, but, when they reached home, they took the photograph to the church and told their pastor about the incident. “We want to double our pledge to the church,” they said, “and give us some plow work to do. We never knew what gratitude or joy or sacrifice really meant until now.”

God spoke to this couple through their experience in Korea about the joy that comes from giving. In His Word, God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving. Jesus said, **“It is more blessed to give than to receive”** (Acts 20:35). He also said, **“Freely you have received, freely give.”** (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forego the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving. In the words of Winston Churchill, **“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”**

BLESSINGS ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY!

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“Happy Birthday”

A Birthday Prayer: *Dear Jesus, it has been another amazing year under Your blessings of life with friends and family. As I look back, I hold dear the daily touches of Your hand, guiding all that I accomplished. I know that the blessings of life, both earthly and eternal, flow from Your grace. May Your Holy Spirit mature my faith along with my age every year. Take my life and make it Yours. Amen.*

1st Evelyn Barber

16th Chrystopher Hatcher

1st Stephanie Coles

19th Eric LeSure

5th Cyndi Campbell-Jones

21st Noah Washington

6th Michael Harrison

24th Raegan Kelis Washington

9th Larry Ishman, Sr.

29th Tasha Martin

31st Yolanda Brown-York

“Happy Anniversary”

For Husbands and Wives: *Heavenly Father, You created marriage in the Garden of Eden when You brought Adam and Eve together. I thank You for my spouse. I pray that You would continue to fill our marriage with Your love so that we forgive each other as we have been forgiven by Christ. Bless all husbands and wives with love and respect for each other so that we remain united until we are parted by death. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

-Portals of Prayer/April-June, 2022

May 5th Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy & Tangulia Harrison

May 16th Mr. & Mrs. Jabari & Tasha Martin

May 29th Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Fannie Steen