

## FORWARD CHURCH!

Like most people, I love to read of the unique characteristics of the animal kingdom that God created! We feed the hummingbirds at our house. They can fly backwards and fly in place. I love that which God has done.

I read recently that two animals from ‘down under’ (Australia) can NOT take a step backwards. Can you guess? Times up! They are the kangaroo and the emu. They are on the coat of arms for Australia. The forefathers thought that would be a great symbol for a country to never move backward. Great thought!

As we approach this New Year of 2019, may this be our approach as a church of Christ. In 2019, we will not move back one inch in our service to the Lord! I remember years ago hearing a Christian song that went in part:

“No Ground We’re Giving Up No Ground. We’re Absolutely Positively Glory Bound, We’re Not Giving Up No Ground.”

**“You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.” Heb. 10:36. NIV**

**“...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Heb. 12:1. NIV.** Note the continuous action of moving forward as a Christian.

Church family, this a great group of Brothers and Sisters here! Let us remain so! Let us be all we can be individually and collectively for the Lord this year! Amen?!

Oh, and one more hymn: ‘Onward Christian Soldiers!’

In Him,

*Gary*

## Medical & Prayer Needs

**Paul Barnes:** 1/29 remove skin cancer.

**Lloyd Cisco:** Blood Pressure.

**Randy and Beth Cook:** Niece died of gunshot, in WV. (34)

**Lauren Cornelison** - ca. bone, friend Cindy Toppings. Radiation.

**Laura Day Leach:** Brain aneurism, seizures - friend of Reddicks.

**Gary & Ethel Frye:** difficulties, friends of Priddys.

**Carolyn Hall:** Phareta’s sister-in-law, colon cancer.

**Leroy Hall:** Phareta’s brother, to assisted living.

**June Hurst:** Breast Ca Surgery. No further treatments needed.

**Barb Lenchak** - back issues, to see surgeon.

**Diana Martin** -heart issues

**Bill Morrison**-kidney stones

**Rosie Morrison:** Knee surgery, home, rehab.

**David Pollard:** Prayer requested.

**Shane Resinger** - Lung Ca.-Steve Miller’s co-worker’s nephew. 18.

**Glenn Scarborough** - had neck surgery. Infection.

**Bertha Thomas** - surgery Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Hessie’s sister.

## Military Prayer List

Anthony Chesck, Brianna Jordan, Philip Pape, Ralph Reed, Kenneth Redd II, Ethan Vance, Chris Westbrook.

**New Year’s Eve Fellowship Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm.** Finger foods/desserts. Bring a “white elephant” gift to exchange & family games to play.

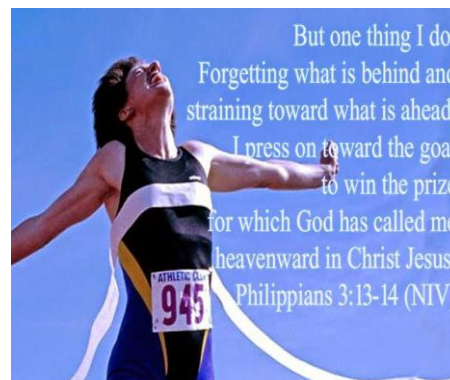
## Extended Prayer List:

Bill & Virginia Ackley, Betty Alley, Bill Brown, Norma Jean Carman, Hazel Driver, Pat & Bob Eddy, Giada Foneseca, Richard & Wanda Foy, Barbra King, Rosa Pratt, Howard Priddy Family, Olivia Smith, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Tom Tablett, Jenise Veris, Jon Siroka, Marie Wilburn.

## Attendance – 12/23/2018:

Bible Study	44
AM Worship	86
PM Worship	30
Wed. Bible Study	30

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### Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm

**December 30, 2018**

### God's Word for the Week

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”

**Philippians 3:12-16 ESV**

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### WELCOME

*We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and give it to one of the greeters at the door as you leave. We hope & pray you will return soon.*

### December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Liney Woodrum 29<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Standen 30<sup>th</sup>  
Wanda Foy 30<sup>th</sup>  
Greg & Denice Anderson 31<sup>st</sup>

### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Justin Rinaldi 1  
Jayme Baker 2  
William Brown 2  
Marie Wilburn 9  
Joyce Brewer 10  
Austin Brown 12  
Betty Alley 15  
Alex Scarborough 19  
Marleen Goff 19  
Mandy Minton 27  
Bob Jordan 29  
Gail Spriestersbach 30  
Glenn & Mary Ann Priddy 25  
Greg & Charlotte Brown 28

**Trivia Question:** In the parable of the sower, what did the seeds that fell on the wayside represent?

**Last Week's Question:** Which was NOT included in the Passover feast? Olives, Bitter Herbs, Lamb, Unleavened Bread?

**Answer:** Olives

**Location:** Exodus 12:8.

**Answers:** Harold Cantley; Ken & Sharon Woodrum, Paul Barnes, Linda Caldwell, Cheryl Hunnicutt, Lindsey Miller, Lola and Denise Anderson.

### Widows & Widowers

Betty Alley, Lola Anderson, Kimber Banks, Joyce Brewer, Bill Brown, Frances Brown, Harold Cantley, Norma Jean Carman, Kathy Carter, Hazel Driver, Joyce Fetzer, Eunice Henry, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Sue Massey, Phareta Reddick, Shirley Sarver, Betty Scheutzow, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Qualla Tablett, Ruth Watson, HESSIE WEESE, Marie Wilburn, Diana Wirth.

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

#### *Prayer, Cards, Visits, Calls*

Barbara Lenchak, Qualla Tablett, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Marie Wilburn.