



Michele Hensley

Birthday 02/07/21

Dot McDaniel

Birthday 02/08/21

Cindy Knighten

Birthday 02/12/21

Betty Burch

Birthday 02/14/2021

Linda Wheatley

Birthday 02/15/2021

Whitman Kent

Birthday 02/16/2021

Janie Brewer

Birthday 02/18/2021



The Flower Fund is in need of contributions. Please contact Karen Ingram if you can help!

Contributions

For those able to attend worship services at the building please leave your contribution in the box at the rear of the auditorium.

For those who give by check and are meeting by Zoom, you can simply mail your check to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

Contribution last week

\$6,418



“South Carolina principal takes night job at Walmart to support struggling students.”

“Meet the 8-year-old who opened a food pantry.”

“10-year-old connects with officer injured in Capitol riot after writing him a letter.”

“Seattle home bakers donate over 1,300 loaves of bread to local food bank.”
“Colorblind 22-year-old sees color for the 1st time after putting on special glasses.”

“Texas school district opens free grocery store to help disadvantaged students.”

“How one man with ALS is helping others with the same diagnosis.”

“Formerly homeless family gives back during COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Watch these 2 toddlers share a heartwarming hug.”

These headlines are from the Today Show’s regular segment called “Morning Boost.” They feature “inspirational, uplifting, funny and happy news, photos, videos and more.”

In a world filled with so much negative, depressing, and just plain bad news, they are indeed a refreshing boost. If you’re interested you can see these and many more on [Today’s web page](#).

These stories got me to thinking about the importance, potential, and power of good news. *Continued inside*



Prayer List as of 02/04/2021



Matthew Bruce deployed until mid-April 2021.

Linda Boren tested positive for COVID on Monday, 2/1.

Vaughn Thayer just found out that she has cancer. but treatable

Thomas Brewer's mother may be home from rehab soon. Keep in your prayers.

Katherine Trefethen - now going for walks. Getting stronger.

All Hart family - Pat at home and still with cellulitis both legs.

Jess at home but still plagued with retention of fluid.

Janis has shingles on head and face near eye. Referred to eye doctor.

Pray for Gary, Janis & Janie as they care for Jess & Pat.

Pray for Janie Brewer who assists Gary & Janis.

John Demas' mother, Janice Lindner- Cancer has grown, but not spread. Janice begins first of five radiation treatments on Feb. 8. She is in good spirits.

Grace Meyers - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia.

Marsha Williamson - Parkinson's - implant surgery set for Feb. 9, 2021.

Beth Beasley (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice

Susan Kochik - (Ron's niece) - therapy working.

Please pray for all of our Bible Correspondence Course students (about 35)

Please continue to pray for our **deacons** (Jim Keith, Kerry Lashlee, Ron McDonald, Bud Porter, Paul Puckett, Craig Sims, Gary Smith, Curt Williamson) and their work.

Please continue to pray for our **elders** (John Burch, Rodger Cobia, Ron Kochik and Neal Smith) and their work.

Please continue to pray for the **evangelists** whom we support (Navitesh Dutt in Fiji; Joel Holt in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Ricky Shanks now working in Georgia; Tim Shepherd in Tennessee; Gustavo Marino in Montgomery area **and our own Bill Robinson**

IF YOU HAVE NEWS THAT SHOULD BE SHARED IN THIS WAY, PLEASE CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL JOHN BURCH OR RONALD MCDONALD.

Continued.... Good news lifts our spirits. Relieves stress. Brings a smile to our face. Provides a respite from pressing problems. Changes our perspective. Offers insight and solutions. Challenges our thinking. And inspires us to nobler attitudes and actions.

In an article on GoodNet, “Why Good News is Good For You,” Allison Michelle Dienstman verified that “research backs up this idea that sharing good news contributes to greater well-being for all.”

“Research by Nathaniel Lambert from Brigham Young University proves the perks of sharing positive experiences. Over a four week period, participants kept a journal of grateful experiences and shared them with a partner twice a week. Those who did both increased in happiness and life satisfaction. Not only that, but those who received the good news also reported better moods. In other words, sharing good news with others not only makes you feel better, but also improves the well-being of those around you.”

Albert Schweitzer, a German physician and Nobel Peace Prize winner, was right when he wrote, “Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it.”

The Bible challenges us to think about the good in life. Things that are true. Noble. Right. Pure. Lovely. Excellent. Praiseworthy. And good report or admirable (Phil. 4:8).



Furthermore, our purpose in this world is not to constantly serve as cantankerous, censorious critics of our culture, to be the light of the world, and the salt of the earth. This means being like Jesus who “went about doing good” (Ax. 10:38). Following Paul’s advice, “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Gal. 6:10). And always seeking to do good to one another and everyone else” (I Thess. 5:15).

The ultimate good news” is, of course, the Gospel of Christ. In fact, the Greek word literally means “good tidings,” or “good news.”

When Jesus was born the angels appeared to the Shepherds and announced, “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” Jesus brought to earth God’s Good News of help, hope, and salvation from sin’s bondage and guilt.

The Good News proclaims that God loves you. Christ died for your sins. You can change your life. And that there is hope of a better life and a home beyond the grave.

The Good News was proclaimed by Peter, Paul and the other apostles all over the Roman Empire and “turned the world upside down.” Change in people’s lives occurred, not through coercion, political edicts, or social reforms, but internally as hearts were turned to Jesus by the Good News.

Our world today desperately needs the Good News.

However, before you can effectively share the Good News, you must be the Good News.

—Ken Weliever, The Preacherman