



## Renovation

We had water damage from a water heater upstairs back in September of last year. Our whole downstairs was covered in water. When we got home, it looked like waterfalls from all the light fixtures over the kitchen. Chaos.

After the initial shock of it all, we began the work to see what we needed to do. I called the insurance company, then contractors, then back to insurance and thought we had a good plan to move forward to get everything fixed. Months went by with a phone call here and there. We were frustrated. Our kitchen had been dried out and everything worked, but we had parts of our flooring out and holes in our ceiling for a long time. We learned to live with it as we waited to get the work done.

We spent a lot of time over those months looking at floor samples, paint samples, and lighting fixtures but since work hadn't started we just had to wait. We finally decided to call another contractor and move on from the first one because nothing was moving forward. Ever since that call, it has moved so fast. We had looked at a lot of floors, and we had an idea of what we wanted but because of our schedules, Kristin went one day and picked out a few samples. I went on Thursday evening and picked a few I liked and for the one I wanted, there wasn't a sample available. I thought we could look at the choices Kristin made and we could make a decision. It feels like a big decision. One floor to last for years and create memories on, eating meals and hosting friends. When the samples came in we laid them all out and took a look. We both almost immediately knew which one we liked best. It turned out to be the sample that I couldn't get. She had chosen the exact one I was looking for. The choice was easy because we were both on the same page, we knew what we were looking for because we had spent so much time thinking and talking about it.

Searching for a floor, in reality, is an important decision but it is not a big decision. Our church has before us some big decisions to make and I am counting on God to help us make this pastor search transition in unity and humility. As I watched our floors coming out, it revealed the old glue and concrete below. But I was filled with excitement because something new is on the way. Isaiah 43:19 says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (NIV) God is going to do a new thing in our midst and we need to spend time together in prayer. We must cover our church and equip our church to pray for God to move in incredible ways in this season. We must pray that he brings us together in unity (John 17) and humility by embodying the words from Philippians 2:1-2 "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." (NIV)

Please be in prayer. We have prepared a prayer guide for this season. You can pick them up today and keep it in your Bible. The Lord is doing a new thing. Let's come together and trust in His provision.

Pastor Wade



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## Members' Birthdays

**Sun, March 24** – none  
**Mon, March 25** – none  
**Tues, March 26** – Shirley Bailey  
**Wed, March 27** – none  
**Thurs, March 28** – Sherry Carhart, Mason Mikkelsen, Christian Zuniga  
**Fri, March 29** – none  
**Sat, March 30** – Karla Cason, Katy Dooley, Patrick Wallace

## Prayer Requests (*church attendees & families*). Please call with updates

Our sympathy to Jimmy Squires & Sue Ratliff in the loss of his mother, Minna Jo Squires

- Piper Gillert...broken femur/home
- Dwight Millar...back surgery 3-18/home
- Wanda Kinney...skin cancer removal
- Wanda Kinney's daughter, Jeudi George...detached retinas, loss of sight
- Elizabeth Flores' daughter, Vania Maldonado and daughter Aleyah...abdominal surgery 3-12/UT Health, Tyler NICU
- Drew & Lori Douglas' daughter-in-law, Thiana Douglas...breast cancer/doctor appointment to plan treatment
- Lisa Montgomery's mom, Selah Mason...broken shoulder surgery/Fairfield Nursing
- Nikki DuBose's brother, Donnie Kissinger...open heart surgery 2-27/home
- Nikki DuBose's mother, Nancy Kissinger...back surgery 3-13/rehab, Tyler
- Josh Moreno...blood pressure issues
- Claudia Limon...stress testing
- Gracie & Carlos Murillo's son, Max...awaiting kidney transplant match

- *Hospice Care: Anita Wigin's brother, Bill Meadors; Lisa Collins' mom, Glenda Beard; Roger Littleton's sister, Elizabeth Boynton*

- *Military: Hattie Graham's granddaughter, Karah Lawyer (E5/GSM2) Asian Countries; Elizabeth Flores' son, Jared Maldonado, in Middle East*

- *Cancer Diagnosed: Laura Pool; Bill Hauck's sister, Marie Kirby; Daniela Matchael's sister-in-law, Joana Cortez; Cindi Livingston, mother of Anna Fay Wicker's daughter-in-law; Doris Raney's niece, Stacy Bates; Rusty Morris; Miriam Inestroza's mother, Luce Torres; Trayona Skiles; Mary Boehler's niece, Denise Leach; Kellis White; Jack & Paula Harris' son-in-law, Carlos Banuelos; BJ Davies; Bob & Tonya Foster's son, Jim*

- *In Rehab or Recuperating: W.D. Farnham; Rebecca Habibelahian; Tammy Womble's mom, Jessie Dixon; Bill Dye; Mary Baldwin & Martha Gamble's brother, Corky Gamble; David Yarbrough; Judy Dorsett's brother-in-law, Billy Fleming; Cindy Henderson; Christy Warnock's brother, Duncan Frizzell; Ginny Hedge; Linda Whitmire; Linda Campbell; Judy Dorsett's brother-in-law, Brady Pollock; Sue Ratliff's son, Marc Ratliff; Barbara Hearn's nephew, Jeff Shumate; Barbara Hearn's great nephew, Blaise Shumate; Kern & Barbara Railsback's granddaughter, Waverly; Beverly Moore; Shirley Bailey's sister, Charlott Hutson; Win James; Drew Douglas' mom, Pam Douglas; Katherine Hellwig; Marylyn Wright's sister, Jeanne Gage; Laura Pool's sister-in-law, Brenda Bickley; Tom & Catherine Ward's sister-in-law, Elaine Baldwin, Tom & Catherine Ward's daughter, Brandy Shirvinski*

Bible Reading Plan, Grace & Peace		
Day of the	Date	Scripture
Sunday	3-24-2024	Luke 4:31-44
Monday	3-25-2024	Luke 5:1-16
Tuesday	3-26-2024	Luke 5:17-39
Wednesday	3-27-2024	Luke 6:1-26
Thursday	3-28-2024	Luke 6:27-49
Friday	3-29-2024	Luke 7:1-30
Saturday	3-30-2024	Luke 7:31-50