

## **PRAYER LIST**

#### **CHURCH FAMILY**

James Earl Greene

#### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Our Nation, State, Community & Schools

Victims of the Hurricanes

Garry Hall

Tom Nordquist

\*Larry Nordquist's Son

Jim Tindill

\*Noelle Bouchet's Friend

Anita "Muffin" Schmitt

\*Leslie McDaniel's Grandmother

Judy Pemberton

\*Lois Seifert's Daughter

Christina Lee (& Parents, Courtney & Michael)

\*Family Member of Ben & Heidi Lee

Samuel Motley

\*Kadie Motley's Grandfather

**Bobbie Brewer** 

\*Gary Barnett's Sister

Betty Lee- Cancer

Danny Stone- Cancer

\*CR Beggs Friend

Rusty Jones- Cancer

\*Barnett's Family Friend

Freddy Greene-Cancer

\* The Reynolds' Family Friend

Amanda Harrison-Cancer

\* Terry Kincaid's Assistant

Gail Henderson-Cancer

Jerry Snow-Cancer

\*April Carden's Father

Gail Rhodes-Cancer

David Hodge-Cancer

\*Naamon Culver's Great Nephew

Mark Roberts

\*Fred Bouchet's Cousin

Connie Jemison

\*Alan Jemison's Mother

**Boston Smith** 

Wyatt Greene

#### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Family of Jeannine Price Smith

\*Mark Smith's Mother

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Young Couples New Years Eve Party- December 31st

at 6:00PM at the Youth House

Bridal Shower for Jessica Malone- January 11th at

2PM here at FBCV

#### **HOMEBOUND**

Christine Bearden

Judy Aycock

Nadine Jackson

Katherine Justice

Lois Seifert

Pat Barber

Sarah Campbell

Flovce Sumners

**Ianette Russell** 

Carolyn Hassett

Terri Wills

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING/ HEALTH CARE/REHAB

Jo Ann Brasher-Sylacauga Health & Rehab

L J White- EJYS Homes for You, Birmingham

\*Lynda Chick's Son

Barbara Shaneyfelt-Talladega Health and Rehab

Joyce Arnold-Columbiana Health and Rehab

\*Jo Landers' Classmate

Judy Greene- Coosa Valley Medical Center

#### **MILITARY**

John DeWeese-Navy

\* Mary Lee Reynolds' Grandson

Logan Dodson-Army

\*Ray & Evelyn McAllister's Grandson

Korey Barber & Alex Kincaid-Air Force

\*Terry Kincaid's Sons

Michael Johnson-Army

\*Gail Williamson's Grandson

#### **MISSION SERVICE**

Evan & Rachel Clinkscales-Mexico

**Bill Morrison-State Missions** 

Sharise Riether-Republic of the Congo

\*ecmafrica.org/project/beautiful-blessings

Chris and Leah Moore-Redeemer Church in Dubai

\*Friends of Mark & Beverly Smith

Pastor Joe Lutaaya

Fathers in the Field

#### **RECORD FOR SUNDAY**

#### December 22, 2024

Sunday School Enrollment 73 Sunday School Attendance 43

Weekly Budget Requirement \$5,903.85 Budget Offering \$4,229.00 Lottie Moon \$547.00

#### Year to Date

Budget Requirement to date \$301,096.35 Budget Offering to date \$230,241.86 Donations to General Fund \$49,943.63



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Men's & Women's Bible Study-Starts back January 5th-Sundays 5PM
- Children's Drama- Starts back January 5th-Sundays 5PM- Younger Children in Unlimited Classroom, older at Youth House or possibly on playground.
- Check out our Little Library for Adult and Children's Books!-Located by the Parking Lot in front of the Fellowship Hall
- Unlimited Ministry- We invite families with special needs to worship and grow with us. Please let us know ahead of time how we can accommodate your needs.

### FROM THE PASTOR

# CONTINUOUS CONVERSION BY OSWALD CHAMBERS

UNLESS YOU CHANGE AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. — MATTHEW 18:3

Our Lord is speaking here of the change that marks our initial conversion. But this isn't a change we make just once at the start of our walk with him. We have to be continuously converted all the days of our lives, to continually turn to God as little children.

If we trust in our intelligence instead of in God, we'll produce consequences for which God will hold us responsible. Whenever our bodies are brought into new conditions by his providence, we have to see that our natural life obeys the dictates of his Spirit. Just because we've done it once is no proof that we'll do it again. The relation of the natural to the spiritual has to be one of continuous conversion. And yet continually converting our natural impulses into spiritual obedience is the one thing we object to.

In every new setting in which God places us, his Spirit remains unchanged and his salvation unaltered. But we have to "put on the new self" (Ephesians 4:24) by undergoing another conversion. God holds us responsible every time we refuse to convert ourselves, because he knows that our reason for refusing is natural willfulness.

Our natural impulses must not rule; God must. The obstacle in our spiritual life is that we have great wedges of obstinacy inside us, places where pride spits at the throne of God and says, "I won't." We refuse to be continually converted, deifying independence and willfulness and calling them by the wrong name. We call them "strength," while God sees them as obstinate weakness. There are whole regions of our lives that we haven't yet brought into subjection to him. The only way we can make them submit is by continuous conversion. Slowly but surely, we can claim the whole territory for the Spirit of God.



For the King Robbie

