

**Prayer Requests**

Randa Jones (Sue Dearth's niece) recovery from surgery; Gary Holland, stage 5 kidney disease; Megan (Alice Keylor's niece), in Hungary working with refugees; Marilyn Martin; Terry Caldwell, spot on lung; Marie Rose; the widows of the congregation.

Please keep Darlene Winland in your prayers, she is at Altercare Cambridge. If you would like to visit or send her a card, the address is: Altercare Cambridge, c/o Darlene Winland Rm 108, 66731 Old Twenty-One Rd, Cambridge, OH 43725

Darlene's birthday is also May 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to send her a birthday card. There are preprinted address labels in a basket in the foyer if you would like to use them.

**Those battling cancer** – Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Misty Robinson (friend of Alice Keylor); Rex McConnell, chemo & radiation (J.D. Wiley's cousin); Pam Jones, stage 4 pancreatic cancer (J.D. Wiley's sister-in-law); Dave Hamilton (friend of J.D. Wiley); Brian Ady (Doris Ady's son), recovering from esophageal cancer; Christine Brown (friend of Gary & Bev Jones), has finished treatments but is waiting on more tests; Nina Christman.

\* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

**Pregnancies**

Kirsten Rouse, Jacklynn Rose, Laikyn Jones (Mike & Julie Jones' daughter-in-law); for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.

**Thank You**

This is my first trip to South America. I was in Africa in the past. This is my first time trying to get funding. Your donation has really eased my mind on making this trip. I have a lot to learn, and I want to Thank You. Your prayers are appreciated, and I know that God will be with us. Your assistance is making it possible for me and for the work of the Lord to take place. Please note that any funds that raised over the \$3,500 will be utilized in the Guyana Fund.

Thank You, Jeff Thompson

**Love**

*Dearest Jimmy,*

*No words could ever express the great unhappiness I've felt since breaking our engagement. Please say you'll take me back. No one could ever take your place in my heart, so please forgive me. I love you, I love you, I love you! Yours forever, Marie.*

*P.S., And congratulations on winning the state lottery.\**

I'm not sure if that's a real letter or not, but isn't it a little self-serving? It's easy for us to love when there is something to be gained: money, gifts, attention, love in return, etc. Love is hard when there is no immediate return on the emotional investment made.

This morning we're talking about love and the greatest command: love God with all of your being. John says that we love God because He first loved us (I John 4:19). Romans 5:8 says that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us—the ultimate act of love. This means that there was nothing in the deal for God—He received no real gain for his act of love and self-sacrifice, and there wasn't much at the time of his giving of Jesus that would have motivated him to go through with it. We were still sinners.

It is exactly this kind of love that gives us an example to follow. John says we love because He first loved us. If you dig a little further, however, He loved us when we were unlovable. That means the same kind of love is required of us—no strings attached! No hope for gain, and no interest of return. Could you love like that?

\*Letter appeared in: <http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/l/love.htm>

-Scott McFarland

May 8, 2022

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

May 1, 2022

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	100
Attendance at the building	146
Bible Hour Attendance	41
Sunday morning Live feed views	15
Post-Sunday sermon online views	34
Sunday night Bible Class	50
Wednesday Bible Class In Person	53
Wednesday Live online views	N/A
Post Wednesday online views	N/A
Budget	\$ 5,000
Contribution	\$ 5,828

**J.O.Y. Bus Attendance**

05/012/2022

6 Riders

3 Workers

**BIBLE HOUR**

**PowerPoint Schedule**

**May 8**

Merna Bettinger

**May 15**

Whitney Rothacher

**Sunday Night Small Group Attendance (05/01)**

Bettinger	12
Burrows	6
McFarland	14
Seidler	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>



V.B.S. Meeting

The next V.B.S. meeting will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.



The next church game night will be Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.



Thank you to everyone who donated items and/or helped pack the M.A.G.I boxes on Wednesday night. It was the largest attendance to Feed the Flock to date. We also had several volunteers willing to pack the M.A.G.I boxes with the items donated throughout the last year by many of you. You met the goal of 100 boxes, and they will be delivered to the Whitehall Church of Christ later this month. Whitehall will ensure they get delivered to the children. Paul said in Acts 20: 35, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**" I know everyone was blessed on Wednesday night.



God Bless

# Mothers

*The LORD bless thee,  
and keep thee; The LORD make  
his face shine upon thee . . .  
and give thee peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

